

CURRY COLLEGE

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. Exceptions are made for medical emergencies. To schedule an appointment, please call 617-333-2182.

What will it cost?

Students' health insurance will be billed for services rendered in the Health Center. Please be advised that while students' health insurance will be billed, 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 two Nurse Practitioners that have the ability to diagnosis and prescribed medication if medically indicated. However, we do not provide prescriptions for any type of psychiatric medication, including stimulants. Health Services does stock some prescription medications that can be dispensed as a short-term supply. We partner with Osco Drug which provides free next day delivery to the Health Center. If you take a medication on a regular basis and would like to take advantage of this free delivery program, please contact the health center at 617-333-2182.

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.

What if I need lab work or imaging performed?

Health Services has the ability to conduct simple lab procedures on-site such as urine tests, 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 are able to 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.

Does Health Services give allergy shots?

No. Arrangements for allergy shots can be made through the medical office of Dr. Nathaniel Brown, located at, 32 N. Main St, Randolph, by calling 617-696-0022. Your insurance carrier may require you to make him your primary care provider in order to have this service covered by the insurance. Prior to setting up an appointment, please make sure the medication, orders and appropriate documentation are in place. If you have further questions about allergy shots, please call the health center at 617-333-2182.

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

Please refer to the link on the Curry College Health Services website. For specific questions contact Student Financial Services at 617-333-2354.

Will my Out-Of-State or travel/international insurance plan provide me with comprehensive coverage in the local area surrounding Curry College?

No. 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. Kaiser and Anthem are popular out of state HMO plans that do not provide coverage, other than for emergency situations, in Massachusetts. 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. Therefore, before you waive the Curry College Student Health Plan, please make sure your current insurance coverage is comparable to the Student Health Insurance Plan.

Do you provide the flu vaccine?

Curry College holds two flu clinics on-campus in the fall.

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 within the last 5 years *or* signed waiver

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.

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

Meet Our Staff

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