

Hiram College Health Center

The staff at Julia Church Health Center welcomes you. The Health Center provides primary and preventative care for all traditional students. Students can receive physical examinations, laboratory evaluations, treatment of acute illness, women's health care, and travel health consult. There is no charge for clinic visits; however, charges for immunizations and laboratory tests are incurred at cost. The following services are also offered, and if you wish to use them, will require the appropriate supporting information:

- **Allergy Injections:** Administered at the Health Center during clinic hours on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays by appointment. A letter from the specialist stating the exact schedule of injections is required in addition to the antigenic extract.
- **Chronic or ongoing illness:** The student's health care provider should send a letter stating a history and the present course of therapy, as well as specific instructions regarding when they would like to be consulted.

We would like to make you aware of several policies that can be very helpful to you during your stay at Hiram:

Confidentiality: When a student reaches the age of 18, his/her medical record is confidential unless he/she signs a release of information.

Notification of treatment/hospitalization: The student will contact his/her parents; however, if this has not occurred, we will be as helpful as possible.

Health Insurance: Please include a copy of the student's private health insurance and prescription cards with the enclosed Medical History & Exam forms. Although we do not bill your insurance, it is helpful to have this information when students need prescriptions filled or in case of emergencies. (This is **in addition** to the requirement by the Business Office for proof of insurance.)

Pharmaceutical Services: Although the college does not have a pharmacy on campus, the Health Center does provide a daily courier service to Garrettsville Family Pharmacy with whom we have an agreement so that the student can charge to his/her student account the amount of the prescription or the co-pay. In order for this to first be billed through your insurance we will need a copy of your prescription card. Also, please be sure to keep us updated on any insurance changes so you won't be over billed for your prescriptions. (Garrettsville Family Pharmacy (330/527-4349) accepts most insurance plans. Please call them with further questions.) Please keep in mind that once the prescriptions leave the pharmacy, they cannot be returned. Payment is the responsibility of the student, regardless of whether the student picks it up here or not.

Immunizations: All students must provide their immunization record on their completed medical form (attached).

This policy is based on the recommendations of the American College Health Association (ACHA) and is designed to protect the health of all students. ACHA recommends that students entering college receive vaccines to protect against measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus, diphtheria, polio, varicella, meningitis, and hepatitis B.

Meningococcal disease is a rare and potentially fatal bacterial infection. Hepatitis B is a serious viral liver infection with potential for long-term complications. Due to the revised code regarding Meningococcal and Hepatitis B vaccinations enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio we are required to provide the enclosed information from the Ohio Department of Health on meningococcal disease and Hepatitis B and college students. Please read the information carefully and return the vaccination status form with your blue medical forms. The Health Center at Hiram College suggests that you discuss the facts about meningitis/hepatitis B with your health care provider. The vaccines are available here for your convenience.

The Julia Church Health Center is located at the corner of Hinsdale and Peckham and we are open Monday through Friday, 8am to 12:30pm, and 1:30pm-4:30pm during the academic year. Appointments are required. On-call nurses are available nights and weekends for immediate health concerns. Students are examined and assessed by a Nurse Practitioner and the college physician is available part-time for appointments. Dr. Lynn Taylor, Director of Counseling, is also located in the Health Center and counseling is free of charge to the students (x-5952). If you need more information you can find our website at hiram.home.edu/healthcenter.

THE ENCLOSED HISTORY AND PHYSICAL FORM, INCLUDING A COMPLETED IMMUNIZATION HISTORY AND THE MENINGOCOCCAL AND HEPATITIS B VACCINATION STATUS FORM, MUST BE ON FILE AT THE HEALTH CENTER BY JULY 31! FAILURE TO RETURN THESE FORMS MAY RESULT IN EXCLUSION FROM HIRAM COLLEGE DORMITORIES AND INABILITY TO UTILIZE SERVICES AT THE HIRAM COLLEGE JULIA CHURCH HEALTH CENTER. Please note: Hiram College sports physicals do not qualify for the physical requirement. *Be advised that student medical records are destroyed 10 years after the student leaves Hiram College. Please retain a copy of your Health Record before mailing original.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions or concerns at (330)569-5418.