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COVID-19 Update

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The Cuyamaca College Child Development Center (CDC) recently hosted a socially-distanced “Crossing the Bridge” ceremony for students moving on to kindergarten. At the end of each academic year, children leaving the Center and moving on to kindergarten are invited to cross over a wooden bridge on the CDC playground to symbolize their transition from preschool to kindergarten. This year’s ceremony was different, but no less important.

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 news conference today. You can find more information on the state’s response to the pandemic on [California’s COVID-19 website](#).

Below are the latest numbers :

- California now has [493,588 confirmed cases](#) of COVID-19, resulting in 9,005 deaths. The number of COVID-19 related deaths across the state increased by 1.1.% from Wednesday. The state today also reported the first [death of a minor](#) from COVID-19; the teen lived in the Central Valley, a region seeing a spike in cases.
- The state has performed more than 7.8 million tests. The rate of positive tests over the past 14 days has decreased slightly to 7.2%.
- Latinx Californians continue to be disproportionately impacted by the coronavirus across the state, making up 57% of all total cases.

Gov. Newsom today did sign an [executive order](#), extending the deadline for county assessment appeals boards to issue a decision on pending tax assessment appeals filed on or before March 4.

The governor late Wednesday announced [a series of actions](#) to better serve workers that have experienced job loss during the COVID-19 pandemic. Among the actions is the creation of a strike team that will set a path for reforms at the Employment Development Department.

A federal ban on evictions and the additional \$600 in weekly unemployment benefits are both set to expire today, as Congress [adjourned for the weekend](#) without coming to any deal on the programs or another emergency stimulus package. The White House, breaking with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, did today say it's willing to work with Democrats on a [stimulus package deal](#) that leaves out Senate Republican legislation aimed at protecting employers, hospitals and schools from coronavirus-related lawsuits.

The Trump administration has refused to extend a [food-stamp program waiver](#) past August, meaning that despite the ongoing pandemic, families in need will once again be required to prove their income or risk losing their benefits.

The nation's top infectious disease expert, Dr. Anthony Fauci, today told lawmakers he remains confident that a [coronavirus vaccine](#) will be ready by early next year. This comes as the United States announced [a \\$2.1 billion vaccine deal](#) with two European drugmakers on Friday — the government's largest contract yet as part of Operation Warp Speed.

Numbers released Thursday show the pandemic [sent the U.S. economy plunging](#) by a record-shattering 32.9% annual rate last quarter and is still causing damage across the country. The news comes as another 1.4 million Americans last week filed for unemployment benefits. Roughly 30 million Americans are receiving some form of jobless aid.



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](#) 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.

Over the past several months the Chancellor's Office convened weekly webinars to create a space for continuous information during these unprecedented times. During this time, we have learned that this space has been a reliable and much needed source of information for our system and as a result, we will continue these bi-weekly webinars on the first and third Wednesday of the month. We invite you to join the [Chancellor's Office System Webinars](#) as we pivot our 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 Chancellor's Office next month will hold an online forum with the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) leadership. The forum will discuss the basic police academy program, and in-service training for peace officers offered by a number of California community colleges, as well as address some common questions. The forum will also clarify the roles and responsibilities of colleges within these programs. The webinar is Thursday, August 6 from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. To join the webinar: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/98107813309>

Or join by phone:

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Webinar ID: 981 0781 3309

International numbers available: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/afb8WqiR9>



BEST PRACTICES

The [A2MEND](#) Organization will moderate a nationwide discussion across racial lines to discuss anti-blackness and its various impacts on US society. New York Times- Best Selling Authors and renowned scholars [Dr. Ibram X. Kendi](#) (*How to be an Anti-Racist*), [Tim Wise](#) (*Dear White America*) and [Dr. Marc Lamont Hill](#) (*The Classroom and the Cell*) will present on challenges and solutions to equip educators with the knowledge to ensure that Black lives more than matter on their respective campuses. The webinar is Saturday, August 1 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$75. [Register at this link](#).



STUDENT SUPPORTS

With new COVID-19 measures, it's now easier than ever for eligible California community college students to sign up and receive money every month 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.

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.



ITEMS OF INTEREST

A new [CDC report](#) suggests children of all ages may be susceptible to coronavirus infections and may also spread it to others.

[Rent's due, again](#): Monthly anxieties deepen as aid falls off.

[‘We thought it was just a respiratory virus. We were wrong.’](#) This article from UCSF offers a fascinating look at what experts have learned about COVID-19, and what about it remains a mystery.

TIP OF THE DAY

As many prospective and returning students begin thinking about the next step in their higher education journey, many questions can arise. For answers to some common frequently asked questions, like what the community colleges are doing to address COVID-19 related health concerns, visit the Chancellor's Office [frequently asked questions](#).

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