



# California Community Colleges

## MEMORANDUM

February 27, 2020

Sent Via Email

TO: CEO-all

FROM: Eloy Ortiz Oakley, Chancellor

RE: COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) Update

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Colleagues,

As concerns about COVID-19 continue to spread, I want you to know that the Chancellor's Office remains in close contact with the Governor's Office and state health officials. As my office did in the February 5 memo titled *Official Guidance for Colleges*, we will continue to share updated guidance with you. For now, the official guidance for all California agencies continues to come from the California Department of Public Health, <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/nCOV2019.aspx>. I encourage you to distribute this link through your campus community. The state department of public health has not recommended the cancelation of public events. California Department of Public Health Director Dr. Sonia Angell this morning said that the current public threat in California is low.

In addition to the linked guidance, I encourage all of you to begin working on your Emergency Operations Plan to build in scenario's on how you would handle disruptions to instruction caused by the effects of the COVID-19 crisis and coordinate with your local public health agencies. In addition, I recommend curtailing travel as outlined in [CDC guidance](#). Also, review your study abroad programs and at a minimum immediately recall students from countries designated with a CDC Warning – Level Three Travel Notice. As more information and guidance becomes available, we will update you.

Thank you for your leadership,

-Eloy

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