Dear New Purdue Student:

I welcome you to Purdue University on behalf of the entire Purdue University Student Health Service (PUSH) staff. As you may already know, 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. The Protect Purdue Health Center (PPHC) is the university’s case management service to address all COVID-19 related issues for students, faculty and staff. While PUSH will evaluate you for symptoms that may be COVID-19, PPHC will manage your care if you actually have COVID-19.

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 able 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, both the student and a parent or guardian are to sign the form.
- 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.

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 bill you the difference 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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