

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY: STUDENT DEVELOPMENT AND SUCCESS

RESPONSIBLE CONTACT: DIRECTOR OF WELLNESS AND STUDENT SERVICES

POLICY IDENTIFICATION: STUDENT HEALTH RULES AND REGULATIONS -

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Available Service

Health services are available Monday through Friday 8:30a.m. – 4:30p.m. With a staff of a part time physician and a full-time nurse. If medical attention is required after regular hours, on-campus residents should notify Resident Assistants or the Residence Hall Director who will notify University Police. Off campus students should contact University Police. University Police in both cases will contact the Emergency Medical Services.

Cost of Service

There is NO Charge for services provided by Student Health Services on campus.

Medical Emergencies

Student medical emergencies will be referred to local Emergency Medical Services (EMS). University Police should immediately be notified of medical emergencies followed by notifications to the Vice President for Student Affairs. Additional notification will be made contingent on the location and type of medical emergency. All notifications will adhere to the University Emergency Procedures.

Off Campus Referrals

Students referred to private physicians or hospitals are responsible for their own medical expenses. If there is a pre-existing medical condition, parents and students are encouraged to arrange in advance for a local personal physician. The physician's name should be on file with Health Services. Students are also advised to keep a copy of insurance card and availability of local physicians in the plan.

Medical Records

The confidentiality of medical records will be maintained in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Health Insurance Portability Act (HIPPA). FERPA permits disclosure of such records to third parties under circumstances prescribed by law. The University FERPA policy is available for inspection and review in the General Policies and Procedure section of this handbook. Confidentiality is carefully maintained.

Medical Excuses

Students who have consulted Health Services for an illness or have a medical excuse from a physician may request an excuse for missing class. The Nurse will determine if an excuse will be rendered based on the individual circumstances. An excuse from the nurse does not guarantee an excused class

absence and the student is responsible for all coordinating with faculty and staff for missed classes or time from work.

Immunization Requirements

Virginia Union University requires that all enrolled students (on and off campus) comply with University health guidelines. Immunizations required are (TD) tetanus/diphtheria within the past 10 years, two vaccine dates of (MMR) measles, mumps and rubella; with the last one being received after the fourth birthday. Other requirements include Tuberculosis screening (PPD or a chest x-ray within the past two years), Meningitis vaccine (within one year of enrollment). The Hepatitis B Series and Influenza vaccines are recommended.

Student Health Insurance

All students will be required to purchase health insurance through the University. Waivers are available when proof of private health insurance is submitted to the Office of the Registrar. Submission of documentation must be provided before the Drop/Add period.