

Renegade Roundup



After the first week of Fall 2020

August 31, 2020

Dear colleagues:

Thank you Kern County for voting yes on Measure J!



The cement slabs are down for our new Science and Engineering Building. #ABetterBC

Opening Week Highlights

This year's Opening Week festivities stretched into the first week of classes as the Renegade family gathered for the last two hours of livestream video programming, which included a poignant collection of remarks from our faculty and staff leadership, updates on our major ongoing initiatives for the year, and inspirational music by our talented performing arts students.

- Many departments spoke about their plans for the 2020-2021 academic year, but for a more detailed outline of the upcoming year, [check out all of our work plans on the Administrative Council website.](#)

- During Opening Week, we announced an exciting new platform for Renegade graduates to stay engaged with the campus and advocate for fellow alumni. The Renegade Alumni Council, or RAC, is composed of former BCSGA leaders and recently-graduated students at BC. [Check out RAC on the BC website](#) and [on their Facebook page](#).
- Stay safe while showing off your Renegade pride at the same: [order a BC mask from the Office of Student Life](#). We have two styles available to choose from and proceeds from the masks go to student scholarships.

COVID-19 Updates

On Friday, [Governor Newsom announced modified reopening guidelines for counties](#), unveiling a new reopening system based on four color-coded levels of risk.

Kern County and a majority of the state are in the purple or “widespread” tier, meaning that many non-essential business operations are closed; however, guidelines have been altered to open hair salons and barbershops for indoor operations at 25 percent capacity. If Kern County reaches less than 7 daily new cases per 100,000 over a 7-day period and a less than 8 percent test positivity rate, it would be eligible to move to a lower risk level, which would allow for indoor operations of gyms, house of worship, museums, movie theaters and more with modifications and reduced capacity.

County risk level	New cases	positive tests
WIDESPREAD Many non-essential indoor business operations are closed	More than 7 daily new cases (per 100k)	More than 8% positive tests
SUBSTANTIAL Some non-essential indoor business operations are closed	4 - 7 daily new cases (per 100k)	5 - 8% positive tests
MODERATE Some indoor business operations are open with modifications	1 - 3.9 daily new cases (per 100k)	2 - 4.9% positive tests
MINIMAL Most indoor business operations are open with modifications	Less than 1 daily new cases (per 100k)	Less than 2% positive tests

For more information, [check out the Dimmer Framework document](#) put together by the California Department of Public Health.

[The governor's office also announced a new contract with a diagnostics company](#) that will allow California to increase its testing capacity in preparation for the flu season, adding up to 150,000 diagnostic tests per day with a 24-48 hour guaranteed turnaround time.

Earlier this week, [an article in the New York Times](#) reported on the first documented retransmission of coronavirus in Hong Kong. A 33-year-old man contracted COVID-19 four months after recovering from his first infection, although he had no symptoms the second time and his body had developed an immune response to the disease. Doctors in the United States had reported presumed reinfections before, but this was the first case that was confirmed with rigorous testing and genome sequencing.

Positivity Rates from Covid19.CA.gov:

[The State of California's COVID-19 county reporting dashboard](#) has been modified to fit the new guidelines that were announced Friday. The new dashboard examines metrics over a 7-day period, whereas the previous dashboard looked at statistics recorded over a 14-day period.

A table with the comparison of test positivity rates from several counties on the monitoring list is below. Please note the difference in accounting metrics.

	August 31, 2020*	
	New cases per 100k	Test positivity rate
California	10.9	6.0%
Kern County	15.0	14.4%
Kings County	15.4	11.1%
Fresno County	16.5	11.0%
San Bernardino	12.2	10.2%
LA County	13.1	5.0%

Johns Hopkins Dashboard:

As of 4:30 p.m. on August 31, the [Johns Hopkins University Dashboard](#) shows the U.S. has surpassed 6 million total confirmed cases of COVID-19. Here is the table that captures the difference in the numbers from August 24 - 7 days ago.

	August 24, 2020	August 31, 2020	Difference	Percentage
World	23,522,806	25,338,571	1,815,765	7.7%
U.S.	5,730,294	6,026,488	296,194	5.2%
California	674,392	704,085	32,693	4.4%
Kern	28,244	29,334	1,090	3.9%

As many colleges and universities open to in-person instruction, [8,700 cases have been attributed to colleges and universities](#) in 36 states with the University of Alabama reporting 1,200 since reopening. **I am proud of BC for our steadfast commitment to the safety and wellbeing of our students, faculty, staff, and community. We have made decisions in anticipation of the what was going to happen and therefore have been able to provide stability for our students.** #WeAreBC. Always #InItTogether.

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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