

Dear Medical Students and Coaches,

Your student leaders let me know that many of you have questions about the new Returning/Continuing Asymptomatic COVID-19 Testing Procedures announced on [August 14th by Student Health and Counseling Services](#). These procedures are outlined and excerpted below:

I am a returning/continuing medical student. How do I know if I need a COVID-19 Test?

- If you have been away from UCSF campus sites for greater than 30 continuous days between Jun 1, 2020 and Aug 14, 2020 and you do not meet the exemptions outlined below.

Explain the Criterion for testing. What are the campus sites? Does research at campus sites count?

- Criterion is based on “time away from campus” rather than the SF Bay Area. UCSF Campus Sites are Parnassus Heights, Mission Bay, Mount Zion, and UCSF Affiliates – Benioff Children’s Hospital Oakland, San Francisco VA Medical Center, and Zuckerberg SF General.
- Yes. research at campus sites 'counts' as time on campus.

Who is Exempt?

- Students who tested negative for COVID after August 1, 2020 and results are filed with UCSF SHCS. You may upload test results at SHCS Student Portal.
- Returning/Continuing students who have stayed on UCSF campus sites throughout the summer. This includes conducting research or doing other work at a campus site, e.g. Summer Explore.
- Foundations 2 students who started in their clinical clerkship rotations on July 13, 2020. These students do NOT need a baseline COVID test. You will have been continuously on site at a UCSF campus between July 13-August 14 which exempts you from this requirement.

Do we need to document an Exemption?

- No. SHCS is not tracking exemptions for returning/continuing students.

This is an honor system. The medical school trusts that as medical students you want to protect the public health of your community and will not do anything to endanger yourselves, our patients, or front-care health workers.

How do I initiate a COVID 19 Test?

- Call 415-476-6407 and provide the code "RETURN/CONTINUE STUDENT"

What if I have COVID symptoms or have been exposed to someone with COVID 19?

- Follow protocols on the [Student Health and Counseling COVID testing page](#)

For reference, [please find a COVID 19 powerpoint presentation](#) which I compiled to detail these new procedures.

Thank you,

COVID-19 Student Check-in: Thursday, August 27, 5:00-6:00pm

We will be hosting a medical student check-in this Thursday with **Chaithali Mukerjee, MD, MA, Vice Chancellor and Medical Director of Student Health and Counseling Services** to address any additional COVID-19 Testing questions that you may have.

If you have any questions, please email mededcommunications@ucsf.edu so that we can triage your question prior to the session.

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