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.