

Dear New Purdue Student:

On behalf of the entire Purdue University Student Health Service (PUSH) staff, I welcome you to Purdue University. As you may already know, PUSH is your primary site for health care on campus and we encourage you to make an appointment to be seen at PUSH when you need medical care. As COVID-19 transitions from pandemic to endemic stages, Purdue has made some changes in how we manage patient care for COVID-19. We collaborate with the Protect Purdue Health Center (PPHC) the university's case management service to address all COVID-19 related issues for students. PUSH will evaluate you for symptoms that may be COVID-19 and provide students with at-home test kits if they meet the following criteria:

- Has any symptom on the CDC list of COVID-19 symptoms
- Has a known exposure to COVID-19
- Is planning to attend an indoor event or large gathering
- Will not be seeing a provider or triage nurse that day for an appointment (as we would be performing a test for them)

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). **Indiana law requires the university to block registration of any student who does not comply with state immunization provisions or fails to file for an exemption based on medical or religious grounds.**

- Complete your immunization requirements early to ensure that you comply with the law and can register for future semesters.
- Required and recommended vaccines are available at the Student Health Center.
- If an exemption based on religious reasons is desired, a letter of request must be **signed by the student (if over the age of 18)** and submitted to the Health Center Director. *If under the age of 18, both the student and a parent or guardian are to sign the form.*
- Medical exemptions require a statement for your healthcare provider and will be submitted to the Medical Director for review.
- International students should submit their completed immunization information on the Patient Portal prior to scheduling an appointment for any immunizations needed to complete compliance requirements.

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/international/index.shtml>

Wishing you a healthy and successful career at Purdue,

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