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COVID-19 Update

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Mt. San Jacinto College's Adult Education team considered innovative ways to represent their department for their upcoming catalog and developed a great collage for returning and prospective students.

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



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 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](#).

Among the headlines from today's update:

- Twenty-six counties are now on the [statewide watch list](#), up from 23 counties yesterday. Napa, San Benito and Yolo counties were just added to the list.
- The state on Tuesday reported 11,694 new coronavirus cases – the highest single increase to date – though the governor noted the number includes a backlog of around 2,000 cases from Los Angeles, so the actual number is likely lower than 10,000.
- California's positivity rate continues to climb, hitting 7.1% over the last 14 days.
- Hospitalizations are up 44% statewide over the past two weeks, though Gov. Newsom said hospital capacity remains at only 8%.
- California has an estimated 232 million procedure masks and 46 million N95 masks in its supply inventory.

[You can watch the full update here](#). (Please note: the update begins around the 2:15 mark.)

The California Legislature is headed toward its [second interruption in four months](#) because of the coronavirus pandemic, after five people who work in the state Assembly contracted the disease.

[Confirmed coronavirus cases](#) in the U.S. hit [3 million](#), with many millions more probably infected. At least 131,000 deaths have been reported.

President Trump today [threatened to hold back federal money](#) if K-12 school districts don't bring students back in the fall, while complaining current CDC guidelines are 'impractical and too expensive.' Vice President Mike Pence later said the CDC would be issuing new guidelines next week.

The Trump administration on Tuesday [officially notified](#) the United Nations that the U.S. will withdraw from the World Health Organization. The move has prompted backlash from lawmakers of both political parties and health experts,

[who say it will put the country at further risk](#) during the pandemic. The withdrawal is expected to take effect July 6, 2021.

[Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology](#) sued the federal government over an [ICE order](#) that would require international students to attend classes in person. (The Chancellor's Office announced Monday the order could impact as many as 20,000 students. [Here's how it could impact those students](#), and thousands more in the UC and CSU systems.)



SYSTEM GUIDANCE/NEWS

Vice Chancellor of Digital Innovation and Infrastructure Barney Gomez on Tuesday announced an [update on Systemwide Online Technology Resources](#) for colleges to respond to COVID-19.

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](#) 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.

College practitioners can find today's COVID-19 Weekly Webinar recording, as well as past recordings, and other COVID-19 information within the [Vision Resource Center](#). Create an account or log in. Under the "Connect" menu, visit "All Communities" and look for the "CCC | COVID-19 Resources, Tools and Discussion" section. Click "Join Community" to access the content within.



STUDENT SUPPORTS

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

- 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](#) 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](#), 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](#). 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](#). You can also text COURAGE to the Crisis Text Line at [741741](#).
- 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.



OTHER INFORMATION

[Federal health officials today](#) announced the COVID-19 Prevention Trials Network, which brings together more than 100 clinical trial sites across the country to begin testing coronavirus vaccines and other preventative treatments.

"Wear a mask. Wash your hands. Social distance. If you can't do that, I don't have much respect for you." So says beloved actor, [COVID-19 survivor](#) and California Community Colleges alum Tom Hanks, who says [he's baffled](#) by people who aren't taking the virus more seriously.



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

Many are still confused about masks and how they help prevent the spread of the coronavirus. [UCSF spells out the science behind it.](#)

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