Protocol for Off-Campus Students Coming to Campus For Any Reason

The University of California requires COVID-19 symptom screening survey and testing for off-campus students who come to campus to live, work or otherwise engage in programs, services and activities. These include UCSC-sponsored programs, meetings, and field research hosted off-site.

UCSC already monitors compliance for students living on campus or attending in-person classes. This document outlines the process for monitoring students who come to UCSC venues for any other reason.

The Process

Students: Students must register at least a week before they come to campus. Off-campus students coming to UCSC must complete a form that registers them for screening and testing reminders. If a student no longer plans to come to campus, they can use the same form to stop the reminders. Once registered, students receive a daily reminder email and text (if they provide their mobile phone number) to complete the symptom screening survey. They also receive weekly COVID-19 test reminders via email.

Student Health Services: When a student registers, SHS staff adds them to the mandatory testing and screening population, ensuring that they receive the screening and testing reminders. SHS updates this list weekly and updates UCSC Student Conduct staff daily with a list of students who haven't complied with the testing program.

Note: Campus will put out a general announcement about this requirement. The announcement will have information on the Student Health Center website directing students to the protocol registration link.

Compliance Badges

Campus departments can use the Health e-Messenger badge feature if they require proof of compliance with requirements to control access to physical spaces. Badges show testing and/or symptom screening compliance as well as isolation/quarantine status. Badges are color coded and have a written description of any compliance issues. Students can show badges via smartphone or any web-based device. For further information see the Student Health Center website.

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