

Renegade Roundup



COVID advisory. Starting week 12 of Spring 2021

April 11, 2021

Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for following our weekly COVID-19 advisory Roundups.

Before I get started on today's Roundup, please check out my #getvaccinated blog from yesterday <https://sonyachristianblog.com/>. Feel free to use the videos to promote vaccinations with your students.

Health and safety remains our primary concern now as we gradually open up our physical spaces. The Maintenance and Operations team is building Plexiglas partitions in office workspaces across all of our campuses and spacing them out accordingly. We will also be fitting all of our ventilated spaces with high-tech bipolar ionizers that purify all airborne pathogens through a plasma field of positive and negative ions. We will be installing portable air purifier units in those areas that don't run on a HVAC system, as well as an additional precaution in high-traffic areas such as in CSS 151. Senior administrators will be the first to return to campus starting April 19 and will set the tone going forward as the *stages of return* expand to include program directors and managers, faculty and staff. Under these campus guidelines, please remember that we will take care of individual circumstances on a case-by-case basis. So, feel free to reach out to someone (your supervisor, VP, union leadership, senate leadership, member of a workgroup) to find solutions to particular concerns you may have.

Here are the slides from the all-campus seminar listing the members of the workgroup.

Instructional Work Group

- Nick Strobel – Faculty, Astronomy
- Christian Zoller – Department Chair, Behavioral Sci.
- Joe Saldivar - Department Chair, Biology
- Alisha Loken – Department Chair, Nursing
- Jennifer Grohol – Faculty, History
- Jordan Rude – Faculty, Psychology
- Jennifer Johnson – Faculty, Nursing
- Manuel Fernandez – Faculty, Industrial Automation
- Rony Recinos – Faculty, Automotive Technology



Billie Jo Rice

Vice President,
Instruction



Rich McCrow

Dean,
Instruction

- Leo O'Campo – Program Manager, BC SouthWest
- Todd Coston – Director, IT
- Michelle Puentes – Executive Secretary
- Kris Toler – Faculty, Mathematics
- Cindy Collier – Director, Student Health and Wellness Center
- Nicky Damania – Director, Student Life
- Stephen Waller – Dean of Instruction

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Student Workgroup

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- Gian Gayatao – BCSGA President
- Alondra Avila – Public Health Student
- Marisa Marquez – Director, Counseling and Student Success
- Leah Prendez – Scheduling and Events
- Monika Scott – Marketing and Community Relations
- Kathleen Rush – Department Chair
- Abel Guzman – Director, Rural Initiatives
- Sooyeon Kim – Institutional Researcher
- Craig Hayward – Dean, Institutional Effectiveness
- Shelly Castaneda – Director, College Safety
- Cindy Collier – Director, Student Health and Wellness Center



Zav Dadabhoy

Vice President,
Instruction



Nicky Damania

Director,
Student Life

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Operational Workgroup

Operational Work Group

- Zav Dadabhoy – Vice President of Student Affairs
- Jim Coggins – Manager, Maintenance and Operations
- Ramon Puga – Manager, Maintenance and Operations
- Shelly Castaneda – Director, College Safety
- Chris Glaser – Executive Secretary, College Safety
- Tina Johnson – President, CSEA Executive Board
- Bernadette Martinez – Vice President, CSEA Executive Board
- Eric Carrillo – Graphic Designer, Marketing & Public Relations
- Earl Parsons – Program Manager, Community Relations



Mike Giacomini

Vice President,
Finance and
Administrative
Services

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We are taking a more conservative approach to our phased reopening than even the governor recommends, and we need each and every one of you to use your best thinking to solve problems in order to make this reopening as successful as possible. A successful reopening will depend on all of us working together to support our students and and to support each other. I encourage you once again to reach out to anyone about any concerns you might be having as we begin to expand access to the physical campus and we continue to build A Better BC. #WeAreBC Always #InItTogether.

All-Campus Virtual Forums



During our most recent virtual seminars, the BC community had their first opportunity to hear from the three campus work groups developing solutions on a case-by-case basis as we begin to expand access to our physical campus. The instructional work group kicked it off on April 6 with a moderated panel discussion between Rich McCrow, Jordan Rude, Joe Saldivar, Christie Hall and Rony Recinos. The April 8 seminar focused on the student work group, with presentations by Nicky Damania, Cindy Collier, Marisa Marquez, Lisa Harding and Nursing student Abigail Greenleaf-Porcho.

On April 13th, we will hear from operational work group members Mike Giacomini, Zav Dadabhoj, Tina Johnson and Bernadette Martinez.

President's All-Campus Virtual Seminar Series

Operational Work Group



Mike Giacomini
Vice President,
Finance and
Administrative Services



Zav Dadabhoy
Vice President,
Student Affairs



Tina Johnson
President,
CSEA Executive Board



Bernadette Martinez
Vice President,
CSEA Executive Board



Sonya Christian



Nicky Damania

April 13, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

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We'll conclude a packed week of webinars on Thursday, April 15 with the final edition of the BC Learning Together with the Library series featuring Mindy Wilmot, Kris Tiner and Josh Ottum.

President's All-Campus Virtual Seminar Series

Learning Together With the Library



Mindy Wilmot,
Reference Librarian,
BC Library



Kris Tiner
Professor,
Jazz Studies



Josh Ottum
Professor,
Commercial Music



Sonya Christian



Todd Coston



Earl Parsons

April 15, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

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Additionally, the student work group will be giving their second presentation on April 20. To participate in all of our All-Campus Virtual Seminars, [visit the registration link](#) and select the date you would like to attend.

California Lifting Tier Restrictions Starting June 15; Masks Still Required



In light of millions of Californians being vaccinated at a fast rate across the state, [Governor Newsom announced last week](#) that the state will fully reopen after June 15. California will fully reopen as long as the vaccine supply continues to be available for all individuals 16 and older, and hospitalization rates remain low.

The state maintains the option to revisit the June 15 reopening date, and masks will continue to be required, but all signs indicate that “we can now begin planning for our lives post-pandemic,” according to Governor Newsom’s official statement on April 6.

Covid Rarely Spreads Through Surfaces. So Why Are We Still Deep Cleaning?

[An article by Dyani Lewis in the Nature Briefing newsletter](#) brings to light a preponderance of evidence that suggests COVID-19 does not transmit via surfaces, despite initial indications at the beginning of the pandemic. In fact, as early as May of last year, the CDC clarified its guidance about surface transmission by stating that it is “not the main way the virus spreads”. Currently, it states that transmission via fomites, or particulate matter left on surfaces, is “not thought to be a common way that COVID-19 spreads”.

While experts continue to recommend frequent hand-washing, many researchers including the CDC are pushing back against the focus on so-called “[COVID hygiene theater](#)” that prioritizes the facade of cleanliness over prevention of aerosol transmission via bipolar ionization in HVAC systems or other ventilation cleaning techniques.

Data Corner

Vaccine Tracker

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has [a vaccination dashboard](#) that tracks the number of COVID-19 vaccines administered and delivered across the United States. The California Department of Public Health has [a dashboard tracking vaccinations in the state overall](#) and by county.

	US	California	Kern County
Doses Administered	183,467,709	22,501,294	359,931
Doses Delivered	237,791,735	28,121,700	N/A

Blueprint for a Safer Economy

[The State of California's Blueprint For a Safer Economy dashboard](#) shows where each county in California ranks in the four-tiered color system for reopening. A table with the comparison of test positivity rates from several counties on the monitoring list is below.

	April 4, 2021		April 11, 2021*	
	New cases per 100k	Test positivity rate	New cases per 100k	Test positivity rate
California	4.8	1.8%	5.1	1.8%
Kern County	5.0	2.6%	5.3**	2.3%**
Kings County	9.4	3.3%	7.0	2.4%
Fresno County	8.2	3.8%	8.3	3.8%
San Bernardino	3.8	2.1%	3.4	2.0%
LA County	3.8	1.5%	3.9	1.4%

*Dashboard data updated on April 6.

**Kern County is in the red or "substantial" tier

Johns Hopkins Dashboard

As of 6:45 a.m. on April 11, the [Johns Hopkins University Dashboard](#) shows more than 135 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide since the start of the pandemic. Here is the table that captures the difference in the numbers since April 4.

	April 4, 2021	April 11, 2021	Difference	Percentage
World	131,142,993	135,490,941	4,347,978	3.3%
U.S.	30,705,526	31,151,976	446,450	1.5%
California	3,580,351	3,595,224	14,873	0.4%
Kern	106,460	107,172	712	0.7%

Stay safe, stay healthy, wear a mask, keep the 6 ft distance separation, and wash your hands to keep everyone healthy.

That's all for now.
Until next time.

With much Renegade Pride and Collegiality,
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