

## President's Report to College Council

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### Spring 2020 Enrollment:

The February 5 enrollment update from Institutional Research shows:

- Enrollment at BC for spring 2020 is **3.8% higher** than the same time last spring which is a **269.0 FTES increase** this fall over last fall.

Bakersfield College	Point-in-Time Comparison <sup>1</sup>			
	Spring - Census Week			
	Spring 2019	Spring 2020	Diff	% Chg
Current Headcount	20,894	23,096	2,202	10.5%
Duplicated Enrollments	58,421	60,014	1,593	2.7%
Waitlisted Enrollments <sup>2</sup>	202	465	263	130.2%
<b>Current FTES<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>7,074.0</b>	<b>7,343.0</b>	<b>269.0</b>	<b>3.8%</b>
Workload (FTEF)	503.4	508.7	5.3	1.0%
FTES/FTEF <sup>4</sup>	14.1	14.4	0.4	2.7%
Active Sections	2,430	2,539	109	4.5%

- Enrollment districtwide for spring 2020 is **2.2% higher** than the same time last spring which is a **213.8 FTES increase** this fall over last fall.

Kern Community College District	Point-in-Time Comparison <sup>1</sup>			
	Spring - Census Week			
	Spring 2019	Spring 2020	Diff	% Chg
Current Headcount	29,156	31,860	2,704	9.3%
Duplicated Enrollments	81,001	83,458	2,457	3.0%
Waitlisted Enrollments <sup>2</sup>	286	514	228	79.7%
<b>Current FTES<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>9,887.4</b>	<b>10,101.2</b>	<b>213.8</b>	<b>2.2%</b>
Workload (FTEF)	721.8	725.2	3.4	0.5%
FTES/FTEF <sup>4</sup>	13.7	13.9	0.2	1.7%
Active Sections	3,412	3,557	145	4.2%

### Transition to Online Teaching & Support

In late February, Bakersfield College began closely monitoring the COVID-19 Pandemic, launching a communication and education campaign, releasing a Pandemic Response Plan, and hosting daily forums across campus. We began canceling events and in-person meetings in early March. To keep our community updated on the latest COVID-19 developments, BC developed a robust website ([bakersfieldcollege.edu/covid19](http://bakersfieldcollege.edu/covid19)). Meanwhile the COVID-19 threat was developing not on a daily basis, but hourly.

Anticipating the likelihood of a closure, BC began transitioning the first wave of 1,000 courses to an online environment while supporting faculty in getting the necessary training to transition the remaining 1,300 courses. By Thursday, March 19, BC had moved 100% of its courses fully online, 100% of its student services and academic support fully online, prepared all employees to work

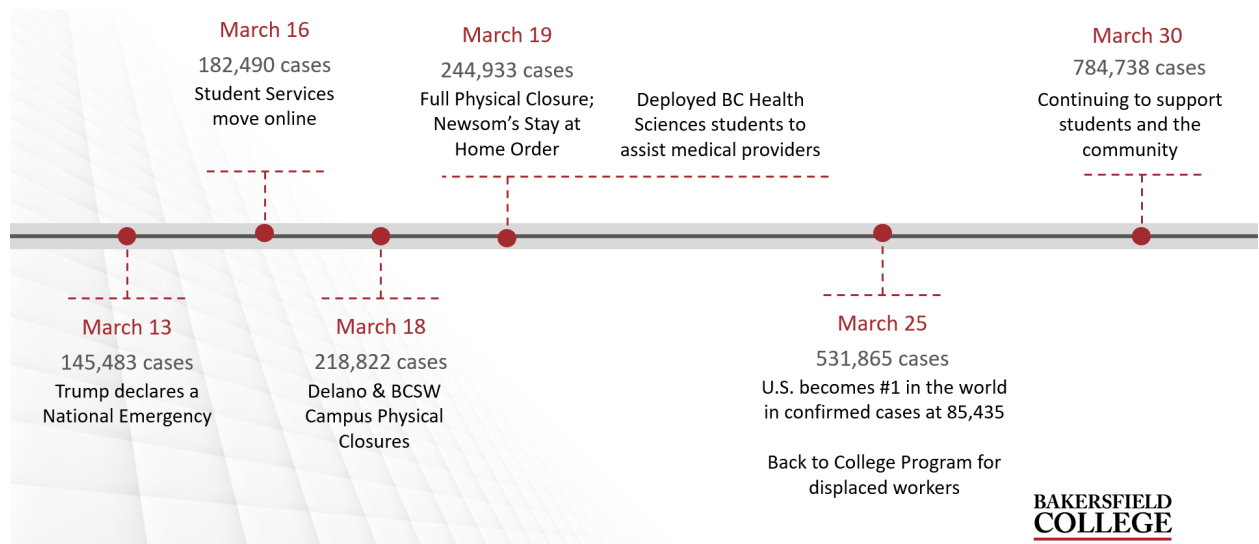
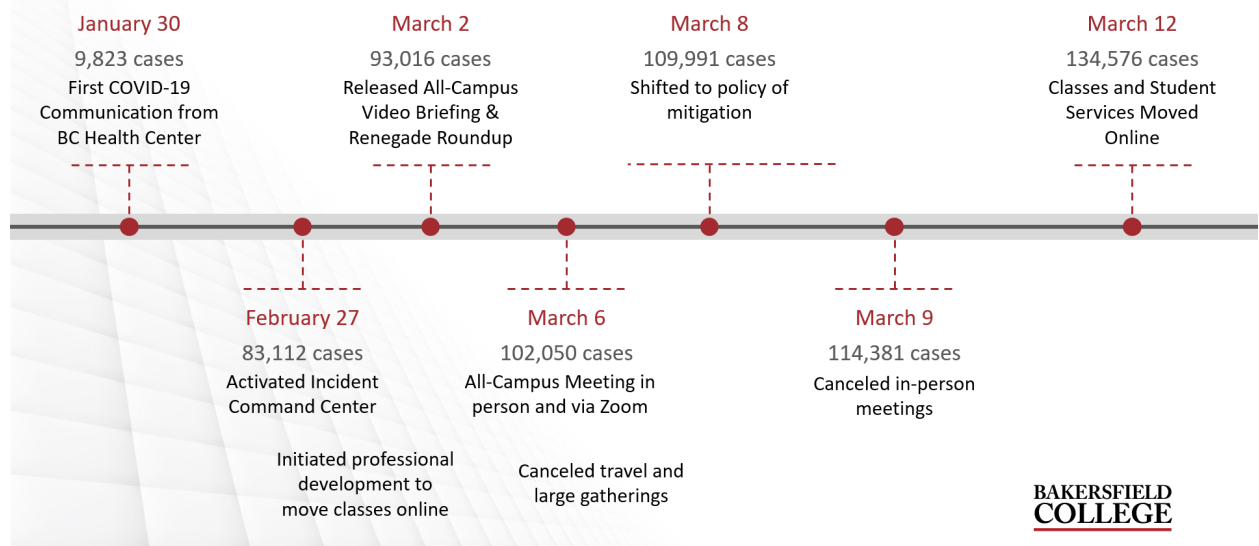
remotely, and closed the physical campus. That night, Governor Newsom announced a statewide Shelter in Place order.

**President’s Communications re: COVID-19**

Since I convened the Incident Command Team on February 27 to assess the developing COVID-19 threat, we have been diligent in keeping our faculty, staff, students, and community apprised of our evolving response. Below is a snapshot of our timeline.

**COVID-19 BC’s Response Timeline**

*Playing where the puck is going to be*



Review the attachment for the latest Letters from BC.

## Back to College Initiative

Several days ago, the House passed a \$2 trillion financial relief bill to provide direct payments to many, expand unemployment benefits, assist small businesses, and pour resources into state and local governments. Weeks ago, BC anticipated this need - playing to where the puck is going to be - and turned our attention to supporting our community as many face job loss.

In response to rapidly rising unemployment and in anticipation of an increased demand in the coming weeks and months, Bakersfield College launched on March 25 a late-start, five-week semester to bring these individuals [Back to College](#). Review the attachment to see [KGET's coverage of this news item](#).

The program will feature 6, 7, and 13 unit options with financial aid available to cover the cost of courses and materials. Students may enroll in a combination of the following online 5-week courses:

- STDV B6: Tools for College Success (3 units)
- PSYC B5: Elementary Statistics for the Behavioral and Social Sciences (4 units)
- PSYC B1A: General Psychology (3 units)
- ENGL B1A: Expository Composition (3 units)
- ART B1: Art Appreciation (3 units)
- HIST B18: History of California (3 units)

Back to College courses will not only support students entering or reentering higher education after experiencing job loss, current BC students who may have withdrawn from a class as they adjusted or are ready to take a higher unit load due to a shift in their personal or work life may benefit, as well. For more information, visit [www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/backtocollege](http://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/backtocollege). Review the attachment to read [KGET's coverage](#) of this initiative.

## BC's Registered Nursing Students Meeting Health Care Demands

On March 19, Bakersfield College initiated a partnership with Kern Medical, Dignity Health Systems, and the Bakersfield Heart Hospital to meet Kern's local health care needs while ensuring a landing place for BC's nursing students who are near completion. As a result, BC has worked with these partners to place 69 of BC's level 4 registered nursing students – senior students in their final semester – into externships alongside registered nurse to provide direct care to a team of patients in the face of COVID-19.



Dignity Health™



This partnership will not only meet pressing demands in health care during a pandemic on a scale we have never witnessed in our lifetime, it will ensure students who have been working for years toward their goal will not see their achievement put on pause indefinitely just eight weeks before their expected graduation. Be sure to read the attached [Bakersfield Californian's coverage](#) of this partnership.

A week and a half after launching this partnership, Governor Newsom announced [California Health Corps](#), an initiative to expand the California's health care workforce to fight COVID-19. Health care professionals with an active license, public health professionals, medical retirees, medical and nursing students, or members of medical disaster response teams in California are all encouraged to join. As of April 2, over 25,000 people have joined, including some of BC's own faculty.

**President's whereabouts:**

- March 16, 17, 18, 19: Hosted daily President's All-Campus Virtual Seminar Series
- March 23, 24, 25, 26: Hosted daily President's All-Campus Virtual Seminar Series  
March 26: Provided keynote presentation at CSU-CCC Transfer Pathways Mapper Project Opening Session
- March 31, April 2: Hosted daily President's All-Campus Virtual Seminar Series

**Some dates to calendar:**

- April 1: Priority registration begins
- April 9: Extended withdrawal deadline for "Excused Withdrawal" (EW)
- April 15: Open registration begins
- April 15: Back to College courses begin