If the Student Health Center is Closed: After-Hours Care

Always dial 911 for Life-Threatening Events or Major Crime


Get Advice Fast!
Talk to an Advice Nurse 24/7

Use when your issue isn’t life-threatening and you want advice from a skilled healthcare professional. The nurse will help you decide your next steps.

If your call goes to voicemail, leave a message and we’ll get back to you right away. This is a free service for all UCSC students.

Call (831) 459-2591.

LiveHealth Online
Appointments for Mobile Devices or Computers

Talk to a healthcare provider anytime, any day. No appointment needed except for mental health consultations. Use for common issues like colds, urinary tract infections, fever, & headaches. Psychotherapy and psychiatry are also available.

Costs are $10-$25/visit with UC SHIP, and $59/visit without UC SHIP. Get started at LiveHealthOnline.com. Have a credit card and your insurance card/app handy.

Need an Urgent Care facility?

- Palo Alto Medical Foundation Westside: 1301 Mission Street, Santa Cruz. Mon–Fri, 8 am–5 pm, (X-ray Mon–Fri, 9 am–5 pm) Ph: (831) 458-6310
- Palo Alto Medical Foundation Midtown: 2025 Soquel Ave. & Capitola Road, Santa Cruz. Mon–Sun, 8 am–8 pm. (X-ray, CT, & MRI) Ph: (831) 458-5537
- Doctors on Duty: 615 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz. Mon–Fri, 8 am–6 pm & Sat–Sun, 8 am–3 pm (X-ray Mon–Wed, 8 am–3 pm) Ph: (831) 425-7991
- Kaiser Urgent Care: 5615 Scotts Valley Drive, Scotts Valley. Mon–Fri, 10 am–8 pm & Sat–Sun 10 am–6 pm. (Not for UC SHIP) Ph: (831) 430-2740

Need a Hospital?

- Dominican Hospital Emergency Room: 1555 Soquel Drive, Santa Cruz. (888) 471-8990
- Nearest Kaiser Hospital: Watsonville Hospital, 75 Nielson St., Watsonville. (831) 724-4741
- Find a Kaiser location near you at https://thrive.kaiserpermanente.org/

Hours and access may change without notice; always call the facility ahead of time.
Who to Contact for Help After Hours

Need Mental Health Help?
- CAPS Afterhours Crisis Services: (831) 459-2628
- Santa Cruz County Crisis Stabilization Program Telecare: (831) 600-2800
- 24 Hour Suicide Prevention Service: (831) 458-5300 or (877) 663-5433

Need Help for Sexual Assault or Domestic Violence?
- Monarch Services (Women’s Crisis Support/ Defensa de Mujeres)
  Domestic Violence Hotline (bilingual)
  (888) 900-4232

Need a Pharmacy?
These pharmacies are all located on the West Side/Downtown. Check their websites for more locations.
- Westside Pharmacy: (831) 423-7175 (Mission St.)
- Safeway: (831) 420-0785 (Mission St.)
- CVS: (831) 457-2481 (Mission St.)
- Walgreens: (831) 425-3911 (Soquel Ave.)

Rough day?
Here are places on campus to relax. Look them up online (some may be closed due to COVID-19) and drop by:
- Chadwick Gardens
- Arboretum
- Upper Campus or Pogonip hiking trails
- Yoga Room in McHenry basement

Got UC SHIP Insurance?

UC SHIP covers after-hours, emergency care, and urgent care visits. Your copay will be $10-$25 for off-site urgent care or LiveHealth Online and $125 for an emergency room visit. Here’s how it works:

- If you are enrolled in UC SHIP and need non-emergency medical care, you must first go the Student Health Center (SHC) during regular business hours.

- If SHC is closed or you have an emergency, go to an urgent care center or a hospital emergency room. Within 24 hours or by the next business day, you need to notify the SHC Insurance Office at (831) 459-2389 about your off-campus treatment to ensure coverage.

- Follow-up care must be provided at the SHC. A written referral must be provided for continuing off campus care. Services that are not referred by the SHC are not covered.