

Renegade Roundup



COVID-19 Status Update

March 5, 2020

Dear Colleagues:

Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency in California yesterday to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. California Community Colleges Chancellor, Eloy Oakley has also [joined in the conversation](#), urging colleges to follow the guidance set forth by the California Department of Public Health and to work closely with local public health agencies.

My personal advisory team on this matter including Cindy Collier and Nicky Damania have been briefing me daily on the status and development of the situation. [Kern County Public Health Services also continues to provide public and local updates.](#)

An All-Campus-Meeting on COVID-19 will be held tomorrow, March 6th, at 9:30AM in the Levan Center. Please plan to attend in person or tune in on the livestream. I will provide an overview of BC's actions thus far and outline BC's COVID-19 response plans.

The All-Campus-Meeting will also include:

- Comments from my advisory team and our emergency preparedness team
- A panel providing guidance to faculty.

If you choose not to join us in person, tune in via the livestream at www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/livestream.

Next week, on March 9th, 10th, and 11th daily updates will be provided at noon in the faculty and staff lunch room - Lev 40. These updates will be livestreamed so you can participate and interact with questions and comments.

Check out our COVID-19 briefing webpage which is a hub of information, resources, and an archive of our campus communication efforts www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/covid-19-update.

And don't forget to wash your hands frequently and correctly! It is one of the greatest preventative measures we can take to keep ourselves safe and healthy.

That's all for now.
Until next time.

With much Renegade Pride and Collegiality,

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March 3, 2020 Update

Dear Colleagues:

An update to my last message on the preparation the BC team is doing in the event of a community instance of the coronavirus.

#1. Our main message at this time continues to be the same. Please stay at home if you are sick and wash your hands frequently and correctly.

Here is a 4:41-minute video message from Steven Holmes, Samantha Pulido, Cindy Collier and me. Thank you Manny de Los Santos, Monica Scott, and Nicky Damania for helping us pull this together.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EM2y-oom4G8&feature=youtu.be>

#2. Our Incident Command Team has been activated and they are in the process of refining our emergency protocol. Key members are in daily communication with the county emergency personnel.

Feb 27, 2020 Update

Dear Colleagues:

Let me start by informing you that BC's Emergency Preparedness team is on high alert tracking the developments of the Coronavirus COVID-19. Check out the dashboard from Johns Hopkins: <https://tinyurl.com/uwns6z5>

While we monitor the spread of this new virus, let's remember that Kern County is heavily impacted by the regular flu which has similar symptoms to COVID-19. I am

asking that we adopt the following measures as a Renegade community to take care of ourselves as well as our students and fellow faculty and staff:

(1) If you are sick, please stay at home. Remain at home until your fever has been gone for more than 24 hours without the use of any fever reducing medications and

(2) please wash your hands frequently and correctly. Watch Diana Chen demonstrating the 5-step process. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4E7UkDlnvZA>

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