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Health Information for New Health Science Students

Whether you are a seasoned Iowa student just embarking on your health science program, or a new student to the UI, we want to welcome you and provide some information to you regarding our clinic, immunizations, and other requirements.

Student Health & Wellness (SHW) is a full service campus health clinic that provides primary medical care, acute illness and chronic disease management, women's health and mental health services, as well as wellness, sexual health, nutrition, travel, allergy injections and immunizations. We are an appointment based clinic, and we are located on the west side of campus, in the Westlawn Building. On the east campus, students can visit our Wellness staff at the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center (CRWC). We also have an RN-staffed Clinical Outreach vaccination clinic in the lower level of the IMU, where no appointment is needed for any recommended vaccinations or those needed for health requirements. Students who register for five or more semester hours of credit are automatically assessed a health fee, which entitles you to free office visits and many services at no cost. Any charges that are incurred for immunizations, lab tests, or other exams can be submitted directly to your insurance, or charges can be paid by cash or u-bill.

We pride ourselves in being experts in college health, and we hope you take advantage of our services while you are here at Iowa! We understand the importance of our work to YOUR success-keeping you healthy and providing education and resources for you to incorporate healthy habits into your future.

An important action for you to take is to review your immunization history and make sure you have received the required and recommended vaccinations before you start your program. **All UI students are required to provide proof of (2) Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) vaccinations. In addition, health science students are required to receive other vaccinations and tests before starting their programs.** Please see "Requirements for Health Science Students" on our [Requirements & Forms page](#) on our website.

Note that we have a **NEW REQUIRED form** to submit your immunizations. You can find this form on the [Requirements & Forms page](#). This form is processed electronically, so we will no longer accept copies of vaccination records from schools, doctor's offices, health departments. You must type information into this form and submit it to your healthcare provider for validation/signature. Don't forget to attach lab reports of your titers if you have those.

Submit the records before the start of classes if possible. You will not be allowed to register for subsequent semesters if we do not have your MMR and other documentation. Your particular health science college may have other deadlines. You will be able to see on MyUI what SHW has on file for you.

There are vaccines that are recommended for college students, including Human Papilloma Virus (HPV), Meningitis (MCV4), and Hepatitis A, in addition to an annual influenza vaccine. All of

these vaccines are available at SHW for a fee. If a vaccine series is started elsewhere, we can finish it for you at SHW. We appreciate getting your full immunization record of all childhood vaccinations, so that we can enter them in your electronic medical record. This will also give you access to your immunization records through MyChart in the future, when you need them for academic programs, employment, or foreign travel.

If you are a minor student (under 18) be sure to send in the needed consent forms signed by you parent or guardian, for permission to treat you and bill your insurance. You can find those form on the [Requirements & Forms page](#) on our website, under the Minor Students (Under age 18) section. If you have any questions about immunizations or your records, feel free to email us at immunizations@healthcare.uiowa.edu.

We look forward to working with you during your time at Iowa and we encourage you to let us know how we can help.

Good luck to you as your start your health science program!

Sincerely,

Jim Kellogg

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