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CAMPUS COVID-19 TESTING POLICY

REFERENCES

Principles for Responsible Operation of University Locations in Light of the SARS-CoV-2 Pandemic (<https://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/regmeet/may20/b2.pdf>)

Policy: SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Vaccination Program issued by the University of California's Office of the President" (available at <https://policy.ucop.edu/doc/5000695/SARS-Cov-2>) ("Covid-19 Vaccination Program Policy").

PREAMBLE

The UC San Diego campus is committed to taking proactive steps to limiting the spread of SARS-CoV-2 on campus. After consultation with campus infectious disease experts, the following is the campus policy on COVID-19 testing.

POLICY

Definitions

The following terms shall have the same meaning as in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program Policy:

- Covered Individuals
- Fully Vaccinated
- Location
- Physical Presence
- University Program

Daily Symptom Screening Requirements

Regardless of vaccination status, every day before coming to a UC San Diego Location, all Covered Individuals must complete the UC San Diego Daily Symptom Screener. For Covered Individuals who reside on campus in UC San Diego-provided housing, such individuals must complete the UC San Diego Daily Symptom Screener every day before leaving their UC San Diego-provided residence for any campus Location. For those students, faculty, and staff who are not coming to a campus Location on any given day, completion of the Daily Symptom Screener is recommended.

Effect of a Positive Daily Symptom Screening

All Covered Individuals who register symptoms in the UC San Diego Daily Symptom Screener must be tested for SARS-CoV-2 within 48 hours and must receive a negative PCR SARS-CoV-2 test result before

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coming to any UC San Diego Location. Notwithstanding the foregoing, individuals who register symptoms may come to the UC San Diego campus for the purpose of taking a SARS-CoV-2 test.

Initial Testing for All Campus Employees

All campus employees must be tested for SARS-CoV-2 on their first day of Physical Presence at a Location during the Winter 2022 Quarter.

Testing Requirements for Unvaccinated Covered Individuals

As a condition of Physical Presence at a Location or in a University Program, all Covered Individuals who have not provided proof pursuant to the COVID-19 Vaccination Program Policy that they are Fully Vaccinated (“Unvaccinated Covered Individuals”) must be tested for SARS-CoV-2 two times per week with at least three days between each test and not more than five days between tests in any week that the Unvaccinated Covered Individual is physically present at a Location. The first test must be taken on the first day of their arrival to campus.

Unvaccinated Covered Individuals coming to a UC San Diego Location less than once a week after their initial return-to-campus COVID-19 test, must complete a SARS-CoV-2 test within 72 hours prior to each onsite day as well as the day of onsite activity.

Testing Requirements for Vaccinated Covered Individuals Who Are Eligible for a Booster, But Have Not Received a Booster

As a condition of Physical Presence at a Location or in a University Program, all Covered Individuals who have not yet received, but are eligible for, a booster vaccination against SARS-CoV-2 must be tested for SARS-CoV-2 two times per week with at least three days between each test and not more than five days between tests in any week that the Covered Individual is physically present at a Location; this testing requirement also applies to any Covered Individual who received their booster vaccination against SARS-CoV-2 within the past seven days. The first test must be taken on the first day of their arrival to campus.

Testing Requirements for Students in UCSD-Provided Student Housing

All students who reside in UCSD-provided student housing must be tested for SARS-CoV-2 in accordance with the Student Housing Safety Rules located at <https://returntolearn.ucsd.edu/return-to-campus/student-housing-safety/index.html>.

Testing Requirements for Students Upon Arrival

All students who are not residing in UCSD-provided student housing, regardless of vaccination status, must complete a SARS-CoV-2 test the first time they come to the UCSD campus.

Testing Requirements for Vaccinated Students

All vaccinated students must complete a SARS-CoV-2 test at least once per week for the first four weeks of Fall quarter. This mandatory testing period may be extended or suspended via campus notice.

Testing Requirements for Exposed Individuals

Regardless of vaccination status, Covered Individuals who have been notified by San Diego County public health officials or their designees that they have an exposure to SARS-CoV-2 must be tested for SARS-CoV-2 within 3 to 5 days after the presumed exposure date. If exposure notification is greater than 5 days after the presumed exposure date, the individuals must be tested for SARS-CoV-2 within 24 hours of the notification.

Testing Requirements for Residents in Buildings Where Wastewater Signals Identified

Regardless of vaccination status, individuals who reside in a building for which a SARS-CoV-2 positive wastewater signal has been identified must be tested for SARS-CoV-2 within 24 hours of notification of the positive wastewater signal.

Type of Acceptable Tests

All SARS-CoV-2 tests required by this Policy must be PCR tests. Antigen tests are not acceptable.

No Cost for Mandatory Testing Administered by UC San Diego

UC San Diego will offer SARS-CoV-2 tests to all Covered Individuals required to test under this Policy at no cost to the individual tested.

Timing of Testing for Non-Exempt Employees

For non-exempt employees, all SARS-CoV-2 testing required by this Policy should occur on-site on the UC San Diego campus during the employee's normal work shift, unless otherwise approved in advance by the employee's supervisor.

Effect of a Positive SARS-CoV-2 Test

Covered Individuals who receive a positive test result for SARS-CoV-2 are not permitted to enter any Location until cleared to do so by the UC San Diego Center for Occupational & Environmental Medicine (COEM) for employees or Student Health Services for students, with the exception of students living in on-campus housing who may isolate in their campus residence if approved by Student Health Services but must follow the instructions of Housing, Dining and Hospitality and the Student Housing Safety Rules (<https://returntolearn.ucsd.edu/return-to-campus/student-housing-safety/index.html>).

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Policy, Covered Individuals who receive a positive test result for SARS-CoV-2 may come to the UC San Diego campus for the purpose of seeking or obtaining medical care from an appropriate UC San Diego Health facility, provided such individuals comply with all rules promulgated by that facility.

Proof of Compliance

Upon demand by any University Representative, Unvaccinated Covered Individuals who are Physically Present at a Location or in a University Program must immediately produce proof of compliance with the testing requirements of this Policy.

Discipline

Failure to comply with this Policy may result in discipline in accordance with the applicable policy or Collective Bargaining Agreement.

REVISION HISTORY

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