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Good evening, CHEAC Members ~ We hope this message finds you well, and hope you have a lovely weekend. Please see below for today's COVID-19 updates:

CHEAC Weekly Update

The CHEAC Weekly Update is available here: <https://cheac.org/digest/august-14-2020-edition/>

Governor Press Conference Highlights

- Governor Gavin Newsom discussed the state's preparation for the reopening of schools during his afternoon press conference. The Governor outlined actions taken by the state including the provision of PPE to schools, actions taken to bridge the digital divide, new requirements on schools such as daily interaction with students, challenging assignments, and adapted lessons for ESL and special education students, and finally providing financial resources to school districts to adapt to this new school environment. Please see his attached slide deck for more information.
- Governor Newsom mentioned that on Monday they would be providing an update on the state's county monitoring list.
- Superintendent of Schools Tony Thurmond provided remarks on the actions taken by his office and the Department of Education as schools reopen statewide.
- Tom Steyer, Co-Chairman of the Governor's Business and Jobs Recovery Task Force, also provided remarks on the activities of the Task Force in regard to schools and bridging the digital divide, including urging internet service providers to expand no-cost and low-cost plans so all Californians can access online learning.
- The Governor announced he has [issued](#) a new Executive Order to codify several recommendations on bridging the digital learning divide.
- Linda Darling Hammond, President, State Board of Education, also provided remarks about the work she has done on organizing for online learning.
- 7,934 positive cases identified yesterday – 4,429 represent backlogged cases and 3,505 represent new cases. The Governor stated that they have cleaned up the backlog, and he estimates that out of the 295,000 records, approximately 20,000 were positive COVID-19 cases. Governor Newsom also noted that on Monday next week they would be breaking down the backlogged data by county.
- The state is averaging 137,000 tests per day with a positivity rate of 6.2% over the past fourteen days. Hospitalizations have decreased by 19.9% over the past fourteen days and ICU admissions by 14.3%. Governor Newsom noted that things are moving in a positive direction.
- Responses to Press Q&A:
 - Governor Newsom fielded several non-COVID related questions regarding a recent 9th Circuit decision on banning high-capacity gun magazines, impacts on the United States

Postal Service, and recent legislative wealth tax proposals to fund schools.

- Asked about Linda Darling Hammond's comments about small cohorts of children being allowed to gather in-person at schools, Ms. Hammond clarified that this could occur in counties on the monitoring list. Further guidance would be released likely by the end of next week.
- The Governor expressed his disappointment with a private school in Fresno that is defying the county health officer's order with children coming to school in person. He noted this is not modeling the appropriate behavior, but he demurred on whether the state would step in to enforce the requirement.
- Governor Newsom, in response to a question about California becoming the first state in the country to hit 600,000 cases of COVID-19, said he looked at the state's positivity rate, currently at 6.2%, as his metric. He stressed the importance of testing, acknowledging the state still has more work to do in this area, to understand the rate of infection and community spread.

Latest COVID-19 Statistics

- **Statewide Numbers** (including racial demographics, health worker infections, and testing data): <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>
 - **Daily changes include** 7,934 additional cases* (1.3 percent increase since yesterday), 188 additional deaths (1.7 percent increase since yesterday), a decrease of 47 hospitalizations (0.9 percent decrease since yesterday), and an increase of 12 ICU admissions (0.7 percent increase since yesterday).
 - ***Note:** CDPH indicates that the issue with the state's electronic laboratory reporting system has been addressed and the system is now performing as expected. The backlog has been eliminated, and new cases attributed to the backlog will be reported over the next few days.
- **County-level data** (including hospital data): <https://data.chhs.ca.gov/dataset/california-covid-19-hospital-data-and-case-statistics>; **See also:** [cases by county](#); [hospital data](#)
- **County COVID-19 Data Monitoring Table:** CDPH has created a [county data monitoring table](#) on their website that will be updated daily.
- **CDCR Inmate and Staff Tracker:** The CDCR Inmate Patient COVID-19 Tracker is [available here](#) and the CDCR Staff COVID-19 Tracker is [available here](#).

Announcements

- **CHEAC Testing Task Force Recommendations:** This afternoon CHEAC submitted recommended priorities to the state Testing Task Force. Please see the attached letter for our detailed submission.
- **Cal OES Key Messages:** Cal OES continues to issue its daily key messages briefing [available here](#).
- **HOAC Daily Roundup of Health Officer Actions:** HOAC did not have a daily round-up today; however, they did share a document with outbreaks by sector. Please see attached for the list.
- **Hospital Data Tracking:** CDPH continues to issue daily secure emails containing hospital tracking data for local planning purposes. Please reference your email for the message; this data is to remain confidential.
- **Significant Updates of Interest to DHCS Stakeholders:** The Department of Health Care

Services (DHCS) released their weekly update this evening including information with a reminder that comments are due to the Department, no later than Friday, August 21, on the 12-month extension of the Section 1115 waiver request that DHCS plans to submit in September to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Updates also include several COVID-19 guidance documents. Please see the attached email for more details.

Executive Orders

- **Education Digital Divide:** Governor Newsom released an Executive Order ([Executive Order N-73-20](#)) this afternoon, as he mentioned during his press conference, outlining efforts to address the educational digital divide by, among other things, directing state agencies to pursue a goal of 100 Mbps download speed. It also outlines actions across state agencies to accelerate mapping and data collection, funding, deployment, and adoption of high-speed Internet.

Virtual Community Updates

- We encourage all members to [log in](#) to access the wealth of resources that have been made available from LHDs throughout the state.

Thank you,

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