Immunizations and Health Insurance Requirements

Immunization Requirements

Colorado law (see Colorado Revised Statutes 25-4-901 to 909) and Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment regulations require all college and university students physically present on campus and enrolled for one or more classes to submit proof of immunization, as described below.

All new incoming students who were born on or after January 1, 1957 must have had two measles, two mumps, and one rubella doses, the first administered no earlier than four days before the first birthday and the second at least 28 calendar days after the first dose. Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine is not required for students born before January 1, 1957. In lieu of immunization, written evidence of laboratory tests showing immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella is acceptable.

Prior to the start of classes, students must submit the completed Certificate of Immunization form to the Health & Counseling Center. Students must submit proof of immunization before coming to campus. Students that fail to submit proof will not be allowed to register for classes.

In the event of a disease outbreak, those students who requested a medical, religious, or personal exemption from the immunization requirement will be withdrawn from classes until the outbreak is contained and will not be entitled to a refund of tuition for any missed time.

A downloadable form and instructions can be found on the Health & Counseling Center (http://www.du.edu/duhealth) website. Alternative records, such as a childhood records, may be acceptable upon review of the Health and Counseling Center staff. Please call 303-871-2205 for more information.

While meningitis vaccination is not required, studies have shown that college students are at increased risk of contracting this potentially life-threatening disease. For this reason, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American College Health Association strongly recommend that college students consider vaccination to reduce this risk. The State of Colorado requires all incoming students to complete a Meningococcal Information notice acknowledging that students or their parents/guardians are aware of the risks of meningitis.

Note: University College students are exempt from this requirement.

Health Insurance Requirements

DU requires that all traditional students carry adequate health insurance. The University defines adequate health insurance as having a $500,000 minimum coverage per condition or illness, an affordable deductible, co-pay and co-insurance, a prescription benefit and coverage as required by Federal and Colorado State laws including Affordable Care Act mandates.

In light of recent healthcare law changes, the Health and Counseling Center verifies health insurance policy information from students who waive the Student Health Insurance Plan. This verification process will begin during early summer. Students selected for waiver verification will be contacted and must submit a copy of their health insurance card in order to verify participation in adequate coverage.

Participation in DU’s health care program (which consists of paying the Health/Counseling Fee and purchasing Student Health Insurance Plan) allows students to receive medical and mental health care at our Health & Counseling Center for little or no out-of-pocket costs.

There are two procedures for enrolling in the student health insurance plan and the health and counseling fee:

1. For students registered for six or more quarter hours (eight or more if you are a Law student), the Student Health Insurance Plan and Health/Counseling fees are added to the tuition bill. An informational hold is automatically placed on the student’s account. To remove the hold students should visit myWeb (https://myweb.du.edu/mbd/twbkwbis.P_GenMenu?name=homepage) and accept or decline coverage. Students who will be receiving the GTA/GRA Health Insurance Scholarship should not decline coverage.

2. Degree seeking students carrying less than six credit hours (less than eight credit hours for Law students), enrolled in University College, or on Continuous Enrollment, will need to enroll for the Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) at the Health and Counseling Center. SHIP enrollment is available twice a year, once in the Fall and once in the Spring. The Health & Counseling Fee enrollment is available every quarter.

For more information regarding eligibility or enrollment in the Student Health Insurance Plan, please call 303-871-2205 or go to the Health and Counseling Center (http://www.du.edu/health-and-counseling-center) website.