

Expanded Testing After Travel

To keep our employees, learners and patients as safe as possible, UCSF is expanding mandatory testing for on-site workers returning to UCSF after travel.

Effective immediately, UCSF, UCSF Health and Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland employees and learners resuming on-site work immediately/soon after return from travel outside the nine-county Bay Area or four-county Fresno area will **be required to complete three – rather than two – COVID-19 tests.**

- The first must be completed **on or before the day you return** to on-site work at UCSF.
- The second must be completed on **day three to four** after your first test.
- The third must be completed **day seven to nine** after your first test.

You may continue to work on-site while you wait for the results of your tests. To simplify the process, you will be able to pick up all test kits at once if you will be working on-site during the 10 days after returning from travel. You can find locations to pick up test kits [here](#).

This policy change is part of an effort to reduce on-site exposures to COVID-19, safeguard our region's ability to provide intensive care for patients, and protect against the spread of a new, highly transmissible strain of the virus detected in several countries and U.S. states, including California.

Additional testing provides one more layer of protection to our current policies of masking, distancing, and hand hygiene, as well as eye protection in clinical facilities. You are encouraged to continue following these policies, which have been effective in keeping transmission rates among our co-workers fairly low.

Please remember that even with these expanded surveillance measures in place, UCSF continues to strongly recommend against all non-essential personal travel. Read more about our travel guidance [here](#) and our testing policies [here](#).