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The Honorable John Laird
Chair, Joint Legislative Budget Committee
1020 N Street, Room 502
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Senator Laird:

Pursuant to AB 2482, Chapter 933, Statutes of 2022, enclosed is the University of California's annual report to the Legislature on Wellness Vending Machines.

If you have any questions regarding this report, Associate Vice President Cain Diaz would be pleased to speak with you. Cain can be reached by telephone at (510) 987-9350, or by e-mail at Cain.Diaz@ucop.edu.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

CAMPUSES

Berkeley
Davis
Irvine
UCLA
Merced
Riverside
San Diego
San Francisco
Santa Barbara
Santa Cruz

MEDICAL CENTERS

Davis
Irvine
UCLA
San Diego
San Francisco

NATIONAL LABORATORIES

Lawrence Berkeley
Lawrence Livermore
Los Alamos

DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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(Attn: Mr. Kirk Feely)
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Assembly Budget Subcommittee #3
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AB-2482 Report: UC Wellness Vending Machine Pilot Program – Fiscal Year 2025-26

The following report is forwarded in compliance with Section 66023.8 of the California Education Code (EDC), regarding the status of the Wellness Vending Machine Pilot Program at the University of California (UC). The EDC reporting language can be found in Appendix 1. Five campuses (UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UCLA, UC Merced, and UC Santa Cruz) are participating in this pilot program. Others are in the process of joining.

Wellness vending machines are designed to improve access to essential health products, including those related to sexual and reproductive health. Commonly offered items include condoms, emergency contraception, pregnancy tests, menstrual products (pads and tampons), and over-the-counter medications, such as pain relievers and cold and flu treatments. Some campuses have expanded their offerings to include hygiene supplies, first aid kits, and harm-reduction items, such as naloxone and fentanyl test strips, although availability varies based on local demand and partnerships.

Pricing generally appears to be set below typical retail levels for many high-priority health products, particularly emergency contraception, pregnancy tests, condoms, menstrual products, and harm-reduction supplies, which are often offered at low cost or free. Other general wellness items, such as over-the-counter medications, hygiene products, and first aid supplies, are commonly priced at modest convenience-level amounts and may vary by campus, vendor, or purchasing arrangement.

UC's wellness vending machine programs have adopted a range of approaches to implementation and sustainability, reflecting differences in funding, operations, and campus needs. For example, UC Berkeley and UC Santa Cruz have incurred defined start-up costs plus ongoing maintenance costs, while UC Merced relies on vendor-operated or partnership models that minimize or eliminate upfront expenses. At UCLA the machine was provided by UCLA Vending Services, incurring no additional costs beyond the initial inventory of items. UC Davis Bookstore runs and funds the wellness vending machine and uses UC Davis Student Health Pharmacy's bulk purchasing agreements to stock items. Funding sources also vary and include student wellness fees, auxiliary or bookstore funds, departmental funding, and external or in-kind contributions.

Communication and outreach strategies are generally consistent and low cost, relying primarily on social media, campus websites, flyers, and pamphlets. Additional strategies may include launch events or orientation outreach to promote awareness and use.

Additional details on the participating campuses are provided below.

Campus: UC Berkeley

Location: Third floor of Eshleman Hall (Student Union)

Acquisition Cost & Maintenance

Acquisition cost = \$4,100, which includes:

- Machine design: \$350 (custom wrap and design)
- Delivery: \$1,250
- Security deposit: \$2,000
- Retrofitting for California compliance: \$500

Machine maintenance = \$665/month, for a total of \$7,980/year.

Communication Methods

- Creating or updating campus websites
- Flyers
- Hosting a grand opening event
- Social media

Products Offered and Dispensed from January 2026 through May 2026:

Product Name	Count Dispensed	Price
Emergency contraception	64	\$5.00
KY Jelly	11	\$6.00
Trojan pleasure pack	13	\$5.00
Trojan ENZ	12	\$4.50
Nalaxone	4	\$0.50
Cortisone	4	\$6.75
Kleenex	7	\$2.00
Emergen-C	7	\$1.25
Blistex	3	\$3.25
Type C Charger	3	\$3.50
Iphone charger	3	\$3.50
Benadryl Card	3	\$3.00
Colgate toothpaste and toothbrush	2	\$3.00
Jergens lotion	4	\$3.00
Johnson and Johnson band-aids	1	\$3.00
Maxi thin pads	4	\$2.00

Product Name	Count Dispensed	Price
Liquid IV	4	\$2.50
Degree deodorant	4	\$4.00
Tylenol	7	\$3.00
Halls cough drops	2	\$3.00
Tums	1	\$4.00
Family care nasal spray	1	\$3.00
Excedrin migraine	0	\$3.50
Cadence pregnancy test	8	\$10.00
Playtex sport tampons	1	\$5.25
CorDX Covid/Flu	1	\$10.00

Funding Sources: Wellness Fee Funds, Big C Funds (Campus Climate and Equity Fee)

Partner Organizations

All items are provided by the vending machine vendor, with the exception of the following: Emergency contraception is provided by the student group Project RHJ (Reproductive Health Justice). Naloxone is provided by the Health Promotion unit.

Campus: UC Davis

Location: The Activities and Recreation Building (ARC)

Acquisition Cost & Maintenance

The health vending machine was purchased in 2017 for \$3,000.00. It is managed by the bookstore's convenience store located in the ARC. The operating costs are built into the store budget.

Communication Methods: Creating or updating campus websites.

Products Offered and Dispensed Fiscal Year 2025-2026:

Product Name	Count Dispensed	Price
E Contra EZ	133	\$25.00
Midol	2	\$3.50
AZO	3	\$8.00
Diva Cup	0	\$33.55
ClearBlue Pregnancy Test	25	\$8.25

Product Name	Count Dispensed	Price
Potty Pack Period Pack	0	\$4.30
Potty Pack First Aid Kit	0	\$3.25
Potty Pack Hangover Kit	0	\$4.30
Potty Pack Dental Kit	0	\$4.30
Potty Pack Sex Pack	0	\$5.40
Tissues	1	\$1.10
Flo Trial Packs	2	\$3.85
Tampax Regular Tampons	0	\$6.00
Tampax Super Tampons	0	\$6.00
Trojan Nirvana	0	\$6.10
Trojan Fire & Ice	1	\$6.00
Trojan Ultra Ribbed	1	\$5.10
Trojan ENZ	0	\$5.10
Trojan Ultra Thin	6	\$5.10
Trojan Magnum	4	\$5.10
Trojan Her Pleasure	3	\$6.50
Extra Strength Tylenol	1	\$3.00
Advil	2	\$3.35
Advil Liquid Gels	4	\$3.75
Claritin	2	\$4.40
Kotex Regular Tampon	2	\$2.10
Kotex Super Tampon	3	\$2.10

Funding Sources: Bookstore auxiliary funds

Partner Organizations

The UC Davis Bookstore manages the health vending machine and works with the pharmacy at the student health center to acquire the product, leveraging their purchasing agreements.

Campus: UCLA

Location: Ashe Student Health Center as of February 2026.

Acquisition Cost & Maintenance

UCLA Vending Services owns and maintains the vending machine. The campus did not incur an acquisition cost for the machine itself. UCLA only paid for the initial stock of products placed in the machine, and UCLA Vending Services will purchase products going forward.

Communication Methods

- Creating or updating campus websites
- Flyers
- Pamphlets
- Social media

Products Offered and Dispensed from February 2026 through May 2026:

Product Name	Count Dispensed	Price
Bandages (8 pack)	576	\$1.00
First Aid Kit, travel size	90	\$3.95
Ace Wrap, 2 pack	100	\$9.50
Digital Thermometer	50	\$6.95
Instant Cold Pack	96	\$1.00
Pregnancy Test, 3 Pack	150	\$12.00
COVID Flu Combo Test	108	\$12.00
Tampons, 4 pack	128	Free
Feminine Pads, 4 pack	192	Free
Narcan	310	Free
Fentanyl Test Strips, 5 pack	500	Free
Condoms, 5 pack	500	Free

Funding Sources: Initial product stocking was funded by the campus, and UCLA Vending Services will purchase products going forward.

Partner Organizations

UCLA Vending Services partnered with us to establish the machine and maintain the stock. They will also now start purchasing the products. The California Department of Public Health provides the Narcan and fentanyl test strips at no cost.

Campus: UC Merced

Locations: Kolligian Library and Half Dome Market Place

Acquisition Cost & Maintenance

There is no upfront capital cost to the campus. The vendor, SimpliChek, provides, installs, stocks, and maintains the kiosk under a service agreement model. The university pays an annual service fee, which covers equipment, inventory management, maintenance, and reporting.

Communication Methods

- Creating or updating campus websites
- Flyers
- Social media

Products Offered and Dispensed Fiscal Year 2025-2026:

Product Name	Count Dispensed	Price
Cadence Morning After Pill - EC	797	\$12.00
Cadence Early Pregnancy Test - 2 tests	229	\$10.00
Tylenol Extra Strength - Box of 4	122	\$3.00
Advil Ibuprofen - Box of 4	80	\$3.00
Visine Eye Drops .2oz	70	\$5.25
Trojan Spermicidal Condoms - Box of 3	64	\$4.50
K-Y Jelly Personal Lubricant 2 oz	47	\$6.50
Halls Cough Suppressant Drops	38	\$3.00
Johnson & Johnson Band-Aids - Pack of 8	37	\$2.50
Pepto Bismol Chewables - Box of 2	36	\$3.00
Allegra Allergy - Card of 1	35	\$5.00
Tums EX Antacids - Bottle of 12 chewable	34	\$4.00
Maxithins Ultra Thin Pads w/wings	26	\$2.00
Trojan Pleasure Pack Condoms, Box of 3	20	\$4.50
Tylenol- card of 4	17	\$3.00
Chapstick	17	\$3.50
Hot/Cold Pack	16	\$5.25
Biotrue Contact Lens Solution & Contact Lens Case - 2 oz	16	\$6.50
Cortisone 10 - Hydrocortisone Cream	15	\$6.00
Imodium AD - Box of 6	14	\$9.00
Alka Seltzer + Cold	14	\$3.00

Product Name	Count Dispensed	Price
Nasal Spray Family Care - 0.5 oz - Box	13	\$3.00
Dulcolax Laxative Tablets - Box of 10	12	\$6.00
Playtex Sport Tampons, Box of 8	12	\$5.25
CORDX	9	\$11.00
Tampax Pocket Radiant Tampons - Box of 3	8	\$5.25
Vagistat	8	\$17.50
Neosporin Antibiotic Ointment Tube- 0.5 oz	6	\$10.00
Excedrin Migraine - card of 4	5	\$3.00
Excedrin Extra Strength - Box of 4	5	\$3.00
Trojan Magnum Lub. Condoms - Box of 3	4	\$4.50
Kleenex Pocket Pack Tissue- Pack of 10	2	\$2.00

Funding Sources: The Auxiliary Services and Fiscal Innovation Department funds these machines.

Partner Organizations

SimpliChek, Inc. serves as the primary vendor and operator of the wellness vending machines. SimpliChek partners with various product manufacturers and distributors to supply over the counter, sexual health, and wellness products.

Campus: UC Santa Cruz

Locations: McHenry Library (Main Lobby) – Available during library operating hours; Quarry Plaza – Accessible 24/7; Cowell Student Health Center (Main Entrance) – Accessible 24/7

Acquisition Cost & Maintenance

UC Santa Cruz leases three vending machines from LTS (Longview International Technical Solutions). The start-up cost is \$2,500 for each machine, and the total monthly cost is \$3,400 for all three kiosks.

Communication Methods:

- E-newsletters
- Flyers
- Pamphlets
- Social media

Products Offered and Dispensed:

Product Name	Count Dispensed	Price
Generic Levonorgestrel-1.5mg (1 ct)	585	\$8.00
Naloxone HCl Nasal Spray 4 mg (2 ct)	495	Free
Early Detection Pregnancy Test (2 ct)	198	\$6.75
STI Urine Swab Test Kit (1 ct)	182	Free (Discontinued)
External (Male) Condoms Standard (3 ct)	167	\$5.70
STI Swab Test Kit (1 ct)	144	Free (Discontinued)
Covid-19 Antigen Home Test (2 ct)	120	\$14.99
External (Male) Condoms Large (3 ct)	50	\$5.70
Personal Lubricant 4 oz (1 ct)	43	\$6.99
Fentanyl Test Strips (5 ct)	42	\$6.00
Ibuprofen 200 mg (20 ct)	36	\$6.97
Levonorgestrel 1.5mg (1 ct)	28	\$8.00
Acetaminophen 500mg (10 ct)	13	\$3.25
Hydration Multiplier Electrolyte Drink Mix (6 ct)	13	\$13.50
Regular Feminine Hygiene Pads (3 ct)	7	\$1.79
Regular Absorbency Tampons (8 ct)	5	\$3.85
Regular Feminine Hygiene Pad (1 ct) x 3 pack	5	\$1.79
Acetaminophen 3 pouches of 2 caplets (6 ct)	3	\$3.25
Cough Drops (16 ct)	2	\$4.99
COVID-19 + Flu A & B Antigen Self-Test (1 ct)	2	\$14.99
First Aid Kit - 12 Piece (1 ct)	2	\$2.99
2 in 1 Drink Spike Test (10 ct)	1	\$18.60
Eye Lubricant .05 fl oz (1 ct)	1	Discontinued
Pink Bismuth Chewable (12 ct)	1	Discontinued
Regular Tampons (3 ct)	1	\$3.85

Funding Source: Unrestricted carry forward funds.

Partner Organizations

LTS (Longview International Technical Solutions) serves as the primary vendor and operator of the wellness vending machines.

Appendix 1: California Education Code (EDC) Section 66023.8 Reporting Language¹

(a) The Wellness Vending Machine Pilot Program is hereby established •

(d) (7) The University of California is requested to select any number of campuses that are deemed most appropriate to participate in the pilot program; Each participating campus is requested to establish at the main campus a satellite campus or both at least one wellness vending machine that dispenses wellness products including but not limited to condoms dental dams menstrual cups lubrication tampons menstrual pads pregnancy tests and nonprescription drugs including discounted emergency contraception;

(8) Each participating campus is requested to do both of the following;

(A) To the extent possible place wellness vending machines in central locations on campus that will enable students to have access 80 hours per day seven days per week;

(B) Select and implement at least one of the following methods or other chosen method to notify students of the presence of the wellness vending machine;

(i) Pamphlets;

(ii) Posters;

(iii) Flyers;

(iv) Social media;

(v) Creating or updating internet websites;

(vi) Hosting a grand opening event;

(vii) Outreach to campus clubs and organizations;

(viii) During an orientation session;

(9) On or after July 7, 2012 and on or after each July 7 thereafter the University of California is requested to submit a report to the Legislature pursuant to Section 6351 of the Government Code on the pilot project at its participating campuses; Information reported pursuant to this paragraph shall be disaggregated by campus and shall include but not be limited to all of the following;

(A) The location of the wellness vending machine;

¹ California Code, EDC 66023.8:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=66023.8&lawCode=EDC

- (B) Which.times.of.the.day.and.days.of.the.week.the.wellness.vending.machine.is.stocked?
functioning?and.accessible.to.students;
- (C) The.total.cost.to.acquire.and.maintain.the.wellness.vending.machine;
- (D) Which.method.or.methods.were.used.to.notify.students.of.the.presence.of.the.wellness.
vending.machine.as.required.by.subparagraph.(B).of.paragraph.(8);
- (E) The.types.of.products.offered.through.the.wellness.vending.machine;
- (F) Whether.the.price.for.each.type.of.product.was.offered.at.a.discounted.rate.as.
compared.to.the.average.retail.price;
- (G) The.total.sales.volume?disaggregated.by.type.of.product;
- (H) The.name.of.each.entity.or.organization?if.any?the-campus.or.segment.partnered.with.
to.offer.products.through.the.wellness.vending.machine;
- (I) The.source.or.sources.of.funding.used.to.finance.the.wellness.vending.machine;