



Dear Students,

From everyone at Student Health Services, we welcome you to Boston University! We hope you will consider us your first stop for health-related concerns. Our vision is to leave a lasting impression on the health and wellness of our students.

In order to ensure the health of our students and comply with state regulations, we require that you provide documentation of your immunization records **at least two weeks prior** to the start of your classes. Begin by visiting our [Health Requirements Guide](http://bu.edu/shs/health) (bu.edu/shs/health). You will be asked a few questions to help guide you to the correct forms and provide directions on how to submit them on our patient portal [Patient Connect](http://bu.edu/patientconnect) (bu.edu/patientconnect). Please note that the [submission of COVID vaccine](#) requirement is separate from the standard immunization form.

Please be aware that you will be **unable to register** for classes if you do not submit the required Health and Immunization forms. To learn more about the required immunizations and how to check your status please go to our [Immunization Compliance](http://bu.edu/shs/compliance) (bu.edu/shs/compliance) page.

All students are required to have insurance coverage that meets Affordable Care Act mandates and is considered comparable coverage. Boston University has partnered with Aetna Student Health Insurance to offer a robust insurance plan specific to the unique needs of our students. As required by law, Boston University automatically enrolls all full-time, three-quarter-time, and all international students into this plan. Premiums are billed to your student account and included in the total cost of tuition. Please visit our page dedicated to the Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) and review our Student [Health Insurance Guide](http://bu.edu/shs/ship) (bu.edu/shs/ship) for more information.

Please check out our website to see a comprehensive list of all of our services and [Get Started](http://bu.edu/shs/getting-started) (bu.edu/shs/getting-started) on the path to taking charge of your health.

We wish you a successful and healthy experience.

Sincerely,

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