Welcome new Bonnies! We are happy you are joining us!

We must receive your immunization and required health information forms described below before you arrive on campus. Please read this information carefully and follow all directions. Please call us or email us if you have questions. 716-375-2352  canderso@sbu.edu

IMMUNIZATIONS:

NYS Law requires* that all incoming students taking at least 6 credits on campus submit immunization records to the university. The new St. Bonaventure Center for Student Wellness Health Portal is where you'll submit all of your required immunization records prior to coming to St. Bonaventure. **You must use the portal to enter your required immunization dates, upload your actual immunization record, and fill out additional, required, health forms and consents. No paper copies, emails, or faxes will be accepted.** Please follow these directions to access the student health portal:

2. Your login name will be the first part of your @bonaventure.edu email address. (Example: if your email address is jrjones15@bonaventure.edu, your login name would be jrjones15).
3. Your login password will be the same as your @bonaventure.edu email password.

TO ENTER YOUR REQUIRED IMMUNIZATION DATES and UPLOAD YOUR IMMUNIZATION RECORD:

1. If you do not already have a copy of your immunization record, please contact:
   a. Your primary care physician (doctor, nurse practitioner, physician assistant) and request they give you a copy. (Do not have them send them to us. You need to keep this copy yourself.)
   b. Contact your high school nurse or health department and request a copy.
   c. Check behind your high school diploma. Sometimes the high school nurse puts a copy there for you knowing you’ll need it.

2. IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED TO COME TO SBU:
   a. **Measles, Mumps, Rubella. (MMR)** Often, in the USA, these are given as a combination shot. You must have received 2 MMR shots, with the first one being NO SOONER than 4 days before your first birthday, and the second NO SOONER than 28 days AFTER your first shot. In other countries, they are sometimes given individually. (NOTE: If you received the shots individually,
b. Meningitis (Can be either ACWY or Meningitis B). You need at least 1 dose of either of these in the past 5 years to come to SBU. However, for you to complete the meningitis vaccination series for full immunity, you will need to have a total of 2 doses within the proper timeframe. (Check with your doctor if you are uncertain if you have received them in the proper timeframe. Also note: having 1 of each is NOT full immunity for either. You must have 2 dose of ACWY, 2 doses of men B, or 2 doses of both). However, to come to SBU, only 1 dose is needed in the past 5 years.

c. You may choose NOT to receive the meningitis vaccinations. If you choose not to receive the meningitis vaccinations, you MUST complete the meningitis waiver section found on REQUIRED “MENINGITIS RESPONSE FORM” page of the Student Health Portal. BUT PLEASE NOTE: If you choose not to receive the meningitis vaccinations and an outbreak occurs on campus, you will be required to leave campus until the “all clear” is given.

3. You MUST manually enter your required immunization dates AND THEN upload a copy of your immunization record. After logging into the Health Portal, click on the “IMMUNIZATIONS” tab at the top, and it will take you to a screen that looks like this:

- To enter the dates of your required vaccinations, click on “ALL REQUIRED”. If you received your MMR shots individually, then click on “ALTERNATES” instead.
- After clicking on either ALL REQUIRED or ALTERNATES, the entry field will open. This is where you’ll see the spaces to enter the dates of your required immunizations.
4. After you enter the dates and click “SUBMIT” once, then you will need to upload either a SCAN of your actual immunization record OR a CLEAR phone picture using .jpg or .png or .tiff picture file types. **NOTE:** If your phone picture or scan is not clear, you will be asked to resubmit a new scan or picture. To access the upload feature, click on the word “UPLOAD” in the navigation bar. It will take you to a screen that looks like this:

- The directions on this page walk you through the process to upload your documents. Please read these directions carefully.

Please note: **If you are missing ANY required immunizations**, please contact your primary care physician or local county health department RIGHT AWAY as there may be a wait in order to make appointments. **No required vaccinations are provided on campus.** If you are in the Olean area, you may contact the Cattaraugus County Health Department at 716-373-8050 to make an appointment for vaccinations. Be ready to provide your health insurance information to them. They are located at 1 Leo Moss Drive, Olean, NY 14760.

(*) The State of New York does NOT allow for religious exemptions from vaccinations. Medical exemptions (i.e. due to allergies or other medical conditions that makes receiving vaccinations impossible) are permitted with proper documentation from your primary care physician. If you have questions about this, please call our office at the number listed at the top of this page.)

**REQUIRED HEALTH FORMS:**

After you enter your required immunization dates and upload your immunization record, click on the “FORMS” tab in the navigation bar in the Student Portal and this will take you to a page where you will see this:

In this section, the forms which have a red asterisk ✴️ are required for all students to complete. PLEASE NOTE: The Health Care Consents link here is for students 18 and older. The Medical Care Consent is for the parent/guardians of students who will be under 18 years of age at the time of arrival on campus.
HEALTH INSURANCE:

All full-time undergraduate students are required to have health insurance. Full-time undergraduate students (taking at least 12 credits) will be AUTOMATICALLY ENROLLED in the plan and a charge of $2,735.00 will be added to your student account. So, if you are full-time and want the SBU student plan, you do not need to do anything. HOWEVER, if you already have insurance and would like to keep your current coverage you may do so.

***PLEASE: before you decide to remain on your current insurance plan, call the 800 customer service number of your current insurance carrier to see if there is coverage in the Olean/Allegany/Bradford, PA, area. If you are coming from out of state, another area of NY, or you are an international student PLEASE give serious consideration to purchasing the SBU student plan.***

After you call your current insurance carrier and you are satisfied with the coverage you will have in this area, full-time undergraduate students may OPT-OUT or WAIVE the SBU plan. The SBU student health insurance policy plan details are available through this link: https://www.haylor.com/college/st-bonaventure-university/ and there is also a link to complete the WAIVER. However, before being able to waive the plan, you must be registered for classes.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT HEALTH INSURANCE:

Do I need the SBU Student Plan in order to use Health Services or Counseling Services? No, you do not need the student plan or any insurance to access Health Services or Counseling Services on campus. The student fee that full-time undergraduates pay covers the cost of using these services.

Then why do I need to have health insurance? Health insurance is needed in case you need care that cannot be provided on campus. For example, if hospitalization, emergency room care, ambulance transport, radiology, specialist physician visits, or prescriptions, etc., are needed then health insurance will be used to cover the costs of these services.

**ATTENTION NCAA STUDENT ATHLETES: Please visit the SBU Sports Medicine page for more information on required insurances for athletes: https://gobonnies.sbu.edu/inside_athletics/sports-med **

ALLERGY SHOTS

Allergy shots are available on campus in Health Services for qualifying individuals. You must complete two forms in order to be considered for allergy shots. The forms are found on the “FORMS” page of the Student Portal, near the top of the screen. These forms only need to be completed if you want to be considered for allergy shots. (PLEASE NOTE: there is a REQUIRED allergy report form in the REQUIRED FORMS section that ALL students must complete, regardless of whether or not a student wants to receive allergy shots. This form will put information directly into the student’s health chart for our doctor’s reference.)
The first form in the optional Allergy Shots Forms section is the ALLERGIST AGREEMENT. This form must be completed by the student’s allergy doctor and returned to us using the instructions found on the form.

The second form is the Allergy Injection Informed Consent form that must be completed by students 18 and over OR by a legal guardian or parent of students who will not yet be 18 years of age upon arrival on campus.

In order to be considered for allergy shots on campus, please note:

- No guarantees are being made that a student will be able to receive allergy shots on campus. Each request is evaluated by our campus physician on a case-by-case basis. DO NOT discontinue a pre-existing relationship with your home allergy doctor even if approval is given for receiving the shots on campus.
- The campus physician will evaluate each case and may need to speak directly with the home allergist prior to approval being given. Students may need to complete additional forms or consents.
- Any student requesting allergy shots on campus must be in the maintenance phase.
- Students who are assessed at being at elevated risk for anaphylaxis (severe allergic reaction) will not be approved to receive allergy shots on campus.
- Any student who is approved to receive allergy shots must have their own EpiPen and bring it with them to each injection appointment.
- Students must remain in Health Services for 30 minutes after each injections so staff may monitor the student’s progress and ensure no reaction is occurring.

If you have any questions about the information provided in this document, or any other questions concerning Health Services or Counseling Services on campus, please do not hesitate to email canderso@sbu.edu or call 716-375-2352 and we will do our best to help you.

Welcome to SBU!

Sincerely,

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