# STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

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Visit website for current clinic operation status

Phone: 703-993-2831 Website: shs.gmu.edu

Student Health Services provides easily accessible and affordable health care to all enrolled students in a caring and confidential environment. We offer a wide variety of services to keep Mason students healthy. Visit the Student Health Services website (https://shs.gmu.edu/) for up-to-date information about clinic operations, services, or requirements.

## **Immunization Requirements**

All newly admitted or newly re-enrolled students and students who have changed to on-campus students are required to submit the Mason Immunization Record Form. Students born after December 31, 1956, must provide documented proof that they have been immunized against certain communicable diseases. Students born before December 31, 1956 are only required to complete the Tuberculosis screening section on the Immunization Record Form.

#### **Immunization Record Deadlines**

Fall and Spring semesters each have set deadlines. Visit shs.gmu.edu/immunizations for dates. (https://shs.gmu.edu/immunizations/)

Students must complete student sections and a health care provider must transcribe (complete & sign) the remaining sections of the Mason Immunization Record Form. Students must submit completed immunization records to the Immunization Office by the deadline. A late fee will be charged and a hold will be placed on the student's Patriot Web account if immunization records are incomplete.

Immunization requirements are mandated by the Commonwealth of Virginia and George Mason University policy #6004 (http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/immunization-policy/). Student Health Services is responsible for collecting and maintaining students' immunization records.

#### **Required Immunizations**

The Mason Immunization Record Form has all immunization requirements. Students must be in compliance with all immunizations listed on the form for the appropriate semester.

**Tuberculosis:** Tuberculosis (TB) screening is required for all students. If TB testing is needed it must be completed within 3 months of the first day of classes for the semester.

**Tetanus/Diphtheria:** Must submit proof of Tetanus/diphtheria containing vaccination (Td or Tdap) within the last 10 years. Recommend Tdap vaccine if not documented. A titer lab report is not accepted.

MMR: Two doses each of measles, mumps, rubella, after 1967 OR the combination MMR (after 1971), OR a laboratory report of a titer documenting positive immunity to each of the diseases.

**Hepatitis B:** Students are required to submit proof of vaccination or immunity against Hepatitis B disease OR they must sign a waiver. Student Health Services highly recommends this vaccination series.

**Meningococcal:** Meningococcal Conjugate vaccine administered between the ages of 16-21 OR submit a signed waiver. Student Health highly recommends students living on campus or participating in sports receive this vaccine.

**Poliomyelitis:** Completed primary series with the last dose at 4 years of age or older. A titer lab report is not accepted.

The Mason Immunization Record Form can be found on the Student Health Services Immunization webpage (https://shs.gmu.edu/immunizations/). Immunization records must be in English and include student's name and date of birth.

### **Immunization Submission**

Submit the Mason Immunization Record Form to the Immunization Office through the secure, online patient portal or by mail. Submission details are on the form.

Students must complete student sections and a health care provider must complete the remaining sections of the Immunization Record Form.

If a student is not able to provide appropriate documentation, immunizations and/or titers are available for a fee. Once records are submitted and a student has been notified of a missing immunization, students can call the Immunization Office at 703-993-2135 to schedule an appointment for needed immunizations. Visit the Immunization webpage (http://shs.gmu.edu/immunizations/) for information about requirements, submission, vaccine prices, and answers to commonly asked questions.

Patient Portal online submission: https://gmu.medicatconnect.com

Mailing Address:

George Mason University Student Health Services 4400 University Drive, MS 2D3 Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Students are responsible for ensuring immunization records are submitted and complete by the deadline. Students will receive notification about incomplete or missing immunization requirements through their Mason email account. The notice will direct the student to log into the Patient Portal (https://gmu.medicatconnect.com) for more information.

#### **Minor Consent**

A parent/legal representative signature is required for a minor (a student under age 18 at the time classes begin). A minor consent must be on file at Student Health Services to receive most health services. This minor consent is on the immunization record form. If a minor student chooses to sign the hepatitis B or meningococcal waiver on the immunization record form, a parent/legal representative signature is also required.

## **Student Health Services Clinics**

Student Health is staffed by dedicated doctors, nurse practitioners, and nurses who provide diagnosis and treatment of illness and minor injuries and health and wellness counseling for all enrolled students.

Call 703-993-2831 to schedule an appointment or speak with a nurse. If Student Health Services is closed, call and follow phone prompts to speak with the free nurse advice service.

There is no charge to be seen by a healthcare provider. There are fees for supplies, immunizations, lab testing, medications and procedures.

## **Student Health Insurance Plan**

George Mason University offers a student health insurance and a dental insurance plan which are available to eligible undergraduate and graduate students who would like to purchase insurance. F-1 and J-1 Visa students are automatically enrolled in the Mason health insurance plan under University Policy #6002 (https://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/health-insurance-requirement-for-international-f-1-and-j-1-visa-students/). Visit the Insurance webpage for plan details. (http://shs.gmu.edu/insurance/)