

Renegade Roundup

COVID-19 Advisory

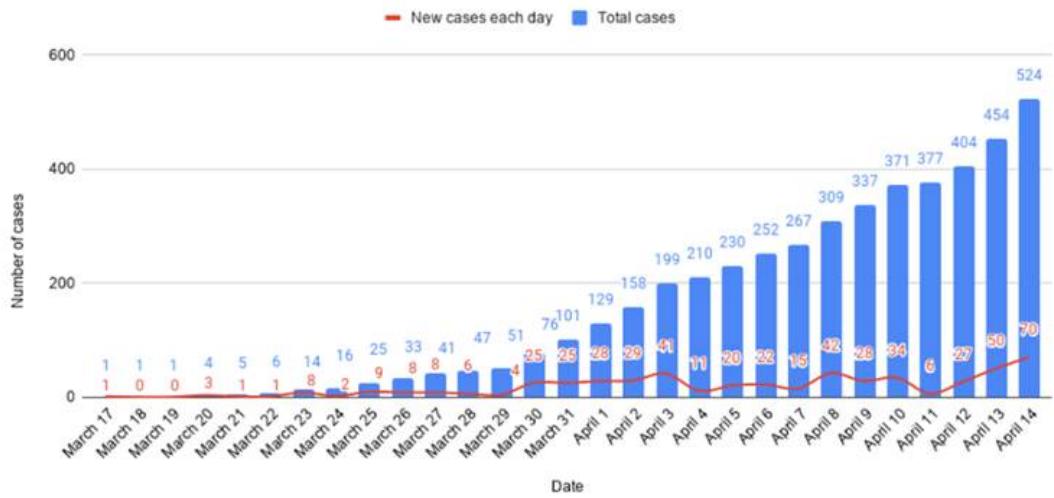
April 15, 2020

Dear Colleagues:

As of today April 15, 2020, the [Johns Hopkins University Dashboard](#) shows that the worldwide cases of COVID-19 has crossed the 2 million mark.

Kern saw the largest single-day jump in confirmed cases yesterday, adding 70 to the overall count. Although the overall count is relatively low, Kern’s one day percentage change is higher than the national, U.S., and statewide percentage change.

Kern County total cases and new cases of COVID-19 by day



The [IHME Dashboard](#) shows promising reductions in the overall curve of this wave of COVID-19 in the U.S. and California. In my March 30 Renegade Roundup, I first introduced the campus to the IHME dashboard at which point the projections were significantly higher.

Below are two tables capturing the change in projections in the IHME Dashboard from March 30 to today, April 14.

UNITED STATES 2 Days Since Peak of April 13, 2020			
	Deaths per Day	Total Deaths at Peak	Total Deaths on May 15
March 30 Projection	2,271	29,618	73,552
April 15 Projection	2,150	24,133	63,290
Difference	121	5,385	10,262
Change	-5.3%	-18.5%	-14%

[California](#) has done particularly well in flattening the curve to slow the spread of the virus

CALIFORNIA			
4 Days to Peak on April 19, 2020			
	Deaths per Day	Total Deaths at Peak	Total Deaths on May 15
March 30 Projection	100	2,110	3,745
April 15 Projection	52	983	1,483
Difference	48	1,127	2,262
Change	-48%	-53.4%	-60.4%

Yesterday, April 14, [Governor Newsom announced six parameters](#) necessary for the state to lift its statewide stay-at-home order. The day before, April 13, I announced that BC is planning an *incremental reopening* of the physical campus to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students, faculty, and staff - once again, ***playing to where the puck is going to be.***

Newsom's framework to lift the stay-at-home order include:

- Expanding testing
- Protecting high risk groups, including seniors, the medically vulnerable and those in facilities like nursing homes
- Ensuring hospitals have enough beds and supplies to care for patients
- Progress in developing treatments
- Ability of schools and businesses to support physical distancing
- Ability to reinstitute stay-at-home orders if needed

Even after these six elements of the framework are in place, Governor Newsom warned California will not return to "normal" until we have developed herd immunity and have a vaccine. Newsom described "likely scenarios" Californian's should expect, which include temperature checks upon entrance of schools and businesses, regularly wearing face coverings in public, and continued practice of safe physical distancing. Newsom noted that he is working with the Superintendent of Schools to identify strategies to ensure safe physical distancing in schools into fall 2020. He further clarified that large gatherings will not be permissible in the near future, stating they are "negligible, at best" until we have herd immunity and vaccinations for COVID-19.

As we prepare for BC's incremental reopening, I ask you to review my [Renegade Roundup from one week ago - April 7](#). In it, I detail the steps BC is taking to ensure the stability of the institution, the quality of our services and supports, and the health and wellbeing of our community -- all while preparing to meet rising demands as unemployment and economic strife drive up our enrollment while we experience fewer resources. An excerpt reads:

*Historically, as unemployment rises, enrollment in community colleges also rises while budgets slim. **This means we need to be prepared to do more with less.** This means we need to serve more students more efficiently. It means we need to open our doors wider than ever to create the opportunities those in our community need as they face job loss, severe financial strain, and the emotional toll that comes with economic strife.*



I am confident that we are prepared to make this transition, letting the times guide our creativity (thank you Kris Tiner) - always in community.

Next week, I will host two virtual seminars.

Monday, April 20: Political and Community leaders:

- Shannon Grove, California State Senate
- Ryan Alsop, County Administrative Officer
- Michael Turnipseed, Executive Director of Kern Tax

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Wednesday, April 22: Operational Updates

- Tom Burke, KCCD Chancellor
- Zav Dadabhoy, VP of Student Affairs
- Billie Jo Rice, VP of Instruction
- Mike Giacomini, VP of Finance & Administrative Services

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That's all for now.
Until next time.

With much Renegade Pride and Collegiality,
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