

Renegade Roundup



Nine weeks done....seven weeks to go

October 25, 2020

Dear colleagues:

I would like all of you to tune in for the virtual visit of Chancellor Eloy Oakley and some of the Board of Governors. Let's show up in large numbers!

Chancellor's Office Virtual Listening Tour



FALL 2020 VIRTUAL LISTENING TOUR



California Community Colleges Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley Holds College Meetings Focused on Recent Policy Reforms

Chancellor Oakley believes that the talented and dedicated faculty and staff of community colleges are fundamental to implementing policy changes designed to lift more Californians into the middle class and beyond.

Chancellor Oakley intends to engage in discussions about recent statewide policy changes that will drive progress toward meeting the goals of our Vision for Success along with how colleges are responding to the Call to Action and the needs of our students during the pandemic.

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/95539260366>

Monday, October 26
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM



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The California Community College Chancellor's Office selected Bakersfield College as one of the "stops" along their Virtual Listening Tour, and on Monday, they'll be hearing

directly from Renegade students and faculty about all of our programs and initiatives. There will also be a town hall with Chancellor Eloy Oakley at 4:30 p.m., so please join us to participate.

Learning Together with Sara Manuel and Mindy Wilmot

President's All-Campus Virtual Seminar Series

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Library Learning Together
Project



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Mindy Wilmot
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Sara Manuel
Professor,
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October 15, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

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For the second installment of BC's Learning Together Series on October 15, BC professor of Psychology **Sara Manuel** [gave a clinical perspective to Verna Myers' TED Talk on confronting bias](#), and our reference librarian **Mindy Wilmot** [shared her thoughts on the New York Times' blunt testimonials from young black man](#).

Thank you to **Kirk Russell** and the Library team for organizing the topic for these enlightening discussions, as well as Nicky Damania for being our MC and everyone working behind the scenes to make these conversations happen.

COVID-19 Update

Updated CDC Guidance for Community Exposure

The Centers for Disease Control released an update to its [Public Health Guidance for Community Exposure](#) on October 21, redefining what is constituted as exposure to COVID-19. The new guidelines define being in "close contact" as being "within six feet for a total of 15 minutes of more" with someone who is confirmed positive for COVID-19. The previous guidelines defined "close contact" as 15 *continuous* minutes, while the new guidelines define it as 15 *cumulative* minutes.

The new guidelines expand who is considered at risk of contracting the virus and will impact reopening plans for workplaces, group settings and schools while making contact tracing even more important. [Lena H. Sun's article in the Washington Post](#) breaks down the ramifications of these new guidelines, which come on the heels of coronavirus case rates on the rise in nearly 75 percent of the country.

COVID-19 cases statewide experiencing slight uptick as cases explode across the US

Nationwide, the US has reported its highest number of positive cases in one day on Friday and its second-highest total today, [according to a report by CNN](#). In California, however, coronavirus activity has stayed “mostly flat” since mid-September, [according to a report on Friday by Michael McGough of the Sacramento Bee](#).

But while the situation in Kern County continues to trend in a positive direction, on Saturday, counties across the state reported their highest totals since August 31, [according to Leonardo Castaneda's article in the San Jose Mercury-News](#). Nearly half of the new cases were in Los Angeles County, which remains a hotbed for the virus.

Blueprint For a Safer Economy Dashboard

[The State of California's Blueprint For a Safer Economy dashboard](#) has been modified to fit the new guidelines announced in August. 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.

	October 18, 2020*		October 25, 2020*	
	New cases per 100k	Test positivity rate	New cases per 100k	Test positivity rate
California	6.8	3.4%	7.0	3.3%
Kern County	5.7**	6.3%**	5.7**	4.4%**
Kings County	7.5	6.3%	4.6	2.0%
Fresno County	5.1	7.4%	7.0	5.2%
San Bernardino	9.6	10.3%	10.8	6.2%
LA County	9.0	7.6%	10.1	3.4%

*Dashboard updated every Tuesday. Data reported on Oct. 20

**Kern County is now in the red or “substantial” tier

Johns Hopkins Dashboard:

As of 4:30 p.m. on October 18, the [Johns Hopkins University Dashboard](#) shows 8.6 million total confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the United States. Here is the table that captures the difference in the numbers since Oct. 18.

	Oct. 18, 2020	Oct. 25, 2020	Difference	Percentage
World	39,876,764	42,890,562	3,013,798	7.6%
U.S.	8,148,368	8,631,158	482,790	5.9%
California	867,317	892,810	25,493	2.9%
Kern	33,448	33,881	433	1.3%

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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