COVID-19 Vaccine Response Fund

Accelerating efforts to combat COVID-19

The beginning of the end of the pandemic starts now.
Since the first case of SARS-CoV-2 arrived in San Diego, UC San Diego Health has been at the forefront of caring for our community and our world — from our leading-edge Return to Learn program to the region’s first vaccination superstation. And as new vaccines become available and are rolled out around the world, we have the opportunity to find equitable ways to protect everyone in San Diego and beyond.

In times like this, it takes heart, courage and boldness to rise to the occasion — especially in California, home to nearly one in 10 COVID-19 cases in the U.S. We are confronting a new disease, but unlike any point before, we have the technology, the knowledge and the ability to rise up and meet that challenge, together.

Our dedication to maintaining the health of our community requires an unprecedented collaboration — across our campus, community, country and world. Broadening our work — particularly expanding our capacity to deliver vaccines to more people — requires additional vaccine doses for distribution, especially for the most vulnerable: seniors, veterans and medically underserved communities.

Our goal? To join friends and loved ones together again. Increasing vaccination rates will bring our community back to classrooms, back to the workplace, and back to connecting in person, face-to-face.

279,000+
Vaccinations administered between December 2020 and March 2021 (first and second doses)

640,000+
Total COVID-19 diagnostic tests conducted to date

One
Vaccination superstation

Up to 5,000
Vaccinations administered daily at UC San Diego’s superstation

At the University of California San Diego, challenging convention is our most cherished tradition. Through the Campaign for UC San Diego — our university-wide comprehensive fundraising effort concluding in 2022 — we are enhancing student support, ensuring student success, transforming our campus, connecting our community, and redefining medicine and health care on a global scale.
COVID-19 Vaccine Response Fund Priorities

As one of the premier health care systems in the United States and the only academic hospital in San Diego, our community counts on us. Philanthropy is critical to accelerating our efforts to distribute vaccinations across our region and ensuring that every member of our community has the opportunity for access. But we can’t do it alone. We invite you to join our bold effort.

**Improving equity**

People of color and patients with disabilities face a number of obstacles to vaccination. UC San Diego Health seeks to increase equitable distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine for both UC San Diego Health patients and San Diego County residents by removing physical barriers to access, providing safe and reliable transportation to vaccine sites, connecting people with support services, and increasing community outreach.

**Ensuring access**

Perhaps one of the most saddening aspects of COVID-19 is the reality that it disproportionately affects vulnerable communities. A key tenet of our efforts is improving access to vaccines for our entire region, especially our most vulnerable neighbors: seniors, veterans and medically underserved populations.

**Increasing capacity**

As we continue building our capacity to distribute vaccines across the county, our vaccination superstation on campus at RIMAC Arena offers a proven model for efficient mass vaccinations. Ongoing outreach efforts, volunteer recruitment and securing necessary supplies will ensure we continue to have the infrastructure in place to vaccinate every eligible individual who schedules an appointment.

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**Help us continue the non tradition.**

With your help, UC San Diego will continue to lead our region’s efforts to combat the coronavirus pandemic — from expanding our vaccine superstation model to increasing access to vaccination for medically underserved populations. Together with your philanthropic support of the COVID-19 Vaccine Response Fund, we can bring San Diego, and our world, one step closer to being able to experience life together again.

Learn more: campaign.ucsd.edu/coronavirus

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