

# Renegade Roundup

## COVID-19 Advisory

April 27, 2020

Dear Colleagues:

Wrapped up a productive planning meeting with the team that will be pulling together a virtual closing day for us. Since we are on a four-day work week schedule, we will not have the traditional Friday for the closing day celebration. Instead we will convert *Closing Day* to *Closing Week* during this COVID-19 Spring semester. The team is using the traditional all-campus virtual seminars time slot, 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to chunk up the typical presentations that happen when we all come together at the end of the semester. So, mark your calendars for Closing Week, May 11th (Monday) through May 16th (Thursday) from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We are taking a hiatus this week from the virtual seminars. Todd Coston has been able to find the webinar version of zoom that provides more security to our virtual campus wide gatherings. We will launch this new tool on May 4th, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with our annual budget forum that will be hosted by the Budget Committee.

### Planning for the summer and fall

BC continues to monitor the Governor's Stay at Home order while planning to incrementally open the campus mid-May if the Stay at Home is lifted. Our framework for gradual reopening includes six parameters to guide the work.

<b>Incremental Opening when Stay at Home is lifted</b>	
<b>Health and wellbeing of employees and students</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Shared responsibility – college, departments, individuals</li></ul>	<b>Prioritize student learning and program completion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Hard to convert classes prioritize for face-to-face</li><li>Flexible semester scheduling – online, hybrid, 8-week, 6-week, 5-week options.</li></ul>
<b>Effective and efficient during potential economic downturn</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Hiring freeze except for essential positions</li></ul>	<b>Safety protocols for individuals to follow in physical spaces</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sanitizing protocol</li><li>Face covers, individual space sanitizing after use</li></ul>
<b>Continue physical distancing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minimize people on campus</li><li>No gatherings</li><li>Staggered scheduling of office staff</li></ul>	<b>Agile – tight/loose</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Anticipate epidemic trends and adjust as needed</li></ul>
<b>Always in Community</b>	

I have been tuning in daily at 12pm to hear Governor Newsom’s briefings and I hope you will also mark your calendars to keep up-to-date. During his April 14 briefing, [Governor Newsom announced six parameters](#) necessary for the state to lift its statewide stay-at-home order. 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

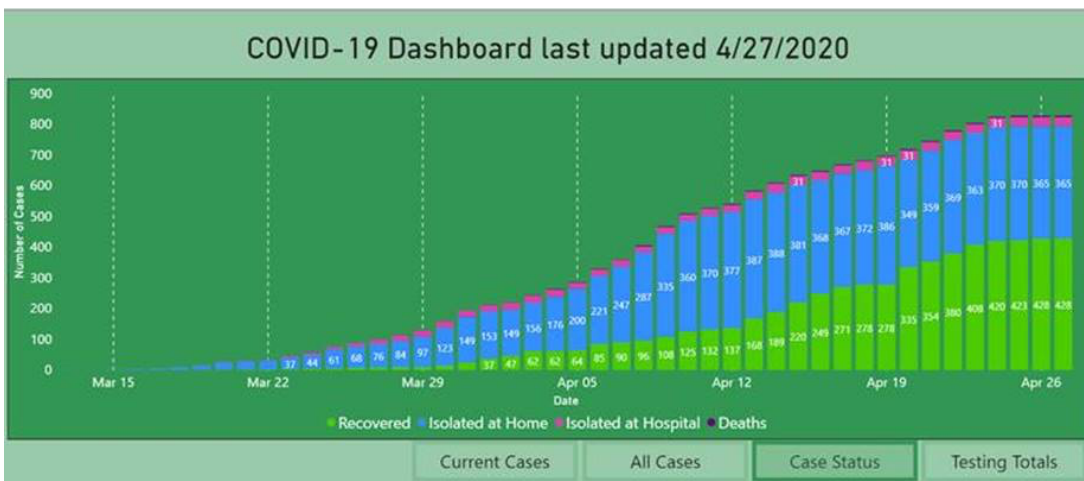
**Tracking dashboards:**

As of today April 27, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. we have crossed another milestone on the [Johns Hopkins University Dashboard](#) dashboard.... Over 3M confirmed cases of COVID-19. Specifically, the dashboard shows 3,002,303 confirmed COVID-19 cases worldwide, 972,969 in the United States, and 43,801 in California. Kern County Public Health has announced 837 confirmed cases in Kern County.

Here is the table that captures the difference in the numbers from the last time I published a COVID-19 Renegade Roundup one week ago.

	April 20	April 27	Difference	Percentage
<b>World</b>	2,422,525	3,002,303	579,778	23.9%
<b>U.S.</b>	760,245	972,969	212,724	28%
<b>California</b>	31,531	43,801	12,270	39%
<b>Kern</b>	632	837	205	32.4%

[Kern County Public Health’s new dashboard](#) appears to show an approaching plateau in daily cases. While a fifth resident has died due to COVID-19 complications, 3,593 cases are currently pending.





The CDC added 6 new symptoms to track. The full list now includes:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

That's all for now.

Until next time.

With much Renegade Pride and Collegiality,

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