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TO: LACCD Board of Trustees
FROM: Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez
DATE: November 4, 2020
SUBJECT: Chancellor’s Monthly Report October 2020

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The LACCD Chancellor’s Monthly Report for November 2020 includes brief updates on the following:

- I. District Status on COVID-19 Public Health Emergency & Recovery**
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I. District Status on COVID-19 Public Health Emergency & Recovery

The District, its Emergency Operations Center (EOC), the nine colleges and the colleges’ Incident Command Centers (ICC) surpassed the seven-month milestone on October 19, 2020 for emergency response operations due to the COVID-19 public health pandemic.

More than 240 people from throughout the District have logged thousands of hours as EOC and ICC first responders in service to the LACCD community to help keep personnel safe and to facilitate the District’s historic shift to remote learning and online business operations. Recognition of personnel is planned for the November 2020 Board of Trustees meeting.

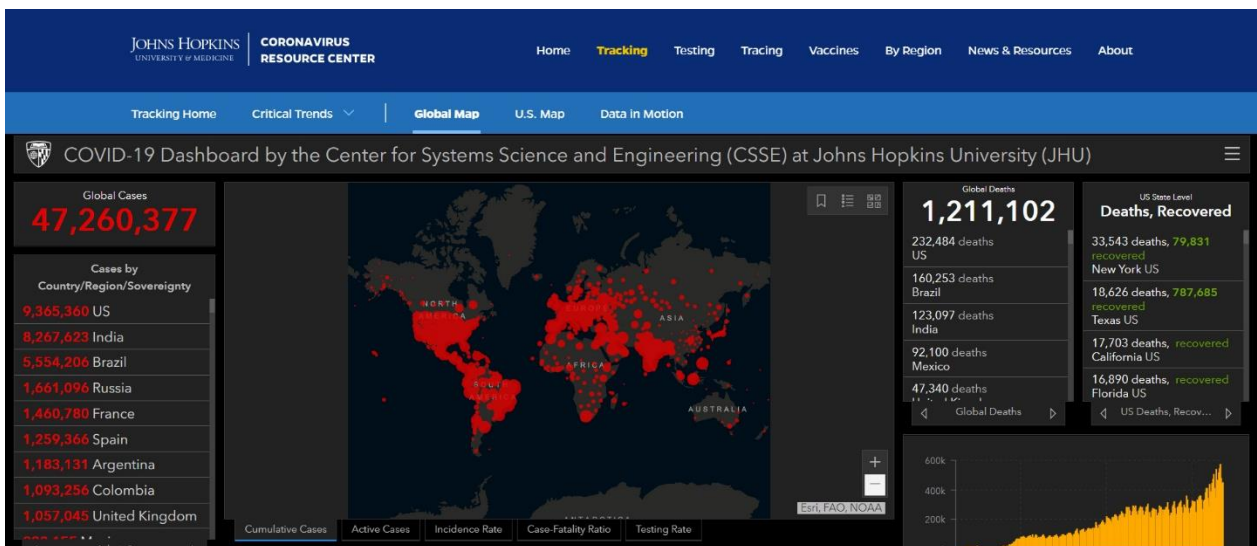
The EOC-ICC response teams have been responsible for all aspects of emergency response, including, among others:

- Development of protocols and advisories for health and safety for District personnel and students
- Liaison with state and county Public Health officials for guidelines specific to Institutes of Higher Education in response to the pandemic and for recovery
- Development of District recovery plans and policies
- Proactive contract tracing of reported cases
- Management for the ordering and deployment of personal protection equipment and other emergency supplies
- Creating guidelines for access to the colleges and District facilities
- Providing the framework, software and training to shift educational instruction to remote learning platforms
- Safety messages, emergency public information and media relations
- Training for Incident Command certifications and training for cleaning and other efforts
- Coordinating of emergency expenditures and oversight of expenditures
- Legal, business and operational review and approval of outside requests for access to campus facilities for business continuity
- Coordinate limited return to on-campus instruction Fall 2020 semester

As a result, these emergency efforts have help contributed to keeping reported cases within the LACCD community low. Currently, accumulative totals of known positive cases for personnel and students that have been reported to the EOC is less than 200 since the pandemic began in March.

In Los Angeles County, the countywide numbers of positive cases have exceed 310,000, with more than 7,070 deaths. Los Angeles County is currently the nation’s leading Hot Zone of the disease with more confirmed positive cases and attributable deaths than anywhere in the United States, according to tracking data from [Johns Hopkins University](#).

Numbers are reported to be surging throughout the country and around the world as a new wave of COVID-19 cases are being tracking by the university. The United States leads the world with cases, at 9.36 million and almost 233,000 deaths. India has 8.26 million cases, second most; while Brazil is second in terms of deaths at 160,253. More details shown in the graphic below from Johns Hopkins.



Unfortunately, the continued widespread community transmission of the coronavirus in Los Angeles County means the county will continue to be in California’s most restrictive Tier 1 status as shown on the chart below. For example, the numbers released by the County for Nov. 2 show there were 1,224 new cases reported during the past 24 hours. To move from Tier 1 to Tier 2, new cases per day for L.A. County need to be at or below 700 and stay that low for two weeks in a row.

The current health orders, revised October 23, 2020, by the L.A. County Department of Public Health are online at:

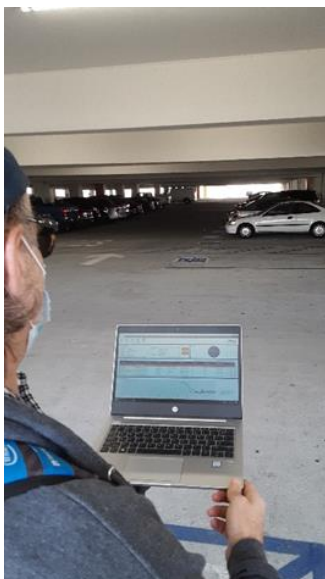
http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/docs/HOO/2020_10_23_HOO_Safer_at_Home.pdf

County risk level	Adjusted cases	Positivity rate
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

Despite these challenges, the District and its colleges were able to begin limited, on-campus instruction for essential services workforce education beginning with the Fall 2020 Semester and all indications are that this type of instruction will continue for the Winter and Spring 2021 semester. For remaining operations, the District anticipates the current mode of remote education and online business services will continue through the Spring 2021 semester.

While no additional on-campus instruction is anticipated to be allowed by health officials until sometime next year, the District is pursuing additional options to provide students with WiFi hotspot access or fiber optic connectivity at the colleges to augment learning. The concept would be to use a parking lot or parking structure(s) where students could park and use free access to Internet while staying in their vehicles. The District's Office of Information Technology has been evaluating sites per college. If any sites are viable, access plans will be developed with the goal of providing connectivity for the Spring 2021 semester or sooner if possible.





WiFi analysis at East Los Angeles College parking lot. All colleges are being analyzed by District Information Technology staff for signal strength and infrastructure for existing fiber optic connectivity. IT personnel will work with the colleges to develop plans for EOC review to ensure safe access and adherence to social distancing and other health protocols.

In support of the November Presidential and General Election on Nov. 3, 2020, all nine colleges successfully worked with the County Registrar of Voters for public Vote Centers that operated from October 24 to Election Day, Nov. 3. The Vote Centers operated under county health direction for facial coverings, social distancing and other safety protocols and were isolated from other on-campus activities. With only a few exceptions and logistical challenges handled by the County elections team, operations at the Vote Centers were carried out as planned.

The colleges also were used as sites for the County mail-in ballot drop off boxes. All boxes were successfully stationed, signage provided and no issues were reported



Robust sign deployment at Los Angeles Harbor College, and all LACCD colleges, helped provide wayfinding for the public to access the Vote Centers.

Unsolicited praise posted by KPCC radio from at least one happy voter who independently notified KPCC of the voting experience at West Los Angeles College has this to say:



One Week From Election Day: Vote By Mail Ballots Counted So Far, The Experience At Vote Centers And More



Cathy · a day ago · edited

My husband and I are over 70, so we were a little nervous about voting in person, but we went to the voting center at West LA College. It was so easy. There was no crowd, and no line when we went there, and plenty of election workers (most of them young, probably college students). Everyone was masked, and there was hand sanitizer. It was great.

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Adjustments continue to be made to the operational work cycles for the District's EOC and the colleges' ICCs. Currently, workdays are set on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but scaled back operations are anticipated during the upcoming Holidays through January 15.

A new work group has been formed to begin an analysis of future roles and responsibilities of the EOC and ICC operations

Moving forward, the EOC's Planning and Intelligence Section is also looking at long-range planning for District operations assuming the crisis continues into the Summer session and the 2021-2022 Academic Year.

II. Updates on LACCD Enrollment / Marketing for Enrollment

A. Fall 2020 / Fall 2019 Enrollment Comparison

Comparing Fall 2020 (10/28/20) to Fall 2019 (10/23/19) as of **Day 58** of the semester, for the District as a whole:

- Headcount is at 92%,
- Duplicated Enrollment is at 88%,
- Credit Section Count is at 91%, and
- Enrollment per Section is at 97%

Compared to last month's report (Day 34), headcount and duplicated enrollment increased by 1 percentage point primarily due to increased enrollment in late start classes.

B. Winter/Spring 2021 Enrollment

- Winter 2021 priority registration started on October 19, 2020 and open enrollment will begin on November 16, 2020
- Spring 2021 priority registration will start on November 9, 2020 and open enrollment will begin on December 7, 2020
- A Winter/Spring Enrollment Campaign is planned with the District's advertising agency of record to begin the week of Nov. 9 and will run through February 7, 2021.

Specifically, about one month for Winter and two months concentrated on Spring 2021 with some overlap. The target audiences will focus on retention of existing students; dual enrollment; existing CSU students wanting LACCD classes and then new students at large. There will also need to be elements added for the new Spring L.A. College Promise enrollment.

III. Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges

The Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges received an anonymous contribution of \$100,000 to support emergency grants for District Nursing Students.

To-date, \$20,000 has been raised for the Undocumented Student Success Fund. In October City National Bank contributed \$10,000. The Foundation has also received \$35,500 from the state foundation for COVID-19 Nursing Grants. The Foundation is using NextGen scholarship software to quickly distribute these funds to nursing students as all awards must be disbursed by November 24.

The Foundation continues to fundraise for the Dreamers Success Fund. This fund will provide direct support to DACA recipients and other undocumented students to cover their basic needs. The Foundation and LACCD are committed to standing with our students in pursuit of their educational goals.

To donate, please visit <https://www.giveeffect.com/campaigns/16055-dreamers-success-fund>

IV. LACCD Communications

News Releases in October

Board Approves District's First-Ever LGBTQIA+ Bill of Rights

<http://laccd.edu/Documents/NewsDocuments/Board%20Approves%20Reso%20for%20Districts%20First%20LGBTQIA%20Bill%20of%20Rights.pdf>

Vote Center Information for LACCD Colleges Announced

<http://laccd.edu/Documents/NewsDocuments/Voting%20Center%20Info%20at%20LACCD%20Colleges%20Announced%20For%20November%203%20Election.pdf>

LACCD Call to Action Summit for Undocumented Student October 23

<http://laccd.edu/Documents/NewsDocuments/Panel%20Discussion%20on%20Supporting%20Undocumented%20Students.pdf>

Fifth Annual LACCD Disability Summit October 30

<http://laccd.edu/Documents/NewsDocuments/20201020%20LACCD%20Disability%20Summit%20Flyer%20Final.pdf>

Hollywood Foreign Press Association Grant Establishes New Fellowship Program for LA Valley College Film and Television Students

<https://www.lavc.edu/campusnews/index/News-Blog/October-2020/HFPA-Grant-Fellowship-for-LAVC-Film-TV-Students.aspx>

MEDIA COVERAGE

LGBTQIA+ Bill of Rights

<https://kfiam640.iheart.com/content/2020-10-07-la-community-college-board-approves-lgbtqia-rights-resolution/>

<https://mynewsla.com/business/2020/10/07/l-a-community-college-board-approves-lgbtqia-rights-resolution/>

<https://www.wehoville.com/2020/10/07/la-community-college-board-adopts-bills-of-rights-for-lgbtqia-students-and-staff/>

<https://www.thevalleystarnews.com/post/laccd-votes-in-support-of-lgbtqia-bill-of-rights>

<https://theroundupnews.com/2020/10/08/pride-takes-the-spotlight/>

Faculty Diversity

<https://www.ccdaily.com/2020/09/a-diverse-faculty-benefits-everyone/>

Election news

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/newsletter/2020-10-31/opinion-newsletter-endorsements-2020-election-opinion>

<https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2020/10/30/1991126/-LA-Progressive-Majority-Voter-Guide-to-Judges-Candidates-for-November-2020-Los-Angeles-CA>

<https://www.presstelegram.com/2020/10/30/2020-election-here-are-the-races-up-for-grabs-in-the-long-beach-area/>

<https://www.notiulti.com/las-carreras-de-los-colegios-comunitarios-de-los-angeles-elegiran-una-nueva-mayoria-de-la-junta/>

Vote Centers

<https://beverlypress.com/2020/10/l-a-community-colleges-to-serve-as-vote-centers/>

<https://lasentinel.net/all-nine-laccd-colleges-will-serve-as-county-vote-centers-for-november-3-presidential-general-election.html>

http://www.lawattstimes.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7020:all-nine-laccd-colleges-will-serve-as-county-vote-centers-for-november-3-presidential-general-

[election-deadline-to-register-to-vote-in-california-s-november-3-election-is-monday-october-19-2020&catid=24&Itemid=119](https://www.laccd.edu/news/2020/10/19/election-deadline-to-register-to-vote-in-california-s-november-3-election-is-monday-october-19-2020&catid=24&Itemid=119)

The Los Angeles Trade Tech College Architecture Program

<https://greenhomebuildermag.com/green-makerspaces-usgbc-la/>

Moody's Assigns Aaa Rating to LACCD

<https://app.researchpool.com/provider/moodys-investors-service/moodys-assigns-aaa-to-los-angeles-ccd-cas-2020-go-refunding-bonds-outl-LWEtpTqGPq>

Technology Challenges for California's Community College Students

<https://www.cbs8.com/article/news/local/california/more-than-100000-low-income-california-college-students-lack-internet-access/509-da78cc19-a2e2-4a63-9d43-d1cb13ca729a>

V. Special Notes and Updates

Panel Discussion on Pursuing Racial Equity in Police Reform 2 p.m., November 12

Please Join Us

Pursuing Racial Equity in Police Reform



November 12, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Be there for a critical discussion on racial disparities in policing and potential solutions to reduce those disparities, including topics such as police department insurance, mandatory housing for officers, advanced training, and reallocating police funding (defund the police).



WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS
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Los Angeles Community College District



KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Rashawn Ray, Ph.D.
Rubenstein Fellow, Governance Studies
at the Brookings Institution
Professor of Sociology and Executive Director
of the Lab for Applied Social Science Research
at the University of Maryland



MEETING FACILITATOR
A. James McKeever, Ph.D.
Professor of Sociology at
Los Angeles Pierce College

Register in advance for this webinar:

<http://bit.ly/PursuingRacialEquityInPoliceReform>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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Governor Appoints West L.A. College Faculty Dean to State Dental Hygiene Board



Congratulations are due to West Los Angeles College's Carmen M. Dones, 52, of Los Angeles, who has been appointed by California Governor Gavin Newsom to the Dental Hygiene Board of California. Dones has been a Periodontics Lecturer and faculty member at the University of California, Los Angeles School of Dentistry since 2006 and has been Dean of Academic Affairs at West Los Angeles College since 2017, where she has held multiple positions since 2006, including Faculty and Dental Hygiene Program Director. Dean Dones is a member of the California Dental Hygienist Association, American Dental Hygienist Association and Teamsters 911 Union. She earned a Doctor of Education degree in educational leadership and policy studies from California State University, Northridge and a Master of Education degree in online teaching and learning from California State University, East Bay. This position does not require Senate confirmation.



Student Architects Honored

On Thursday, October 29, three students from the East Los Angeles Community College Architecture Program were awarded scholarships as part of the Asian American Architects/Engineers Foundation's "Rise Up" Scholarship event.

Gustavo Gomez, granted a \$5,000 scholarship, shared with the audience how this scholarship will go a long way to support his dream of becoming an architect.

Siqi Liu was awarded with a \$3,000 scholarship and Chris Caracena was awarded with a \$1,000 scholarship.

Vice Chancellor & Chief Facilities Executive Rueben Smith provided keynote remarks about his own experience pursuing a career in engineering. Each year, the Foundation offers scholarships to full-time students pursuing a career in architecture, engineering, construction, and related fields who have demonstrated a measurable level of involvement/service to the Asian-Pacific Islander community, and are student members of AAa/e. Link to event page: <https://www.aaae.ngo/event/rise-up-scholarship-presentation/>

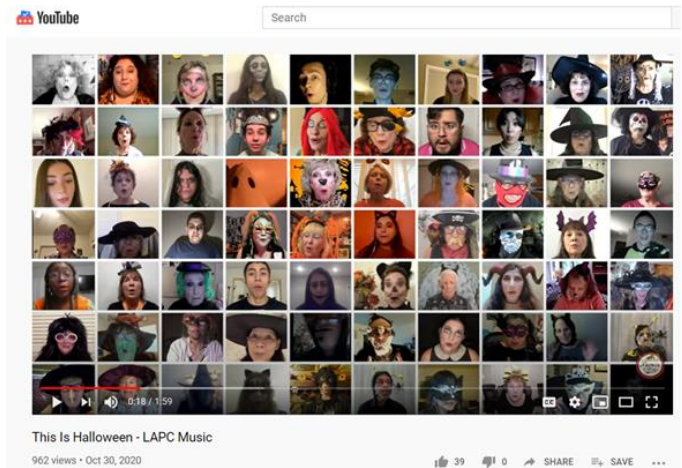
Voting is Sexy Thing



<https://youtu.be/V16vICn8h-8>

Thanks to Los Angeles Valley College College Choir and Chamber Singers for teaming up with RuPaul—actor, model, singer, songwriter, and television personality—for an important Public Service Announcement to help get the vote out.

A Fun Halloween Musical Short by Los Angeles Pierce College's College Choir and College Encore Singers helped "enliven" annual haunt



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xG7uUikmQo8>