FAQ’s for the Return to Clinical Rotation for Medical and/or Health Science Students

1. **When should a Health Sciences Student submit for a Clinical Clearance?**

You should ONLY submit a Clinical Clearance for Health Student if:
- You are a 3rd/4th year Medical Student, Nursing, or Pharm D student
- You have recently tested POSITIVE for COVID-19
- You need clearance to return to clinical rotation at UCI Medical Center

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 a Clinical Clearance?**

Any Health Science Student who needs a return to a clinical rotation needs to make a request online by doing the following:

a. Go to the SHC Patient Portal
b. Go to Messages \(\rightarrow\) 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

Those who want an early clearance should follow the steps in #3.

3. **Can a Health Science Student obtain an earlier Clinical Clearance?**

If a Health Science Student is on day 6-9 (Day zero is the onset of symptoms or day of positive test), they can book an appointment with SHC laboratory for an Observed Antigen Test. When they are onsite, inform the staff that they will need an Observed Antigen Test \(\not\text{not a PCR}\). It is best to complete this before 12:00 noon.

4. **How long is the Clinical Clearance process?**

It takes 1-2 business days. It is best that the Health Science Student come early for an antigen test and submit their online request early (before 12:00 noon) to give time for processing. The same is true if you are completing an early clearance and need an Observed Antigen Test.
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5. **How will Clinical Clearance letters be received?**
   They will be received online through the Patient Portal.

6. **Is there a charge for the Clinical Clearances?**
   There is a charge for Health Clearance and Administrative Clearance exams and related testing. These types of exams and related testing are not covered by UC SHIP as they are deemed to be not medically necessary but, rather, are an academic requirement. For fee information, please visit [Fees for Most Common Services](#).