Dear Student,

Student Health Services (SHS) welcomes you to Washington University!

SHS provides medical, mental health and health promotion services to all full time degree seeking students. Appointments are available for your convenience. Please visit the SHS website shs.wustl.edu for more information about services, office hours, and fees.

All new students are required to submit a Health History Form before they can receive medical care on campus. This form permits SHS staff to ensure that certain health and immunization requirements are met and to provide optimal care should an illness occur. Any student whose medical records are not complete may only receive emergency care from SHS. Please remember to report all current medications, past surgeries, serious illnesses, or athletic restrictions. Please pay special attention to the requirement for immunizations. You can access the Health History Form from the SHS website at shs.wustl.edu. You will need your WUSTL Key Login ID and Password before you may access the form. You will receive instructions to select your WUSTL Key Login ID and Password from the Office of Student Records this summer.

Washington University requires all freshmen students to have received the meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) including a booster if the initial dose was given before age 16 along with two doses of measles, mumps and rubella vaccine (MMR) after age one year or proof of immunity. This information must be submitted via the SHS portal, as mentioned above. You will be unable to access your residence hall room on move-in day if this requirement has not been completed. If you have any questions related to this go to shs.wustl.edu or call 314-935-6666 during regular working hours. SHS has all of these vaccines available for students who need them.

The university has health insurance waiver system for ensuring that all students have acceptable health insurance as a condition of enrollment. The university will offer a student health insurance plan through United Healthcare Student Resources for students to purchase; either in lieu of another plan, or in addition to another plan. There will be a waiver process that will determine adequate health insurance for those students who wish to opt out of the student health insurance plan. This waiver process will be available after July 1, 2016 to all university students with the exception of those students with a J1 and F1 Visa status while in the US. Please access shs.wustl.edu for complete information about the student health insurance requirement, the student health insurance plan information, and the waiver process. This waiver request must be completed by September 5, 2016.

We are excited that you have decided to join us at Washington University, and we are eager to meet and work with you. Best wishes for a healthy summer.

Sincerely,

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