

Dear Student/Parent or Guardian:

The Student Health and Counseling Services staff is delighted to welcome you to the Bard community. The “Matriculation Forms” section of the Forms & Resources web page contains a good deal of health-related information and paperwork, some of which will require immediate attention.

Student Health Insurance Information

- Student Accident and Sickness Insurance Plan / Opt-out waiver
- Brochure for Bard College student health insurance plan (link to provider web page)
- Important note for international students

The following forms (click on “Medical Forms”) need to be returned:

- Medical history
- Physical exam and immunization records
- Meningitis vaccination response
- Student Health and Counseling Services authorization form

Additional information available on the page includes:

- Explanation of student counseling services
- Meningitis information (included in the meningitis response form, mentioned above)
- New York State brochure regarding measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine requirements

Please read all of the information sheets provided so that you are aware of the New York State public health laws and Bard College Health Service admission requirements. Pay particular attention to the immunization record and the meningococcal meningitis information. If there is a problem or any missing information, you will receive a telephone call from our administrative assistant. **STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT COMPLIANT WITH NEW YORK STATE LAWS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON CAMPUS.** The Dean of Student Affairs Office will have a list of these students and they, too, may be making telephone calls.

Please note:

- A parent or guardian must sign the Student Health and Counseling Services Authorization form for medical treatment of minor students under 18 years of age.
- A health care provider must sign and stamp both the physical examination and immunization records. High schools often have up-to-date immunization information.
- Schedule an appointment with the doctor NOW if the incoming student has not had a physical in the past year.

Please do not hesitate to call us at 845-758-7433, or e-mail us at healthservice@bard.edu, with any immediate questions or concerns you may have. We look forward to meeting incoming students in August and wish them a happy and healthy learning experience.

Sincerely,

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