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SUBJ: Screening and Testing for Graduate and Professional Students

Dear Graduate and Professional Students,

As we approach the beginning of a new school year I would like to remind you of the website where the latest information on the Fall 2020 Plan is outlined: <https://returntolearn.ucsd.edu/return-to-campus/fall-2020-plan/index.html>. Please take the time to read through this site.

Allow me to highlight the section that describes screening and testing.

Screening

All UC San Diego students who reside on campus, and students who reside in the San Diego region planning to physically come onto the campus for various activities, such as attending an in-person class, are expected to participate in daily symptom and exposure screening.

Should COVID-19 symptoms develop, the daily screener facilitates easy access to COVID-19 testing with an online self-scheduling process in MyStudentChart and results are available usually within 24-36 hours. All students are strongly encouraged to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and conduct a daily self-screening in order to consistently monitor their health and quickly schedule testing, if the need arises.

- First, [register for the Student Symptom and Exposure Screening tool](#).
- Then after registering, [complete the Student Symptom and Exposure Screening every day](#).

Student Testing

All undergraduate and graduate students coming to campus for educational, research, co-curricular, recreational or social activities (including all students living in university-owned housing) will receive free, periodic asymptomatic testing for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Students are required to take part in periodic asymptomatic testing as a

collective public health program that will help minimize transmission of SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 and detect outbreaks early in order to resume on-campus activities as safely as possible. Required testing will take place every two weeks with each test completed at least 12 days apart and with no more than 16 days between tests. For clarification: “educational activities” includes attending a class as a student, but not as an instructor. Our strategy for testing is adaptive; we will adjust our risk-based frequency strategy on who we test and how frequently we test based on the viral activity we find during our ongoing monitoring.

Students who reside in the San Diego region but are NOT planning to physically come onto the campus

Off campus students who are not planning to come onto campus can get asymptomatic testing at UC San Diego sites at no cost. They should use the scheduling links on the Return to Learn website. These students are encouraged to complete the daily screener even if they are not coming to campus.