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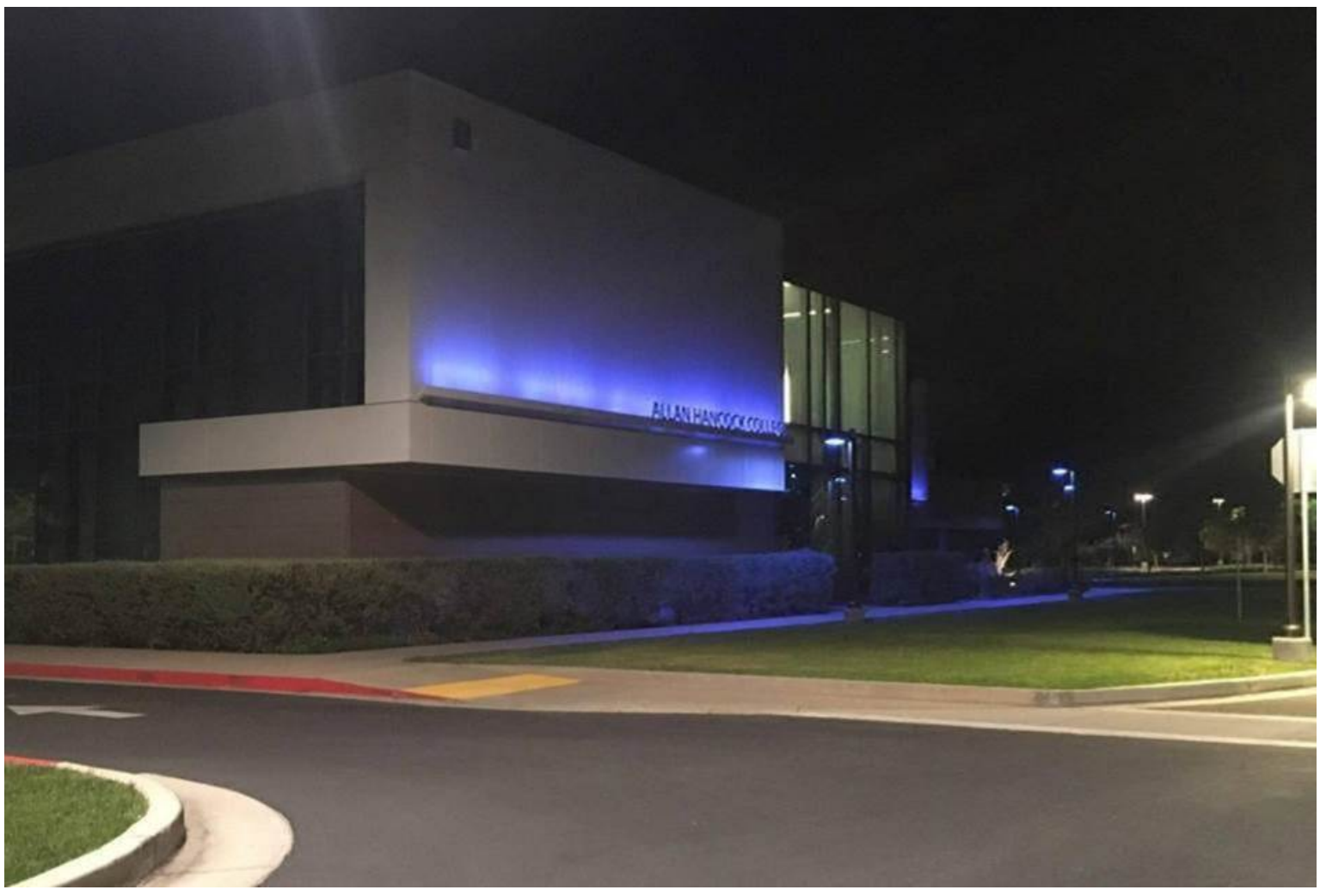

Allan Hancock College's Administration building is lit blue to honor first responders and health care professionals.

STATE AND NATIONAL GUIDANCE/EXECUTIVE ORDERS/NEWS

Gov. Gavin Newsom today gave an update on the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. (All daily news conferences are streamed *live at noon on his Twitter page and the California Governor Facebook page.)* You can find more information on California's COVID-19 website.

The governor today said California has been able to flatten the curve. The state had its first-ever week-over-week decline in reported coronavirus deaths and today reported 1,275 new positive cases since its last reporting. The number of cases has remained fairly consistent over the past few days despite an increase in testing. While again acknowledging the growing push to reopen the state, Newsom maintained we can't move too quickly and need to continue stay-at-home orders and appropriate social distancing. Newsom also announced he has reached a deal with Huntington Beach, Dana Point and Seal Beach to reopen their beaches.

You can watch the full update here. (*Please note: the broadcast begins around the 7:30 mark.)*

The California DMV says offices could reopen as soon as this month, albeit with limited services and new requirements.

Vice President Mike Pence today said the White House's coronavirus task force could wind down within a month because "of the tremendous progress we've made as a country." This comes as the overall U.S. infection rate is rising as states reopen.

SYSTEM GUIDANCE/NEWS

We encourage all administrators, faculty, staff and students to regularly check the Chancellor's Office COVID-19 resource page for ongoing updates, announcements and more.

Lake Tahoe Community College announced it will move most courses online for summer and fall quarters, with limited hybrid options available for some public safety courses.

ONLINE INSTRUCTION

Join the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges for part one of a three-part webinar series to discuss competency-based education for our system.

Webinar 1: Competency-based Education 101: What is it and how is it different from our current offerings?
Panelists:
Marty Alvarado – California Community Colleges Executive Vice Chancellor, Educational Services and Supports
Aisha Lowe – California Community Colleges Vice Chancellor, Educational Services and Supports
Cheryl Aschenbach – Academic Senate Secretary, 5C Co-Chair
Karen Daar – Academic Senate Vice President, Academic Affairs, 5C Co-Chair

The webinar is Thursday, May 14 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Join the webinar at this link or via the information below:
Or iPhone one-tap :
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Webinar ID: 922 7887 4849
International numbers available here.

The California Community Colleges Accessibility Center will host an Accessibility Office Hours webinar via Zoom on Thursday, May 7 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. This webinar will offer the opportunity to ask questions and share best practices regarding institutional web and IT accessibility issues. Find more information here.

The California Virtual Campus-Online Education Initiative (CVC-OEI) offers a number of online events to continue to help faculty and staff with the transition to virtual learning. You can find all upcoming events on the CVC-OEI Events page. For online instruction support requests, please contact CVC-OEI.

RESOURCES

May is Mental Health Matters Month. In that spirit, the CVC-OEI is offering a self-paced version of its popular Online Mental Health for Clinicians Course. Participants will take a close look at the growing demand for online mental health services and their importance for community college students. **This self-paced course is not eligible for Continuing Education Units and does not earn a badge.** To learn more, visit onlinenetworkoreducators.org and click on 'Register for Courses' to read the course description. To register, click the Self-Paced Online Mental Health for Clinicians course card to enroll.

The CCC Accessibility Center has moved the Accessibility Help Desk into the Vision Resource Center. There is now a Community called "CCC | Accessibility" and anyone with access to the Vision Resource Center can join. The Accessibility Help Desk page on the CCC Accessibility Center website is updated with more information and instructions on how to access the "CCC | Accessibility" community in the Vision Resource Center.

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and the Center for Urban Education are offering a six-part webinar series to provide strategies for faculty and administrators to exercise agency on behalf of the most vulnerable students. Webinars will be recorded and posted on the Vision Resource Center. The third webinar is:

Being Aware of Learning Opportunities and Constraints Posed by Online Teaching and Moving Towards Anti-Racist Practices
Thursday, May 7, 2020 from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
This webinar will address the "taken-for-granted" practices and assumptions that shape the online learning environment and ways in which they can be detrimental to the success of minoritized students. For example, many students only have access to a cellular phone and instructors are not considering how the materials they upload may become distorted on a phone. The current circumstances are overwhelming and it is easy for instructors to default to the students who have the know-how to navigate technology. Register at this link.

STUDENT SUPPORTS

Immigrants Rising's Mental Health Connector provides undocumented young people with psychological support. All undocumented young people who reside in California and are comfortable conversing in English are eligible for the service. Learn more here.

The Alliance for Children's Rights has compiled a valuable resource page with a number of ways to support foster youth in the Los Angeles area. The page includes a list of food banks, free meal options and much more.

Help is available around the clock for anyone who needs support right now. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline provides confidential assistance to anyone in crisis through a live chat and free 24-hour hotline at 800-273-8255. You can also text the Crisis Text Line at 741741he California Youth Crisis line runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week: 800-843-5200. Our LGBTQ students can also contact the Trevor Project by calling 1-866-488-7386 or text START to 678678 for 24/7 information. The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender National Hotline is available from 1:00 – 9:00 p.m. at 1-800-273-8255. Or call or text the Victims of Crime Resource Center at 1-800-842-8467 for help.

HOW TO HELP

Today is Giving Tuesday. If you're able, please help in any way you see fit. To directly support our students, the Foundation for California Community Colleges, in partnership with the California Community Colleges, has launched an effort to provide them emergency aid, technology, connectivity and other essential supports. Click here for more on ways to support students through this campaign.

TIP OF THE DAY
For those experiencing domestic violence, it can be difficult and dangerous to shelter-in-place during the COVID-19 pandemic. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE or text LOVEIS to 22522.

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