

MEDICAL AMNESTY PROGRAM (MAP)
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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Medical Amnesty Program (MAP) at UC San Diego is to reduce the barriers to seeking medical treatment for personal use of or assistance with medical emergencies involving alcohol, controlled substances, and communicable diseases with public health implications, while promoting community wellbeing and safety. MAP is a part of UC San Diego's Bystander Intervention Model, which aims to address the well-being of all Students by reducing relationship violence, stalking, sexual assault, and the overconsumption and/or misuse of alcohol and controlled substances. In alignment with California Assembly Bill 602 and UC Systemwide policy, MAP establishes pathways for referral to appropriate rehabilitation or intervention programs and other resolution pathways.

ELIGIBILITY

Students and Student Organizations will not be subject to the formal student conduct process or subject to disciplinary action if any of the following scenarios apply:

I. Medical Treatment)

- Any student who receives medical treatment for the personal use of alcohol or drugs will not be subject to disciplinary action under PACAOS, Appendix H or campus regulations for personal use violations of Section 102.17 or 102.18, or related campus alcohol or drug policies;
- Apply only to disciplinary action for personal use violations of alcohol- or drug-related policies and does not preclude the University from addressing other alleged misconduct. Such misconduct may include, but is not limited to, manufacturing, distribution, dispensing, or sale of alcohol or controlled substances; physical violence; sexual violence; hazing; or violations of other University policies;
- Amnesty under this provision is only applicable once per academic quarter;
- If other violations unrelated to alcohol or drugs are present or alleged, a student will not be eligible for this provision;
- Only individual students may be considered under the Medical Treatment provision, Registered Student Organizations may qualify under other criteria of MAP

II. Responsible Reporting

- A student is not already covered by the Medical Treatment provision;
- There is a medical emergency involving alcohol and/or controlled substances and a Student or Student Organization seeks help by initiating contact with a University or

Public Official, such as a House Advisor/Resident Advisor, University Safety Official, Police Officer, Staff Member, etc. No other major University Standards of Conduct (e.g. disorderly conduct, distribution of controlled substances, hazing, assault/battery, vandalism, etc.) were violated during the same incident by the Student or Student Organization eligible for Medical Amnesty; AND

- The Responsible Reporting provision has not already been applied to a case for the Student or Student Organization during the quarter of the incident.

III. Public Health Related Incidents (e.g. COVID-19)

- There is an incident, including, but not limited to parties, gatherings, public service events and programs, involving a violation of Health and Safety Requirements for Public Health Emergencies by a Student or Student Organization.
- A Student or Student Organization communicates this violation in good faith either while receiving medical treatment or during the contact tracing process.
- The Student or Student Organization did not intentionally or recklessly expose others during the incident (e.g. knowingly infecting another person, recklessly disregarding Health and Safety Requirements, prior knowledge of an involved student's positive status, etc.); AND
- No other major University Standards of Conduct (e.g. disorderly conduct, distribution of controlled substances, hazing, assault/battery, vandalism, etc.) were violated during the same incident by the Student or Student Organization eligible for Medical Amnesty.

Students may not receive amnesty under the same eligibility provision more than once per quarter.

Students participating as a complainant or witness in an investigation under the Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment (SVSH) Policy will generally not be subject to the formal student conduct process for related violations at or near the time of the incident. This also applies to Students participating in an Alternative Resolution process under the SVSH Policy.

PROTOCOL

I. Medical Treatment Provision:

Students whose incidents are addressed under the Medical Treatment provision of MAP will meet with a designated University official to discuss the opportunity to complete an appropriate rehabilitation or intervention program. Students who complete an appropriate program will not be subject to disciplinary action related to the personal use of drugs or alcohol.

At this meeting, the designated University official and the student will discuss the options for appropriate programs, requirements under this provision, and a reasonable timeline for which the program to be completed by.

If a student fails to complete, or chooses to not complete, an appropriate rehabilitation or intervention program, the student may be subject to disciplinary action for the underlying alcohol or drug related policy violation in accordance with PACAOS and other applicable campus policies.

II. Responsible Reporting and Public Health Provisions:

Students and Student Organizations whose incidents are addressed under MAP will meet with a Student Conduct Officer to discuss their participation in an appropriate educational sanction (e.g. BASICS/CASICS, PDMAR Workshop, etc.) but will not be subject to the formal student conduct process or receive administrative sanctions (e.g. Formal Warning, Probation, etc.).

Students will meet with their Dean of Student Affairs or designee, or with Center for Student Accountability, Growth, and Education (SAGE) staff.

Student Organizations' Principal Members will meet with the Executive Director for the Center for Student Involvement or their designee. Students from the **School of Medicine** and **Skaggs School of Pharmacy** are eligible for all provisions of MAP. However, they may also be subject to discipline by their school for violating the school's professional conduct policies.

MAP does not prevent those required by local, state or federal law from reporting, charging or taking other action related to a Student or non-affiliate (e.g. minor in possession citation by police, mandated reporting under Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment Policy, public health contact tracing, etc.).

RECORD KEEPING

MAP records will be maintained by SAGE for seven years from the end of the academic year in which the incident was resolved. They typically include any related reports, communication, and/or documentation associated with the incident.

MAP records will not be reported out as part of any conduct record checks for Students and Student Organizations. However, they may be considered when determining sanctions for any future student conduct violations committed by Students and Student Organizations. MAP incidents involving Student Organizations will be included on the University's [Student Organization Case Status Summary page](#).

RELATED INFORMATION

- [California Assembly Bill 602](#)