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TO: ALL GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS

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SUBJ: Return to Learn Program - Now Open to Residents of Graduate Student Housing

Last week, you learned how UC San Diego’s Return to Learn Program aims to broadly test students, faculty, and staff on-campus on a recurring basis for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19. This evidence-based program, which includes plans for contact tracing and isolation housing for on-campus resident students who test positive for the virus, is intended to better position UC San Diego to resume in-person activities when fall classes begin in September 2020.

The first part of this voluntary, self-administered, COVID-19 screening program involves participation by on-campus residential students. The Return to Learn program will provide valuable information which will inform our on-going planning efforts for the fall quarter. Graduate students who reside in on-campus housing, are able to participate in the Return to Learn Program starting on Monday, May 18 through Friday, May 29 (Please note: locations will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 25). For free COVID-19 screening times and locations, please visit: returntolearn.ucsd.edu. Check back regularly as information is being updated frequently.

There is no cost and your insurance will not be billed. At this time, we are not able to accommodate students who do not reside in on-campus housing, nor family members of students who may also live on-campus. Students with positive results will be contacted by Student Health Services for clinical guidance. If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, DO NOT participate in this program. Students experiencing COVID-19 symptoms must visit Student Health Services (SHS) on campus for testing and health care.

Please contact rtl@ucsd.edu if you have any questions about the program, or to ask UC San Diego researchers a confidential program question, you can also use your SSO and log into
IdeaWave. For personal questions related to your medical care, please contact Student Health Services at 858-534-3300 or the SHS Advice Nurse through MyStudentChart.