Hello! This newsletter covers topics related to healthcare, health insurance, and student health. It is designed to prepare you for your arrival on campus and address any questions you may have.

**Healthcare: Before Arrival**

**Pre-Arrival COVID Vaccine Requirements**

As a registered student, you are required to submit proof of certain immunizations before you board your flight. These requirements are subject to change due to ongoing COVID-19 regulations. Please check your specific department’s page for the most up-to-date list of requirements and deadlines.

**Student Health Insurance Plan**

Unless you waive GW's Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP), you will automatically be covered. The cost of insurance coverage will be added to your GW bill. There is no appeal to waive coverage after the waiver deadline. The Fall 2022 waiver form will be available in late July and due in late August. You can visit the University Health Plans website for more information.

**Additional Immunization Requirements**

Visit the following pages for information about the GW Student Health Insurance Plan:

- GW Student Health Center Health Insurance
- GW Student Health Center Immunization
- GW Medical Services
- GW University Health Plans

Upon arrival on campus, and after registration, you have the right to request that 1) you maintain health insurance coverage for the duration of your GW studies as an F-1 or J-1 alien, or 2) the charge for Health Insurance on your GW bill be removed if you already maintain coverage through your own insurance policy (Student Health Insurance Waiver Request Form).

To request an exemption, visit the "Medical or Religious Exceptions" dropdown.

**Healthcare: After Arrival**

**GW Medical Services**

Medical Services is located on campus and is open Monday - Friday from 8:30am - 5:00pm. To find providers outside of GW Student Health Services that accept SHIP, please use Aetna Student Health DocFind. To request care through SHIP, please call University Health Plans at 1-833-251-1721.

**GW Student Health Center Immunization**

A packet of Immunization Records is available on the student health information page. If you think you have received all required immunizations, you are required to submit proof of those immunizations to Medical Services by Aug 1, 2022.

**Student Health Center Health Insurance**

There is no appeal to waive coverage after the waiver deadline. Please submit your waiver form to SHIP@gwu.edu. More information can be found on the student health information page.

**How Does U.S. Healthcare Work?**

This free event will provide an overview of how the U.S. healthcare system works by watching this short, six-minute video. Visit the following page to view it:

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Please retain a copy of your immunizations for your records. It is each student’s responsibility to maintain immunization records.

**Accessing Your Insurance Card**

Please contact your specific department for dates and times. All COVID-related information in this newsletter is subject to change due to ongoing COVID-19 regulations and requirements are enacted.

**Upcoming Events**

**Pre-Arrival Q&A Session**

The Fall 2022 Pre-Arrival Q&A Session will start with a brief presentation covering topics such as residence, student orientation, and more. There will be a Q&A session thereafter for any questions. Please note that this event is currently scheduled for Thursday, August 25, 2022, 9am-12pm in Lisner Auditorium.

If you have any questions, please email me at sbglobal@gwu.edu.