

Dear New Purdue Student:

On behalf of the entire Purdue University Student Health Center (PUSH) staff, I welcome you to Purdue University. As you may already know, Student Health Center is your primary site for health care on campus. We encourage you to visit PUSH if you need to be evaluated for both acute and chronic medical conditions by scheduling an appointment through the patient portal or by calling 765-494-1700.

In light of the Covid-19 situation, Purdue has made changes in its management approach. We no longer require students to report their positive Covid test to PUSH. Instead, if you test positive using an at-home COVID-19 test, you should execute your personal isolation plan and avoid contact with others as much as possible. If you must be around others, wear a face mask. You can calculate your isolation period using the [CDC calculator](#). If you need assistance managing your symptoms or scheduling a test, please schedule an appointment through the patient portal or call 765-494-1700.

PUSH'S responsibility in managing healthcare for students begins before you come to campus. The University is required to verify your immunization status. The details of the requirements are found on the PUSH website (purdue.edu/push/immunizations). **Under Indiana law, failure to comply with these provisions or file for an exemption based on medical or religious grounds will lead to the university blocking your registration.**

- To avoid this, we recommend that you complete your immunization requirements early to ensure that you register for future semesters without any issues. You can get the vaccines you need at the Student Health Center, and we have both required and recommended vaccines available.
- If you require an exemption based on religious reasons, please sign a letter of request, which should be submitted to the Health Center Senior Director. *If you are under 18 years old, both you and your parent or guardian should sign the form.*
- For medical exemptions, your healthcare provider should provide a statement, which will be reviewed by the Medical Director.
- If you are an international student, please note that you will also be required to have a QFT (Quantiferon blood test) or T-Spot (not PPD) with a negative result, in addition to meeting the state immunization requirements. To manage your requirements efficiently, and avoid unnecessary trips, we suggest submitting your completed immunization information on the Patient Portal before scheduling an appointment for any additional immunizations you may need.

Full-time, fee-paying students are entitled to an unlimited number of pre-paid visits for illness or injury to Student Health Center providers. Ancillary services (radiology, physical therapy, procedures, preventive care, and immunizations) will be charged.

- You must present your insurance card at each visit to the Health Center
- PUSH is in network with most United Healthcare and Anthem insurance plans. PUSH will bill your insurance and bill you the difference if your insurance is out-of-network.
- The University sponsored health insurance plan is mandatory for all **international students**. For details and purchase information, please go to <https://www.purdue.edu/push/insurance/EnrollmentInformation/international.html>

Wishing you a healthy and successful career at Purdue,



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