



**September 14, 2020 – COVID-19 Update No. 98**



These Certified Nursing Assistant students at Southwestern College are the first group of students who successfully completed a 9-week CNA Class this summer. In addition to successfully completing the class, they all also passed the state certification in both the skills and written test, putting them one step closer to joining the workforce. Congratulations!

**The COVID-19 Special Update publishes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.**



**STATE AND NATIONAL GUIDANCE/EXECUTIVE ORDERS/NEWS**

Gov. Gavin Newsom did not hold a COVID-19 update today. You can find the latest information on the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic on [California's COVID-19 website](#).

California now has [757,778 confirmed cases of COVID-19](#), resulting in 14,385 deaths. The number of COVID-related deaths increased by 0.4 percent from Saturday's total of 14,329. The number of COVID-19 diagnostic test results in California reached a total of 12,806,189, an increase of 116,173 tests since Saturday. The rate of positive tests over the last 14 days is 3.7 percent.

Today President Donald Trump [delivered remarks](#) during his trip to Sacramento, Calif. as the state battles with wildfires. Trump also participated in a ceremony recognizing seven members of the California National Guard with Distinguished Flying Cross medals.



**SYSTEM GUIDANCE/NEWS**

The Chancellor's Office is committed to keeping everyone informed during this uncertain time. We encourage administrators, faculty, staff and students to regularly check the [Chancellor's Office COVID-19 resource page](#) and the [Chancellor's Office Communications to Colleges section](#) for ongoing executive orders, guidance memos and announcements. Current and prospective students can also get connected with their local college to find out specific resources and support services available as well as enroll in their local community college.



**BEST PRACTICES**

College practitioners will be able to find a recording of the last [Chancellor's Office System Webinar](#) on the [Vision Resource Center](#).

*We invite you to join us for the biweekly webinars as the Chancellor's Office turns its focus from providing COVID-19 related updates, toward tools and resources to make progress on the [Vision for Success](#). Our webinars will continue to feature*

campus leaders and best practices from colleges and districts. **The next webinar is scheduled for this Wednesday, September 16 from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. on the topic of Student Centered Financial Aid Strategies.**

According to *Inside Higher Education*, some community colleges are noting enrollment losses of 5-30% this fall. Community colleges with large enrollments of minority and low-income students are especially vulnerable. The Hunt Institute [is hosting a webinar](#) on Tuesday, September 15 at 8 a.m. PT with California Community Colleges Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley and former Governors Jack Markell of Delaware and Robert Taft of Ohio talk about Higher Education transitions during COVID19.

The California Virtual Campus-Online Education Initiative (CVC-OEI) has launched an online community of practice (COP) for faculty teaching in fine arts (drawing, painting, ceramics, printmaking, etc.). Included in the COP are discussion prompts tailored to the needs of online art and design instruction to foster the sharing of online teaching examples and resources. It is located within Canvas and open to all California community college faculty. Signing up is easy! Just complete the [CCC Visual Arts Faculty Community Sign-Up Form](#).

Registration is now open for the inaugural **Pathways to Equity** conference. This year, the conference will be a free virtual event, bringing together a diverse community of college practitioners and students to discuss the implementation of the Guided Pathways framework with an equity lens. Now more than ever, we must focus on embedding anti-racist strategies in our equity work. We hope you and your team will join us on Tuesday, September 29, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Wednesday, September 30, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. [Register to secure your free spot today](#). Please direct questions to Michael Tran, Educational Services and Support, at [mtran@cccco.edu](mailto:mtran@cccco.edu).



## STUDENT SUPPORTS

We know students are looking for extra support during this trying time. We have compiled a list of mental health and other support services available to students and we'll continue to share them on a daily basis.

- With new COVID-19 measures, it's now easier than ever for eligible California community college students to sign up and receive FREE money every month from **CalFresh** to help buy groceries. The average eligible student receives \$150 each month and it only takes a couple of minutes to apply. Call 1-877-847-3663 (FOOD) or [click here](#) to fill out an application.
- If students have **Medi-Cal** and are in need of mental health services, they can call the number on their health plan membership card, or call their [local county mental health line](#). For help finding what services are covered, call the [Medi-Cal Managed Care and Mental Health Office of the Ombudsman](#) at [888-452-8609](tel:888-452-8609) Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- If you are concerned about a family in need of food or assistance, or you need resources yourself, call [211](tel:211), contact your local non-profit [Family Resource Center](#), or apply for public benefits, which may include health care, cash aid, and food and nutrition assistance, through your county's [Social Services or Health and Human Services department](#).
- Resources, tools, and trainings regarding health, mental health, wellness, basic needs and more designed for California community college students, faculty and staff are available on the [California Community Colleges Health & Wellness website](#). Specific COVID-19 resources are available on the home page.
- [Wellness Central](#) is a free online health and wellness resource that is available 24/7 in your space at your pace.
- [Each Mind Matters](#) offers resources, tools and activation kits for mental health.
- The California Youth Crisis line runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week: [800-843-5200](tel:800-843-5200). The [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#) provides confidential assistance to anyone in crisis and their loved ones through a live chat and free 24-hour hotline at [800-273-8255](tel:800-273-8255). You can also text COURAGE to the Crisis Text Line at [741741](tel:741741).
- Our LGBTQ students can also contact the Trevor Project by calling [1-866-488-7386](tel: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](tel:1-800-273-8255). Or call or text the Victims of Crime Resource Center at [1-800-842-8467](tel:1-800-842-8467) for help.



## ITEMS OF INTEREST

*Inside Higher Education* [posted an article](#) about how community colleges are using virtual events and blending modes of learning and reaching out to students one-on-one to build community in the age of COVID-19.

Colleges and universities [continue battling major COVID-19 spikes](#) on and off campus – some contending with increased risk of new infections as thousands of students and fans piled into stadiums over the weekend for the official kickoff of the college football season.

One-in-seven U.S. adults (14%) say they have tested positive for COVID-19 or are “pretty sure” they have had it despite not receiving an official diagnosis, [according to a Pew Research Center survey](#) conducted August 3 to 16, 2020.

**TIP OF THE DAY**

Have you started your fall semester and still haven’t completed your FAFSA? Why Wait? Financial aid is still available for the 20/21 academic year. Visit [icanaffordcollege.com](#) to learn more and apply for financial aid.

[More Tips of the Day](#)

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