# Friday Update - COVID, Wildfires & Air Quality

YUBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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# **Current COVID-19 Status by the Numbers**

As of this morning, there are a total of 5,731 confirmed cases of coronavirus in the five counties served by the Yuba Community College District. That's an 6.6% increase over the previous week. Current case totals are: Colusa – 467, a 6% increase; Lake – 350, a 11% increase; Sutter – 1,461, a 8% increase; Yolo – 2,478, a 8% increase with 1,062 cases in Woodland, a 7% increase; and Yuba – 975, a 9% increase. Yuba Sutter are no longer updating test numbers so current information on testing is not available. Currently there are 26 patients hospitalized in our service area, ten less than the previous week, and there have been 78 fatalities, two more than last week.

Statewide there are a total of 717,177 confirmed cases, an increase of 4.9% over the previous week. A total of 11,663,924 tests have been completed, an increase of 7%. Total patients currently hospitalized are 3,604, a 16% decrease and the number of ICU patients is 1,119, a decrease of 17%. Statewide data is from the California Department of Public Health and can be found at <a href="https://data.chhs.ca.gov/">https://data.chhs.ca.gov/</a>.

#### **Wildfire Status**

#### **Cal Fire Statewide Fire Summary VIDEO**

Over 12,800 firefighters are continuing to make progress towards containment on 22 major fires and lightning complexes in California. Today over 12,400 people remain evacuated, though crews are working hard to get people back into their homes. Firefighters are closely monitoring weather conditions, as extreme heat is expected over the weekend. A light west flow will allow smoke and haze from the ongoing fires in northern California to spread across more areas of eastern California and western Nevada through at least Thursday.

Since the lightning siege that started on Saturday, August 15, 2020, there have been nearly 14,000 lightning strikes. During this time-period, there have been more than 900 new wildfires, which have now burned over 1.5 million acres. There have 8 fatalities and over 3,200 structures destroyed.

Californians need to take steps to prevent sparking a wildfire. To learn more ways to prevent sparking a wildfire visit www.ReadyForWildfire.org.

Fire	County	Acres Burned	% Contained
SCU lightning	Santa Clara	391,578	80%
LNU Lightning	Napa, Yolo, Lake, Solano, Sonoma	375,209	87%
CZU Lightning Complex	San Mateo, Santa Cruz	86,102	51%
Butte/Tehama/Glenn Complex	Butte, Tehama	63,481	45%
North Complex*	Plumas	36,521	42%
August Complex*	Mendocino	287,106	23%

<sup>\*</sup> Not managed by CalFire

To monitor fire and evacuation information go to the incident page at <u>Cal Fire</u>. Information on fires not managed by Cal Fire can be found <u>InciWeb</u>. Below are the status of major fires in Northern California.

## **Air Quality**

The Air Quality Index (AQI) as of 7:00 am in the communities where Yuba Community College District has campuses:

<b>Community</b>	<b>AQI</b>	Level	<b>Today's Forecast</b>	<b>Tomorrow's Forecast</b>
Williams - Colusa County	58	Moderate	USG	not available
Clearlake - Lake County	33	Good	USG	USG
Yuba City - Sutter County	62	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Woodland - Yolo County	37	Good	Moderate	USG
Linda - Yuba County	62	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

<sup>-</sup> **USG** – *Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups* 

The AQI changes throughout the day and is updated on the AirNow site on approximately an hourly basis. There are numerous air monitors throughout the regions and in some areas there will may be significant variance in the ratings. To monitor air quality where you are go to <u>AirNow</u> and simply entering your zip code. The following are the AQI ratings.

Good	< 50 AQI	Air Quality is satisfactory, and air pollution poses little or no risk	
Moderate	51 – 100 AQI	Air is acceptable. However there may be risk for some people particularly those who are unusually sensitive to air pollution.	
Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	101 - 150 AGI	Members of sensitive groups may experience health effects. General public is less likely to be affected.	
Unhealthy	151 – 200 AQI	Some members of general public may experience health effects; members of sensitive groups may experience more serious health effects	
Very Unhealthy	201 – 300 AQI	Health alert: The risk of health effects is increased for everyone.	
Hazardous	301+ AQI	Emergency conditions: everyone is likely to be affected	

# **Emergency Funds**

Each college has a designated Emergency Fund with limited capacity to provide one-time grants to students who are facing an unforeseen expense or circumstance. Each college is developing their application process for their emergency fund and they will distribute that out to their campuses.

If you would like to make a gift to support the emergency go to the **Foundation page** at yccd.edu.

# **Tools & Resources**

California COVID-19 Website

#### California Community College Chancellor's Coronavirus Website

## **ZOOM Meeting and Webinar Best Practices and Resources**

## YCCD Coronavirus Virtual Campus

#### **Vision Resource Center**

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