Welcome to Smith!

Thank you for reaching out. **We thank you in advance for making every effort to submit your health forms by June 1st.** We do understand it is not always possible to complete each aspect of your required health forms by this deadline.

We have prepared some **New Student Resources and FAQ’s** on our website which may be of further assistance to you. Please refer to our [WEBSITE](#) for new student resources which include information about health forms, vaccines, insurance, and the services we provide.

**We hope that the following information is helpful in addressing your questions.**

**Regarding forms:**
You can mail, fax them, or email forms to us. Keep a copy for yourself. You can access the forms online on our website if you need additional copies. The email address and fax number are on the forms.

We understand that every student may not be able to have their forms completed by June 1st. If you are unable to complete all aspects of your form by this time, please complete and send everything you can complete: including any immunization records, and include the date of your scheduled physical or dates you think you will receive vaccines on the form. Keep copies yourself. Then send the remaining, updated records as soon as you can.

**Regarding vaccines:**
We understand every student may not be able to get all vaccines at home, particularly international students. If vaccines are not available in your home country, you can get them when you arrive in the US. **Domestic students should receive all required vaccines prior to arrival.** If you cannot complete all doses in a series, indicate when your next doses are due. For example, you may have received 1 dose of Hepatitis B, but doses 2 and 3 are due after September. Indicate on the form when you plan to receive dose 2 and dose 3. **If you have had blood titers performed, we need copies of the actual test results.** Students may find it convenient to seek vaccines at a walk-in/urgent clinic. If you go to a clinic or pharmacy, you will need to bring your medical insurance card and an official form of identification, such as a passport, driver’s license, or other ID. The clinic or pharmacy will bill your insurance directly.

**Regarding TB screening and testing:**
If you answered YES to any TB screening questions, you must have a TB blood test. **If any student has any question about needing testing, we encourage testing as a precaution.** If you
can not get the Tspot or IGRA blood test in your home country, we will accept a ppd skin test instead. If the blood test or skin test is positive, you must have a Chest X-Ray. You must submit copies of all test results and the forms must be signed by your doctor. International students: If you cannot get the blood test in your home country, we will provide for you upon arrival. Domestic students should complete all TB screening and testing prior to arrival. Students may seek TB screening and testing at a walk-in/urgent care clinic or pharmacy instead of waiting for their physical exam. If you go to a clinic or pharmacy, you will need to bring your medical insurance card and an official form of identification, such as a passport, driver’s license, or other ID. The clinic or pharmacy will bill your insurance directly.

**Regarding Smith College Insurance:** The Smith College Blue Cross Plan is effective from August 15 to August 14th of the following year.

We are on reduced summer hours, and available by email at healthservices@smith.edu. Please refer to our [WEBSITE](mailto:healthservices@smith.edu) for new student resources which include information about health forms, vaccines, insurance, and the services we provide.

We look forward to meeting you in the fall!

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