Due to changes in guidance by the CA Department of Public Health and updates to the Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Standard, UC ANR has made some revisions to several safety protocols, as follows:

Mask Protocol – revised to align with updated guidance from CDPH and Cal/OSHA standard. Changes include:
- Revised information about the types of masks that are acceptable in the workplace and links to further CDPH mask guidance.
- Revised to comply with updated Cal/OSHA standard. Masks must be worn indoors while working at a cubicle in an open area or in a shared office. When working indoors, **masks may only be removed when an employee is alone in a room**, or when eating, as long as distance is maintained from other people.
- See Mask Protocol: https://ucanr.edu/sites/safety/files/349125.pdf

Isolation/Quarantine and Return to Work Protocol – revised to align with updated guidance from CDPH and Cal/OSHA standard. Changes include:
- Clarified isolation/quarantine timelines and requirements/conditions required to reduce times.
- Revised to adjust Cal/OSHA ETS timelines which were superseded by CDPH guidance.
- See Protocol: https://ucanr.edu/sites/safety/files/331768.pdf and Chart: https://ucanr.edu/sites/safety/files/361955.pdf

Testing – The Cal/OSHA ETS revision modifies the definition of a test as follows:
- References FDA approval or authorization.
- Requires that self-administered (at-home) tests that are used for compliance with the Cal/OSHA standard must be observed by the employer or a telehealth proctor.
- UC ANR does not currently have a method to conduct such observation in a manner that complies with privacy and other standards for diagnostic testing. This limits the usability of at-home tests for reducing quarantine periods. UC ANR personnel or volunteers may not observe others testing. We will be exploring other options with UC partners.
- Use of at-home tests for self-screening of symptoms or for compliance with UC vaccination policy is allowed without observation.
- See Guidance for Use of At-Home Tests for more information about when and how to use this tool: https://ucanr.edu/sites/safety/files/362612.pdf

Outbreak protocol – minor edits to exceptions
- Fully vaccinated persons are no longer excepted from the offer of testing.
- See Outbreak Protocol: https://ucanr.edu/sites/safety/files/352287.pdf

UC ANR's COVID-19 Prevention Plans and other safety protocols have not been changed. Please see http://ucanr.edu/reopening for links to all of UC ANR's COVID-19 plans, protocols, and resources.

**At-Home COVID-19 tests available from U.S. Postal Service**

Residential households in the U.S. can order one set of 4 free at-home tests from USPS.com. Here's what you need to know about this program:

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