

## Renegade Roundup



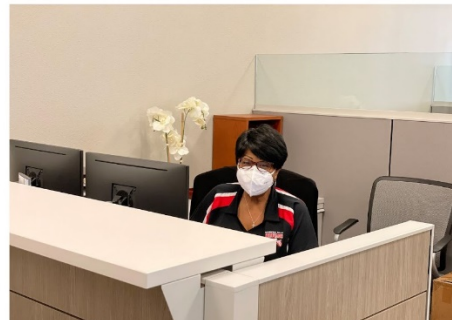
COVID advisory. Two more weeks to end of semester

May 2, 2021

Dear Colleagues:

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

It's been so nice seeing photos of our faculty and staff moving into their physical spaces over the last few weeks, and I wanted to kick-off this week's Roundup by sharing a few of them with you. For more photos of people returning to the physical campus, [visit our photo gallery](#), which will be updated as more staff return in the coming weeks. Please email your photos to [president@bakersfieldcollege.edu](mailto:president@bakersfieldcollege.edu).



*Top row: Bill Moseley takes a selfie in front of Memorial Stadium and Catherine Rangel poses at her desk in the Campus Center.*

*Bottom row: Zav Dadabhoy and June Charles gets settled in to their new spaces in the Campus Center.*

I also enjoyed these photos Josie Guillen captured of the Outreach team returning to the Panorama Campus last week.



## Kern County Meeting Yellow Tier Metrics in Two of Three Categories

### MINIMAL

- Less than 2.0 daily new cases (per 100k\*)
- Less than 2.0% positive tests for entire county\*\*
- Less than 2.2% positive tests for health equity quartile\*\*

In the latest information released by the California Department of Public Health, Kern County met two of the three metrics to reach the yellow or “minimal” tier of the state’s [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#).

An article published April 27 [in the Bakersfield Californian](#) notes that the county must remain in the orange or “moderate” tier for two more weeks, as it still hadn’t reached a case rate below 2 new cases per 100,000. [In a statement in the beginning of April](#), Governor Newsom announced that the state will be removing the Blueprint for a Safer Economy restrictions on June 15 while continuing to mandate masking and encouraging Californians to get vaccinated.

## CDC: Fully Vaccinated People Can Go Outdoors Unmasked



On April 29, [the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updated its recommendations](#) for fully-vaccinated people, noting that fully-vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask outdoors, except in certain crowded settings and venues. The update also notes that fully-vaccinated workers no longer need to be restricted from work following an exposure as long as they are asymptomatic, and that they also may be exempted from routine screening testing. The CDC guidelines emphasize that



immunocompromised people should consult their healthcare provider regarding these recommendations, even if they are vaccinated.

## 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. However, neither the CDC or CDPH dashboards provide information about the number of vaccine doses delivered by county.

	US	California	Kern County
Doses Administered	243,463,471	30,412,414	406,291
Doses Delivered	312,508,205	38,560,120	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 18, 2021		May 2, 2021*	
	New cases per 100k	Test positivity rate	New cases per 100k	Test positivity rate
California	4.8	1.8%	4.7	1.5%
Kern County	3.2	2.2%	3.4**	1.4%**
Kings County	3.0	1.7%	5.1	4.4%
Fresno County	5.6	3.5%	4.9	2.5%
San Bernardino	3.8	1.9%	3.4	2.0%
LA County	3.9	1.5%	3.6	0.9%

\*Dashboard data updated on April 27.

\*\*Kern County is in the orange or “moderate” tier

## Johns Hopkins Dashboard

As of 2 p.m. on April 18, the [Johns Hopkins University Dashboard](#) shows more than 152 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 18.

	April 18, 2021	May 2, 2021	Difference	Percentage
<b>World</b>	141,125,074	152,406,001	11,280,927	8.0%
<b>U.S.</b>	31,669,880	32,417,394	747,514	2.4%
<b>California</b>	3,616,779	3,640,226	23,447	0.6%
<b>Kern</b>	107,859	108,628	769	0.7%

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,  
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