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COVID-19 Update

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The [Laney College Fab Lab](#) made and donated 500 LaneyShields and is working to make and distribute 10,000 LaneyVisors to Bay Area hospitals.



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 spoke to the grim news that California over the next year [faces a \\$54.3 billion deficit](#), the worst budget gap since the Great Recession a decade ago. The projected unemployment rate is 18%. Newsom released the budget memo today ahead of rolling out the May budget revise, due next week. The revenue shortfall means the state's constitutionally required funding level for public schools and community colleges will fall by \$18.3 billion. In January, the state was projected to have a \$5.6 billion surplus and be able to add to its reserves through July 2021. While acknowledging the sobering numbers, the governor said he believes the state is now in better shape to recover than it was during the Great Recession.

Newsom today also [unveiled new rules](#) dictating how quickly California communities and businesses can reopen, and promised more guidance will come on Tuesday.

[You can watch the full update here](#). (Please note: the broadcast begins around the 6:30 mark.)

The California [Senate](#) and [Assembly](#) issued updated legislative calendars for the remainder of 2020. The Senate returns to session on Monday with [updated safety measures](#).

[A military aide assigned to the White House](#) has tested positive for coronavirus. Both President Trump and Vice President Pence were tested again; both tests came back negative.

[Nearly 3.2 million workers](#) applied for unemployment last week, bringing the total to roughly 33.5 million people who have filed for jobless benefits over the past seven weeks. The report on job numbers for April is due tomorrow; experts predict it will show U.S. payrolls fell by 22 million jobs last month.

[The IRS now says](#) emergency student aid grants distributed under the CARES Act will not be taxed.



SYSTEM GUIDANCE/NEWS

We encourage all administrators, faculty, staff and students to regularly check the [Chancellor's Office COVID-19 resource page](#) for ongoing guidance, announcements and more.

[Santa Rosa Junior College](#) announced recently it will continue remote instruction through fall 2020.



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 – Los Angeles Valley College Vice President of 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 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

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 fourth webinar is:

Online Support as an Anti-Racist Practice

Thursday, May 14, 2020 from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

The immediate and unforeseen transition to exclusively online courses and administrative services in the wake of COVID-19 can make it difficult for administrative and students. In this webinar, panelists will: 1) discuss how administrators can proactively engage students with the goal of building and sustaining authentic relationships with minoritized students and 2) share strategies for doing so in online teaching and virtual support. [Register at this link.](#)

Recordings and transcripts for previous webinars are available. The links for Webinar II - "Equity-Minded Online Teaching: Using Canvas as a Model" presented by Jennifer Ortiz and moderated by Dr. Marissiko M. Wheaton are below:

- Webinar [recording](#).
- Webinar [transcript](#).
- Participants comments and resources are [available here](#).



STUDENT SUPPORTS

Please encourage your students to reach out for help if needed. 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 741741. The 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

The Foundation for California Community Colleges, in partnership with the California Community Colleges, has launched an effort to provide emergency aid, technology, connectivity and other essential supports to students. [Click here for more on ways to support students through this campaign.](#)

TIP OF THE DAY

Is your goal to transfer to a UC? Although things are changing rapidly because of COVID-19, it doesn't mean you have to put a pause on your dreams. Visit the [UC's response on admissions to COVID-19](#) to learn about what steps the University of California system is taking to ensure transfer opportunities remain available to students.

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