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COVID-19 Update

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Welding and construction technology students at College of the Redwoods are wearing masks and practicing social distancing to help curb the spread of COVID-19. Thank you to everyone who is doing their part to help end this pandemic. (Photo courtesy of College of the Redwoods Marketing and Communications Office)

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 COVID-19 pandemic. (The updates are streamed live at noon on Gov. Newsom's [Twitter page](#) and the [California Governor Facebook page](#). Find more information on the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic on [California's COVID-19 website](#).)

Among the headlines from today's update:

- Gov. Newsom today discussed the [legislation](#) that took effect Monday that protects many Californians who are unable to pay their rent or mortgage because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the legislation, no tenant can be evicted before February 1, 2021 as a result of rent owed due to a COVID-19 related hardship accrued between March 4 – August 31, 2020, if the tenant provides a declaration of hardship according to the legislation's timelines. The governor today also unveiled a [new website](#) that offers guidance and resources for landlords, tenants and homeowners on the new eviction framework and protections.
- California now has [712,052 confirmed cases](#) of COVID-19, resulting in 13,163 deaths. The number of COVID-related deaths increased by 1.1 percent from Monday's total of 13,018.
- The state saw an average of 4,708 new coronavirus cases per day over the last seven days, and the daily total on Tuesday was down to 4,255 cases.
- The state has performed 11.5 million COVID-19 tests. The rate of positivity over the last 14 days has dropped to 5.1% and is down to 4.4% over the last seven days.
- Hospitalizations and ICU admissions are both down 23% over the past 14 days.

[You can watch today's update here.](#)

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said this week that [a new stimulus package is still needed](#) to help the economy recover from the ravages of the coronavirus, and he committed to calling Speaker Nancy Pelosi to try to restart talks.

The Trump administration says the U.S. [will not participate](#) in a global push to develop a COVID-19 vaccine, in part because the effort is led by the World Health Organization. Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert, today predicted that a [coronavirus vaccine will be available by the end of 2020](#), though many health officials across the country say their [departments lack the staffing, money and tools](#) to distribute, administer and track hundreds of millions of doses once a vaccine is made available.

Beware of family gatherings, [off-campus parties](#) and backyard barbecues this holiday weekend. [COVID-19 cases could explode after Labor Day](#) and health experts say it's up to us to stop it.



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 today's [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 Wednesday, September 16 from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

The [California Community Colleges Accessibility Center](#) will offer a webinar to discuss best practices for creating accessible math content for MS Word while focusing on accessible output options for HTML and ePub files. The webinar is tomorrow, September 3 at 1:00 p.m. [Connection details are 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](#).



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](#) 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

Turbulent times: [Anxiety and depression are rising](#) among Americans amid the coronavirus crisis, research suggests. *(Please remember that [help is available](#) to anyone who needs it. You're not alone.)*

Love or hate them, [pandemic learning pods](#) are here to stay — and could disrupt K-12 American education.

Sounding the alarm: Doctors say [COVID-19 myths](#) on social media are ‘spreading faster than the virus itself.’

[Apple and Google](#) are working on an app to automatically track COVID-19 exposures. [The software](#) will let state health agencies participate without having to create customized apps.

TIP OF THE DAY

Debunking Myths: Although courses are mostly online this fall, students are still eligible for financial aid. [Listen to Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley and California Student Aid Commission’s Executive Director Marlene Garcia](#), as they discuss financial aid options and how to apply.

[More Tips of the Day](#)

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