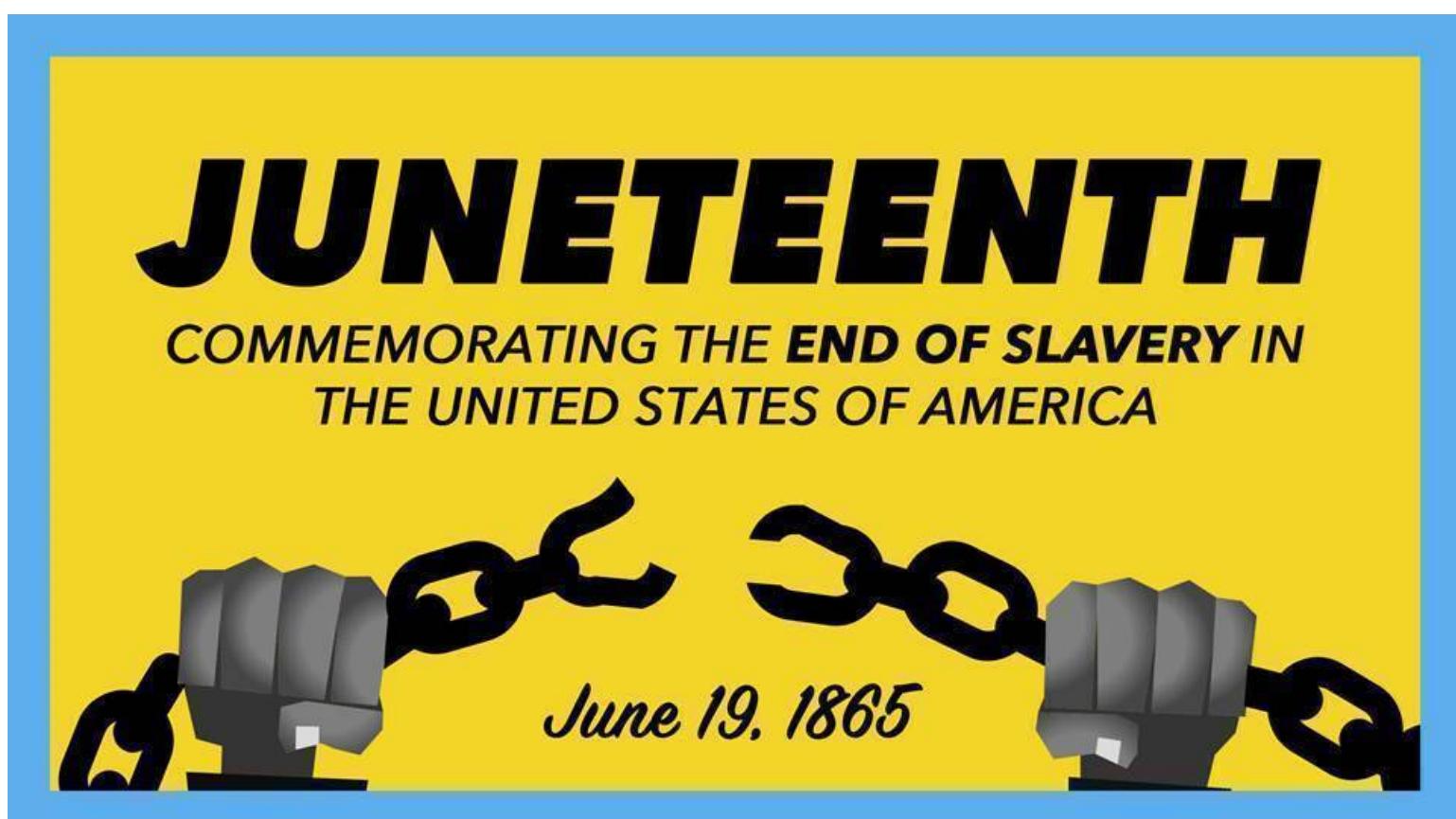




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COVID-19 Update

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Today is Juneteenth, a commemoration of the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States. On this date in 1865 enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, were informed by a just-arrived Union general that the Emancipation Proclamation had been signed more than two years earlier and that they were legally free. While the pandemic is forcing the cancellation or scaling-back of many in-person events, we can all virtually honor Juneteenth by learning about its history through the California State Library's online exhibit, "[Juneteenth Exhibit: Celebrating Emancipation](#)."

(Image courtesy of [California Attorney General Xavier Becerra](#).)

The COVID-19 Special Update now publishes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.



STATE AND NATIONAL GUIDANCE/EXECUTIVE ORDERS/NEWS

Gov. Gavin Newsom today told reporters he and state lawmakers [could reach a deal on the state budget yet tonight](#), saying they're "...in final throes." The state faces an estimated \$54 billion budget deficit caused by the coronavirus.

The governor and the state Department of Public Health late Thursday [issued a statewide order](#) requiring masks or face coverings must be worn in public. [The new rules](#) are intended to prevent people who are infected with COVID-19 but not showing symptoms from spreading the virus. The guidance also says state employees and other workers should NEVER approach coworkers or members of the public who are not wearing a face covering, for the purpose of attempting to enforce any face-covering recommendation or requirement, and instead should raise concerns to a supervisor.

Gov. Newsom on Thursday also announced he [signed](#) AB 860 (Berman), which will take the unprecedented step of [mailing a ballot to every active registered voter this fall](#) in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Newsom last month tried to enact a similar mandate through an executive order, which now faces a legal challenge.

You can find the latest information on how the state is responding to the pandemic on [California's COVID-19 website](#).

California's [statewide unemployment rate dropped slightly](#) last month, suggesting the beginning of an economic recovery after the pandemic led to stay-at-home orders. The rates are still among the highest in modern history.

California's numbers for [statewide coronavirus-related hospitalizations](#) are quickly approaching the record levels set in late April, according to at least one data tracker.

The World Health Organization (WHO) warned Friday that "[the world is in a new and dangerous phase](#)" as the global pandemic accelerates. According to the WHO, the world recorded about 150,000 new cases on Thursday, the largest rise yet in a single day. More than 8.5 million coronavirus cases and at least 454,000 deaths have been [reported worldwide](#), and the CDC on Thursday said the [U.S. death toll](#) from the coronavirus could rise to as high as 145,000 by July 11. Among the [hardest hit areas](#) right now are vulnerable Latino communities around the U.S.

Around [1.5 million people filed for unemployment](#) for the first time last week, according to data released Thursday by the Department of Labor, higher than economists' predictions of 1.3 million. The data indicates the continuation of a downward trend, but also reflects an elevated unemployment level that has remained unabated for 13 straight weeks. Data also shows [U.S. employers are still shedding jobs](#) at a heavy rate, a trend that points to a slow and prolonged recovery from the recession.



SYSTEM GUIDANCE/NEWS

California Community Colleges General Counsel Mark LeForestier on Wednesday released this [legal advisory](#) regarding Wednesday's federal court ruling on CARES Act emergency grants for students.

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 past COVID-19 Weekly Webinar 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.



ONLINE INSTRUCTION/WEBINARS

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](#).



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.



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](#).



OTHER INFORMATION

[New analysis of Census Bureau data shows](#) the number of American families struggling to put food on the table has seen a "substantial" increase since the start of the pandemic.

There is a [clear uptick in the number of COVID-19](#) cases in in several new U.S. hotspots. Why more testing doesn't explain the rise in cases in these areas.

TIP OF THE DAY

Need extra money to help pay the rent while you're in college? The [Cal Grant](#) can be used to help pay for college costs, like fees, books, supplies, and sometimes even help with the rent. Click the link to learn more.

[More Tips of the Day](#)

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