

Health and Safety Protocols:

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- Students involved in various registered on-campus activities, such as labs will be involved in COVID-19 testing, and all students living on campus are required to participate.
- Rady Children's Hospital was on campus during move-in to test each resident student moving in, those who are already in residence and those who will come to campus for specialized instruction.
- All faculty and staff who will be coming to campus will also have the opportunity to be tested.
- Our plan at this time is to repeat testing on a regular basis following the initial testing. We expect testing will occur every two weeks.
- The test is a mid-nasal test, and positive test results will be provided within 48 hours to the patient and USD Student Health Center.
- We have a COVID 19 Contact Tracing team working with the Student Health Center to manage and facilitate the isolation and care plan for individuals who have a positive COVID-19 diagnosis. Additionally, USD will support students needing to quarantine with a care plan. Care plans include meal service, supporting the basic needs of students and monitoring students' symptoms.
- USD has a COVID Support Team, led by Human Resources and Student Wellness. This team works closely with the USD Contact Tracing Team to ensure various campus units have needed information, those impacted directly by COVID-19 are supported (i.e. professor notifications, working with a supervisor), and appropriate cleaning and sanitation processes occur if USD learns of a positive case.
- We are prepared to provide support for those who test positive for COVID-19
- To limit the spread of those with COVID-19, health officials recommend it is best to have residential students who need to isolate or quarantine do so on campus instead of sending them back home.
- We are operating on a low-risk, single occupancy housing model at USD where each student will have their own room and private bathroom.
- To maximize health and safety protocols we have set aside units on campus where students will be able to isolate and quarantine and receive care from the university.
- We have paid close attention to what other universities have been doing and we believe that what we have planned and the protocols we have established will give USD the best opportunity at allowing a select number of students, particularly those in their first year, to experience campus life in a safe manner.
- We will continue with our efforts to maintain a low density population on our campus.
- Employees who can continue to work remotely will do so.
- The majority of our classes will continue to take place remotely.
- Only 6% of our class roster will be in person, mainly labs and capstone projects
 - Of the 2,600 students who typically live on campus any given year, more than 600 students or less than 25 percent are living on campus this semester.
- We have a very small number of students back on campus compared to other schools.

- Students on campus include first- and second-year students, students who have labs and other capstone projects that benefit immensely from in-person instruction and students who are in a different time zone who may find it difficult to learn remotely because of the time difference with San Diego.
- It is imperative that students comply with the protocols outlined in the [student guide](#) for the fall semester as well as the [student pledge](#) to embrace all health and safety measures for the benefit of all Toreros.
 - USD Rules of Conduct and the Terms and Agreements for those living in the Residence Halls have both been updated so that all students are responsible for any conduct that intentionally or recklessly threatens or endangers the health and safety of any person, including but not limited to violating any health and safety requirements of local and state health officials as identified by the university.
 - A student's failure to comply may result in a referral to the Office of Ethical Development and Restorative Practices or Residential Life. This could result in disciplinary actions as reflected in the student code of conduct.
- Some of our campus buildings and facilities will serve as open spaces for students to use
 - Learning Commons, Student Life Pavilion, first-floor Copley Library and University Center – all are adhering to physical distance standards and other guidance set forth by health officials.
- We have updated our health and safety measures across campus:
 - Starting with increasing cleaning and ventilation to the buildings
 - Use of new technology like electrostatic sprayers
 - Flushing of plumbing systems frequently
 - Daily Health Screening Surveys - All people affiliated with USD must fill this out if they plan on visiting campus.
 - Face coverings are required to be worn at all times on campus.
 - Hand sanitizing stations in all high-traffic buildings.
 - Wipes, and cleaning spray for students to disinfect their study or work area after each use.
 - Temperature screenings are required before entering any building on campus.
 - Faculty and staff with temperatures of 100 degrees or higher will be prohibited from being on campus.