



WHEELING JESUIT UNIVERSITY

Health Center

Dear New Student:

Congratulations on your acceptance and admission to Wheeling Jesuit University. On behalf of the WJU Health Center staff, I would like to welcome you to our campus and provide you with important information about our services and requirements.

The Health Center is open daily (M-F) and is available to all students (undergraduate/graduate) on a walk-in and appointment basis. Our services and medications are provided free of charge with a few exceptions (vaccines, strep screens, air casts). You may refer to our web page for current pricing and for more information about our services and staffing (<http://www.wju.edu/studentlife/healthcenter>)

Enclosed with this letter, you will find a blue pre-entrance health form, an immunization record, and a letter about bacterial meningitis. Please take time to read and complete these important forms in order to expedite your admission procedures. You will not be able to register for classes unless your health forms are completed. WJU requires proof of the following immunizations: **MMR vaccines** (measles, mumps, rubella), **Tetanus/diphtheria vaccine** (within the last 10 years), **Hepatitis B vaccine** (series of 3 injections), **Polio vaccines** (from childhood), **PPD (Mantoux) test** (for tuberculosis within the last year). **Note:** all international students must meet this requirement regardless of prior BCG vaccinations. In addition, the American College Health Association (ACHA) recommends the **Menomune** vaccine (for bacterial meningitis) for students living in residence halls (see enclosed letter). ACHA also recommends the **Varivax** vaccine (series of 2 injections) for students who have never had chickenpox (varicella). Medical or religious exemptions to any or all of these immunizations must be verified with a letter on official stationery that is signed by a physician or church official.

A physical examination by a physician or nurse practitioner is required for all entering students. Please use the enclosed blue pre-entrance health forms for this purpose and return them in the enclosed envelope along with your immunization forms. If you are a varsity athlete, you will receive your physical forms in another mailing. (**Note:** only 1 physical examination is needed to satisfy both the athletic and Health Center requirements). Please make copies of all these forms for your records. All health records must be returned to the Health Center before your admission is final. Varsity athletes are not allowed to practice or compete if their health forms are incomplete.

All WJU students are required to show proof of medical insurance. You will be receiving a letter with an insurance waiver in another mailing. If you are uninsured or underinsured, please purchase the policy provided by Markel. It is relatively inexpensive and will provide the necessary supplemental coverage to avoid unexpected bills. While the Health Center does not bill insurance companies for our services, you may require emergency services or diagnostic tests at a hospital that will require payment. Please check with your private insurance company (if you have coverage) to determine if you are covered while you are at WJU. We utilize Wheeling Hospital or Ohio Valley Medical Center (for x-rays, lab tests, emergency room visits, or hospitalizations).

Our university physician is Dr. Thomas G. Wack, Jr. If he is not listed on your policy as the primary physician, please make sure that your insurance company will recognize his authority to order tests in the event of an illness or injury. If not, please purchase the Markel insurance. Also, make sure that you have an insurance card (if you have coverage) and that you are aware of specific instructions such as pre-authorization stipulations.

Your health and well-being is our main concern. I appreciate your patience with this lengthy letter, and I look forward to meeting you when you arrive on campus. Please call me in the meantime at 1-800-624-6992 (ext. 2275) if you have questions or concerns about any of this information. Once again, welcome to WJU!

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Vargo, MS, RN, C, CHES
Director of Health Services