Dear New Purdue Student:

I want to welcome you to Purdue University on behalf of the Purdue University Student Health Service (PUSH) staff... Because fall 2020 is a unique semester, given the current pandemic, I would like to explain briefly the role of PUSH and the role of the Protect Purdue Health Center (PPHC). PUSH is your primary site for health care on campus and we encourage you to make an appointment to be seen at PUSH when you need medical care. PPHC is a new case management service to address all COVID-19 related issues for students, faculty and staff. Please check the News section of the PUSH website for more details about PPHC.

PUSH’S responsibility in managing healthcare for students begins before you come to campus. The University is required to verify your immunization status. The details of the requirements are found on the PUSH website (purdue.edu/push/immunizations. Indiana law requires the university to block registration of any student who does not comply with state immunization provisions or fails to file for an exemption based on medical or religious grounds.

- Complete your immunization requirements early to ensure that you comply with the law and are to register for spring semester.
- Required and recommended vaccines are available at the Student Health Center.
- If an exemption based on religious or medical reasons is desired, a letter of request must be signed by the student (if over the age of 18), and submitted to the Health Center Director. If under the age of 18, the request should be cosigned by both the student and a parent or guardian.
- International students will not be able to submit their form until they have (1) purchased the health insurance plan (link below) and (2) completed the TB screening process. To schedule an appointment for the TB test, international students should call 765.494.1723.

The Protect Purdue Plan requires that you also obtain a flu vaccine during the 2020 fall semester. You may do that at PUSH (with an appointment), at one of the mass immunization programs on campus, or from your local pharmacy or primary care provider. You must submit your flu vaccine proof to PUSH.

Full-time, fee-paying students are entitled to an unlimited number of pre-paid visits to Student Health Center providers. Ancillary services (radiology, physical therapy, procedures and immunizations) will be charged.

- You must present your insurance card at each visit to the Health Center
- PUSH is in network with Anthem and United Healthcare. PUSH will bill your insurance and balance bill if your insurance is out-of-network.
- The University sponsored health insurance plan is mandatory for all international students. For details and purchase information, please go to https://www.purdue.edu/push/insurance/international/index.shtml

Wishing you a healthy and successful career at Purdue,

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