

FAQ for the Return to Clinical Clearance for Health Students

1. When should a Health Science Student submit for an Early Clearance?

You should **ONLY** submit for a Health Student Clinical Clearance if:

- You are a Nursing, Pharm D, or 3rd/4th year Medical Student
- You have recently tested **POSITIVE** for COVID-19
- You need clearance to return to clinical rotation at UCI Medical Center

This process is **ONLY** for those who want **EARLY** clearance and return, days 6-9 (with Day zero being the onset of symptoms or day of positive COVID-19 test). Clearance Letters are not required for return to rotation after the full 10 days.

1st/2nd year Medical Students and **ALL OTHER** students who are **NOT** currently on a clinical rotation **DO NOT** need to contact the Student Health Center but should contact their primary care provider as needed.

2. How can a Health Science Student secure an EARLY Clinical Clearance?

Any Health Science Student who tested positive for COVID-19 and is requesting an **EARLY** (days 6-9) return to a clinical rotation needs to do the following:

- a. Go to the [UCI Patient Portal](#)
- b. Go to Messages → New Messages
- c. Select *“I would like to send a CLINICAL secure message to the Student Health Center”*
- d. Go to *“Clearances”* and choose *“RETURN TO CLINICAL (HEALTH STUDENT) COVID POSITIVE”*
- e. Fill out the Questionnaire and follow instructions.

3. Should a Health Science student have testing done at the Student Health Center for an early clearance?

NO, your Antigen COVID testing should be performed at home.

- if **NEGATIVE**, follow the Portal Questionnaire instructions.
- If still **POSITIVE**, you may not return to clinical rotations.

Click [here](#) for more information on COVID, Clearances, and where to pick up Antigen Test kits on campus.

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4. How long is the clearance process?

It takes 1-2 business days.

5. How will I get my clearance letter?

You will receive it online through the Patient Portal.

6. Is there a charge for the Return to Clinical Clearance?

There is a charge for this service, as a “NURSE ONLINE RECORD REVIEW”. For fee information, please click [here](#).