Medical Services of the Colonial Health Center extends a warm welcome to all recently admitted students, and their families. Medical Services of the Colonial Health Center is open Monday thru Friday for appointments or urgent medical needs and Saturday for urgent medical needs only. Medical advice is offered to GW students 24 hours a day/7 days a week with an afterhours nurse hotline.

Please visit: [http://studenthealth.gwu.edu/](http://studenthealth.gwu.edu/) for more information or to schedule an appointment.

**Prior to registration, there are two things you need to take care of:**

**Immunization Requirement**

The District of Columbia Immunization Law requires that all students under the age of 26 entering a college or university provide proof of certain immunizations before registration. Please download and complete the Mandatory Health Form by visiting: [http://studenthealth.gwu.edu/immunizations](http://studenthealth.gwu.edu/immunizations)

All **medical, on-campus nursing, on-campus health sciences and international students holding a F1 or J1 visa** are required to have health insurance coverage. **Only the students listed above** will be automatically enrolled in the GW Student Health Insurance Plan. If you are in one of the above categories, you have the option to waive the GW plan, please visit [http://studenthealth.gwu.edu/student-health-insurance](http://studenthealth.gwu.edu/student-health-insurance) for a complete list of the waiver criteria.

If you are **not a student in one of the categories listed above**, you do have the option to voluntarily enroll in the GW Student Health Insurance plan. For more information, please visit: [http://studenthealth.gwu.edu/student-health-insurance](http://studenthealth.gwu.edu/student-health-insurance).
The Colonial Health Center staff extends a warm welcome to entering undergraduate students, graduate students, non-degree students, transfer students, and parents. The District of Columbia Immunization Law requires that all students under the age of 26 provide proof of certain immunizations prior to registration. If you are 26 years of age or older upon entrance into the university, you do not need to complete the Mandatory Health Form.

The required immunizations are:

1. One Tetanus Diphtheria booster or Tdap vaccine given within the last 10 years.
2. *Two vaccinations against Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) given after age one and a minimum of 30 days apart, or provide laboratory proof of immunity.*
3. Two vaccinations against Varicella (Chicken Pox) given after age one and a minimum of 30 days apart, or provide history of Varicella (Chicken Pox) disease, or provide laboratory proof of immunity.
4. Three vaccinations against Hepatitis B, Dose 2 given 30 days after Dose 1, Dose 3 given 4 months after Dose 2, or according to the Hepatitis B accelerated schedule, or provide laboratory proof of immunity.
5. **Meningococcal vaccine given on or after their 16th birthday, or a signed waiver request form is available at studenthealth.gwu.edu/meningitis.**

**MMR and Varicella vaccinations are to be given on the same day or a minimum of 30 days apart for each dose.**

**We strongly recommend that students planning to live in university housing receive the Meningococcal vaccine before arriving on campus.**

It is very important that you complete the enclosed Mandatory Health Form and mail or fax it to the Colonial Health Center by the deadline. If your completed form is not received by this date, a Colonial Health Center hold will be placed on your account and you will not be able to register for future semesters.

If you are under 26 years of age, please take the enclosed form and this letter of explanation to your health care provider to be completed and signed. Please retain a copy of the completed form for your records.

It is the student's responsibility to ensure that their healthcare provider completes the form and that it is returned to the Colonial Health Center by the deadline. You can check the status of your Administrative Hold after September 15th (fall entrants) and February 15th (spring entrants) by:

1. Visiting my.gwu.edu/login;
2. Clicking on “GWeb Info System”;
3. Entering your GWid and Pin;
4. Selecting “Student Records and Registration”;
5. Selecting “Student Records Information Menu”; and

Noncompliant/Incomplete means your record was either not received or you are missing a required vaccination. If there is not a Colonial Health Center hold listed, your record was received and is compliant.

Students seeking exemption from the immunization requirement for medical or religious reasons must submit the GW Mandatory Health Form and a letter from a health provider or religious clergy stating the reason for exemption along with documentation of antibody titers for Measles, Mumps, Rubella and/or Varicella by the deadline.

If for some reason you are unable to complete the immunization requirements before arriving on campus, the Colonial Health Center can assist you in meeting these requirements. Please bring your available immunization records and the Mandatory Health Form when you visit.

Please contact the Colonial Health Center with any questions regarding immunizations.

Only a complete Mandatory Health Form will be retained by CHC. Noncompliant forms will be returned by postal mail to the permanent address you have provided to GW.
This form must be completed and mailed or faxed (DO NOT E-MAIL) by August 1st for fall entrants and January 1st for spring entrants in order to register for classes. Please refer to the enclosed letter for instructions. THIS FORM WILL BE RETURNED BY POSTAL MAIL TO THE STUDENT IF IT CONTAINS INCOMPLETE IMMUNIZATIONS, INVALID DATES, OR INCOMPLETE INFORMATION.

Last Name    First Name    GWid

E-mail Address    Contact Phone Number    Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)    Semester/Year First Admitted

This form is required for all incoming students under 26 years of age. Please have your healthcare provider complete, sign, and return this form to CHC at the address above. Vaccination dates should be written using MM/DD/YYYY. Keep a copy of this form for your records.

Tetanus/Diphtheria booster or Tdap ____/____/____ Within the last 10 years

MMR #1 ____/____/____ After 12 months of age

MMR #2 ____/____/____ A minimum of 30 days after MMR #1

OR you must attach lab report showing positive immunity

Varicella #1 (Chicken Pox) ____/____/____ After 12 months of age

Varicella #2 (Chicken Pox) ____/____/____ A minimum of 30 days after Varicella #1

OR History of disease ___________________________ (Date/Age)

OR you must attach lab report showing positive immunity

Hepatitis B #1 ____/____/____

Hepatitis B #2 ____/____/____ A minimum of 30 days after Hepatitis B #1

Hepatitis B #3 ____/____/____ A minimum of 4 months after Hepatitis B #2

OR according to Hepatitis B accelerated schedule

OR you must attach lab report showing positive immunity

Meningococcal Vaccine ____/____/____ On or after 16th birthday

OR Download Meningococcal Waiver at: studenthealth.gwu.edu/meningitis

Colonial Health Center can assist you in meeting these requirements, including providing immunizations.

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Healthcare Provider Signature or Stamp    Date    Healthcare Provider Phone Number

For internal use only    _____ Compliant    _____ Non-compliant