

December 9, 2020

Shane White, Chair
Academic Senate

Re: UCLA Health COVID-19 Case Data Reporting and Asymptomatic Testing

Dear Chair White,

At its meeting on November 17, 2020, the Faculty Welfare Committee discussed the issue regarding UCLA Health COVID-19 case data reporting and asymptomatic testing. Committee members offered the following comments.

Members unanimously agree that the data on COVID-19 cases at UCLA Health need to be transparent and available to the public, in a form similar to the COVID-19 case reporting of the UCLA general campus. Currently the COVID-19 case data at UCLA Health are available only to those in Health Sciences. The Committee would like to ask the Executive Board to request comparable information on Health Sciences from the administration.

Regarding asymptomatic testing, it appears that the clinical faculty and staff in Health Sciences who are not involved in teaching or research are currently not offered regular COVID-19 testing. Committee members believe that offering the tests should be equitable. Thus, the tests should be offered to the clinical faculty and staff in the health system, as is done for the general campus. Members in Health Sciences opined that testing every week may become an issue as there may not be enough tests for everyone. Additionally, those in Health Sciences are already taking precautions, so it may not need to be mandatory. However, this should not preclude them from being tested should they need or want to do so. FWC members recommend that COVID-19 tests should be made available to anyone who wants them, even if they have no symptoms.

If you have any questions, please contact us via the Faculty Welfare Committee's interim analyst, Elizabeth Feller, at efeller@senate.ucla.edu.

Sincerely,

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