# STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

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229 Senator Colgan Hall Science and Technology Campus 703-993-8374

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Visit website for current clinic operation status

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 (https://shs.gmu.edu/) to keep Mason students healthy. Visit shs.gmu.edu (https://shs.gmu.edu) for up-to-date information about changes to clinic operations, services, or requirements due to the coronavirus pandemic.

# **Immunization Requirements**

All newly admitted or newly readmitted 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 (http://shs.gmu.edu/immunizations/) for dates.

Students must complete pages 1-2 and a health care provider must complete the remaining sections of the Immunization Record Form. Residential students must complete page 6. 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 or documentation are incomplete. A completed Immunization Record Form is necessary for students to live on-campus.

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**

**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.

**Tdap:** Must submit proof of Tetanus/diphtheria/Acellular Pertussis (Tdap) vaccination after age 11. Must also show proof of Tetanus and diphtheria (TD)/Tdap within the last 10 years if Tdap vaccine was administered more than 10 years ago. 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

The Mason Immunization Record Form can be found on the Student Health Services website (http://shs.gmu.edu/ immunizations/). Immunization records must be in English.

## **Immunization Submission**

Submit the immunization record form to the Immunization Office through the secure patient portal online or by mail. Submission details are on the form.

Students must complete pages 1-2 and a health care provider must complete the remaining sections of the Immunization Record Form. Residential students must complete page 6. Transcription service is available for a fee at Student Health.

If a student is not able to provide appropriate documentation, immunizations and/or titers are also available for a fee. Once records are submitted and a student has received a secure message in the patient portal indicating a missing immunization, students can call the Immunization Office (http://shs.gmu.edu) at 703-993-2135 to schedule an appointment for needed immunizations. Contact the Immunization Office for questions about immunization requirements, submission, or vaccine prices.

Online submission: https://gmu.medicatconnect.com

Office location: SUB 1, Rooms 2347 - 2349

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 secure 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**

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.

There is no charge to be seen by a healthcare provider. There are fees for supplies, immunizations, lab testing, medications and procedures. Call to schedule an appointment or speak with a nurse. If Student Health Services is closed, call 703-993-2831 to speak with the free nurse advice service.

## **Student Health Insurance Plan**

George Mason University offers a student health insurance plan which is available to eligible undergraduate and graduate students who would like to purchase health 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/). A dental insurance plan is available for purchase for all eligible students. Details about the plans are online (http://shs.gmu.edu/insurance/).