

Anteater Experience

60th Anniversary of UC Irvine

UC Irvine Libraries Exhibit
February through September 2025



**COVID-19 @
UC Irvine Timeline**

March 12, 2020

First COVID-19 patient
arrives at UCI Medical
Center in Orange

March 19, 2020

Irvine campus closed



March 2020: UCI Health caregivers established Orange County's first drive-through screening sites

Image credit: Carlos Puma.



March 2020: Outdoor emergency room triage center erected at UCI Medical Center

Image credit: Carlos Puma.



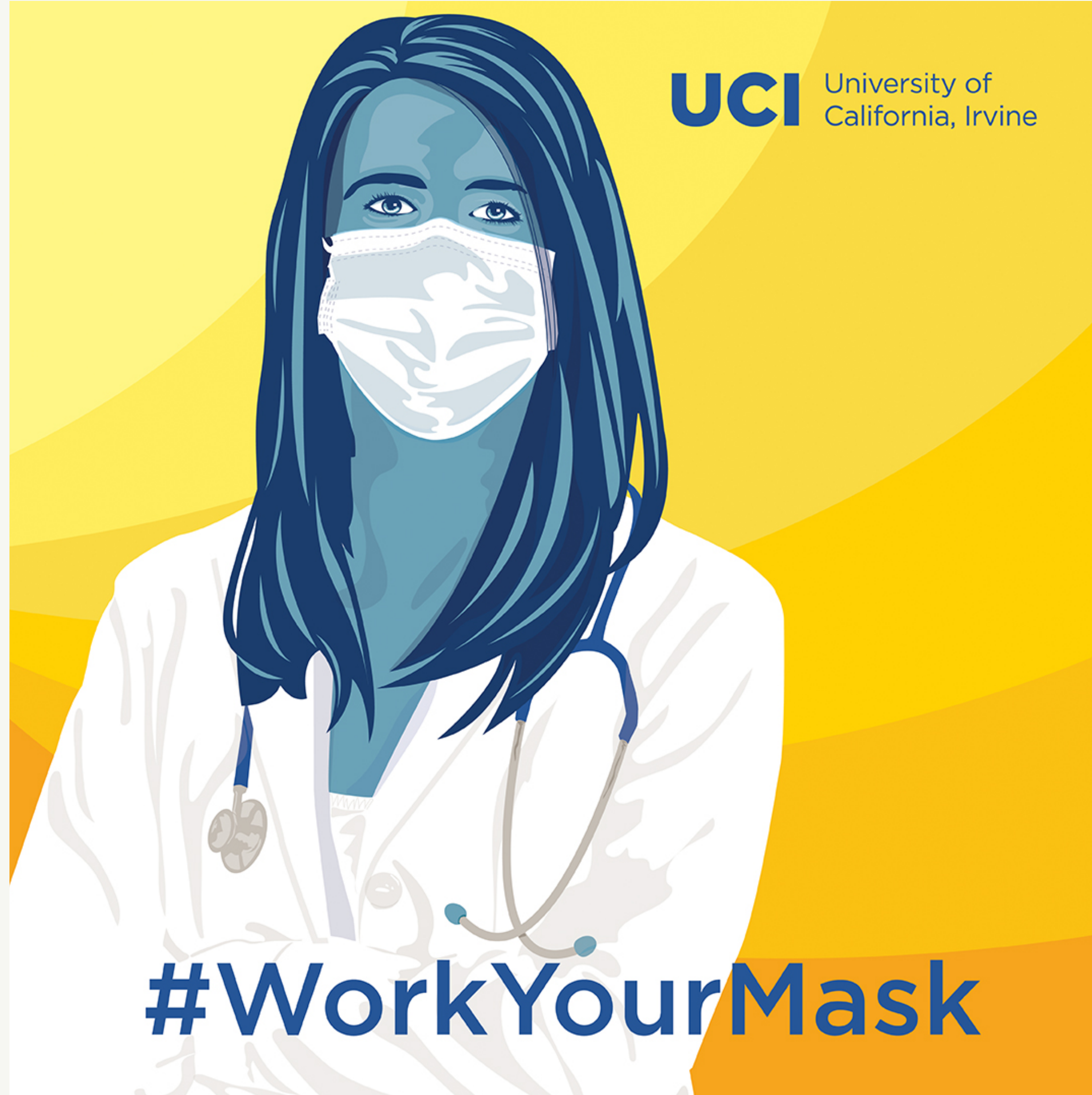
April 2020: Less than 400 undergraduate and international students remained in campus housing



May 2020: Health screening required for UCI Student Health Center visitors

Image credit: Steven Georges.

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#WorkYourMask

Summer 2020: UCI Health and other public officials recommend use of face masks

Image: UCI COVID-19 campaign graphic.

January 2021: COVID-19 vaccines available

THIS IS OUR SHOT

TO HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19



MASK UP



WASH HANDS



MAINTAIN AT LEAST 6 FT DISTANCE



VACCINATE

#ThisisOurShot

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Image: UCI COVID-19 campaign graphic.



February-December 2021: Nearly 75,000 vaccine doses given at the UCI Bren Events Center

Image credit: Steve Zylius.



September 2021: Students welcomed back to campus after over a year of remote learning

Image credit: Steve Zylus.



December 2021: After virtual ceremonies in June 2020 & 2021, first fall in-person commencement ceremony held in Bren Events Center

Image credit: Steve Zylus.

2021-2022: COVID-19-related safety protocols such as on-site testing and mask mandates remained in effect for more than a year

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FACE COVERINGS

Face coverings will still be **required** in all UCI buildings.



Image: UCI COVID-19 campaign graphic.

For more detailed information regarding research and activities at UCI and UCI Health, see the [“COVID-19: A Call to Action” special report.](#)

For further information about the *Anteater Experience: 60th Anniversary of UC Irvine* exhibit and other UC Irvine Libraries' exhibits, visit [**exhibits.lib.uci.edu**](https://exhibits.lib.uci.edu).