Renegade Roundup

COVID advisory. Starting week 13 of Spring 2021

Dear Colleagues:

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

Yesterday morning, I was reading <u>Nick Strobel's article in the Bakersfield Californian</u> <u>about the Ingenuity helicopter</u> and its miraculous test flights on Mars. Ingenuity will be working alongside the Perseverance rover on the ground, which will be relaying the data recorded by the helicopter back to Earth.

All-Campus Virtual Forums

Our institution-wide conversation about reopening for Summer and Fall 2021 continues during our All-Campus Virtual Seminars this week. On Tuesday, April 20, the student work group will be giving their second presentation featuring culinary arts student Amanda Atkinson, electronics student Benjamin Neville, Supplemental Instruction Manager Eileen Pierce, and Tutoring Services Team Leader Bradley Cramer.





April 19, 2021

On Thursday, April 22, the instructional work group will be leading a panel discussion on how our self-care strategies for students are shifting from an isolation environment to an environment of increased socialization when we return to campus. Dean Richard McCrow will be facilitating the discussion on Thursday with Isaias Hernandez, Christina Howell, and David Riess from our psychology faculty.



Kern County Enters Orange Tier



As the state's vaccination levels expanded to all state residents 16 and older last week, Kern County entered the orange or "moderate" tier of California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy, <u>according to Sam Morgen's article in the</u> <u>Bakersfield Californian</u>. With only 3.2 new cases per 100,000 and a testing positivity rate of 2.2%, the county is eligible for reduced restrictions on retail stores, movie theaters, gyms, houses of worship and more. Outdoor live events with assigned seating are allowed to operate at 33 percent capacity, which would increase to 67 percent capacity if all guests show proof of full vaccination or testing.

Nearly One Third of Californians Are Fully Vaccinated

Sacramento Bee reporter Vincent Moleski highlighted data from the California Department of Public Health that shows as of April 18, 31.4% of California's adult population is fully vaccinated against COVID-19. The same report states that 51.5% of California adults have gotten at least one inoculation. The state is on pace with the rest of the nation, where 32.5 percent are fully vaccinated and 50.4 percent have received at least one shot.

Data Corner

Vaccine Tracker

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

	US	California	Kern County
Doses Administered	209,406,814	25,533,215	406,291
Doses Delivered	264,505,725	31,625,990	N/A

Blueprint for a Safer Economy

<u>The State of California's Blueprint For a Safer Economy dashboard</u> 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 11, 2021		April 18, 2021*	
	New cases per 100k	Test positivity rate	New cases per 100k	Test positivity rate
California	5.1	1.8%	4.8	1.8%
Kern County	5.3**	2.3%**	3.2	2.2%
Kings County	7.0	2.4%	3.0	1.7%
Fresno County	8.3	3.8%	5.6	3.5%
San Bernardino	3.4	2.0%	3.8	1.9%
LA County	3.9	1.4%	3.9	1.5%

Johns Hopkins Dashboard

As of 8:00 p.m. on April 18, the <u>Johns Hopkins University Dashboard</u> shows more than 141 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 11.

	April 11, 2021	April 18, 2021	Difference	Percentage
World	135,490,941	141,125,074	5,634,133	4.2%
U.S.	31,151,976	31,669,880	517,904	1.7%
California	3,595,224	3,616,779	21,555	0.6%
Kern	107,172	107,859	687	0.6%

Stay safe, stay healthy, wear a mask, keep the 6ft apart distance, wash your hands, let's slow down the spread.

That's all for now. Until next time.

With much Renegade Pride and Collegiality, sonya

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