HEALTH SERVICES- FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What do I do when I get sick?

In general, non-emergency situations during regular office hours should be referred to Health Services. If you are ill during the night, weekends, holidays/break, please contact the RA or call public safety at 617-333-2222. If it's a medical emergency, please contact public safety. If you live off-campus, please dial 911.

Where is Health Services located?

We are located on-campus on the second floor of The Wellness Center at 1016 Brush Hill Road.

What are the hours of Health Services?

The Health Center is open during the academic year Monday- Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm. We are closed on the weekends and holidays.

Do I need to schedule an appointment or can I just walk-in to be seen?

Appointments are necessary in order to avoid long wait times. Appointments can be made by either calling or stopping by Health Services. To schedule an appointment, please call 617-333-2182.

What will it cost?

There is no upfront cost to be seen at Health Services. Students' health insurance will be billed for services rendered. Please be advised that students (and their families) will not be responsible for co-payments, co-insurance, or deductibles due for specified services as these are covered by the comprehensive fee which all students are assessed through their regular student bill. In addition, students will not be responsible for the balance of a denied or partially denied claim from their insurance carrier.

Can Health Services write prescriptions?

Yes, Health Services is staffed by Nurse Practitioners who can diagnose and prescribe medication if indicated. However, we do not provide prescriptions for any type of psychiatric medication, including stimulants. We partner with Capsule which delivers prescriptions directly to the student. Please visit Capsule.com and use the zip code for Curry, 02186 to start the transfer process for prior prescriptions.

What if I need to see a specialist?

We typically refer students to specialists at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center- Milton. Milton Hospital is located at 100 High Street, Milton, MA, about 2.5 miles from campus. There are also many specialists within a 10-mile radius of campus in the greater Boston area.

What if I need lab work or imaging performed?

Health Services can conduct simple lab tests on-site such as urinalysis, rapid mono, rapid strep and pregnancy tests. We can obtain other tests such as blood work, throat cultures and STD testing which are processed through Quest Diagnostics. If a student requires imaging, we can order these tests at Milton Hospital. Students' insurance will also be billed for any laboratory testing, imaging, or written prescriptions. For these services, co-payments, co-insurance, or deductibles may be due, as outlined in the student's insurance plan.

Where do I get information about the school's insurance plan?

Please refer to the link on the Curry College Health Services website. For detailed questions about coverage, contact University Health plans at 833-251-1731 or info@univhealthplans.com. For questions about enrollment and waivers, please contact Student Financial Services at 617-333-2354.

Please note: Before you waive the Curry College Student Health Plan, please make sure your current insurance coverage is comparable to the Student Health Insurance Plan. Out-of-state Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs), Exclusive Provider Organizations (EPOs) and Out of State Medicaid Program generally have a limited network of providers that will not provide comprehensive coverage in the area surrounding Curry College. If you need lab work, imaging, or a referral to a specialist these services may not be covered by your insurance. Also, travel medical insurance plans and international insurance plans will NOT be accepted.

What if I have a complicated medical situation (such as seizures or a heart condition)?

Please e-mail Health Services to set up a phone call to discuss your condition and whether it is appropriate to put a medical protocol in place. This helps to alert staff on campus including Public Safety and Residence Life how to appropriately respond, precautions to take and if emergency medication is needed to best care for your medical condition.

Do you provide the flu vaccine?

Curry College holds flu clinics on-campus in the fall. We have a very limited stock of flu vaccine at Health Services available after the flu clinics take place.

What vaccines do I need before coming to school?

The following vaccines are required by the State of Massachusetts:

2 doses of MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) *or* serological proof of immunity Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, and Pertussis) within the past 10 years 2 doses of Varicella (chickenpox) *or* serological proof of immunity *or* date of disease 3 doses of Hepatitis B *or* serological proof of immunity Meningitis vaccine after age 16 *or* signed waiver Proof of original series of COVID vaccines

Please refer to the Curry College Health Form which can be found on the Curry website under Health Services for further details.

Do you perform physicals?

No. A physical examination is not required for incoming students. However, if you are a NCAA athlete, a sports clearance physical is part of their requirement. For further information, please visit www.curry.edu/athletics.

Will my parents be notified if I have been to the health center or if I am sick?

Health Services will only contact your parents if there is a life-threatening illness or concern. If you are over the age of 18 and being sent to the emergency room, we ask you contact your parents to let them know. If you sign a medical release giving us permission to contact your parents, we will then discuss your condition with them. Once a student reaches the age of 18, they are protected by The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) and a parent no longer has the right to access their child's medical information without specific authorization.

Are there any recommended items I should bring with me to Curry?

Yes, you will need to bring any ongoing prescription medication(s). If you have asthma, please bring your inhalers and nebulizer treatments. If you have any allergies that require the use of an Epi Pen if exposed, please bring that as well. We recommend you bring the following items: Health Insurance Card; Copy of Vaccine Records; Thermometer; Cough and cold medications; Fever reducer/pain reliever medication such as Ibuprofen, Advil or Aleve and a first aid kit.

Does Health Services provide sick notes if I am ill and cannot attend class?

In general, Health Services does not provide excuse notes for missed class/work. Students are advised to work directly with professors regarding illnesses and can request an After Visit Summary to show professors as proof of visit to Health Services. We also advise students to contact Academic Success for assistance with making up course work. In the case of serious, on-going illness, injury or hospitalization, please contact the Dean of Students in Student Affairs for further guidance.

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