

Bon Secours Health System, Inc.
 Richmond Region
 St. Mary's Hospital
 Policy/Procedure

Policy Manual: School of Medical Imaging
 Section: Student/General

Title: Student Health

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Areas Affected: Students

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POLICY STATEMENT:

Accepted students are required to have a pre-entry physical examination. A drug screen is also included in this examination. The Student Services division of Employee Wellness (EW) Pre-Placement Services conducts the examination.

Specific results of the physical examination and drug screening will be reported only to the candidate. Program administration will only receive a notification of "cleared for admission" or "not cleared for admission".

Conditions requiring further evaluation or follow-up will necessitate that the candidate contact their personal physician, as it is not the purpose of Employee Wellness to serve in that capacity. Employee Wellness will notify the school if it is determined a candidate cannot physically complete the requirements of the program.

The Student Health Fee provides the following to incoming (new) students:

Titers for Varicella, Rubeola, Rubella, Mumps

Offer Hepatitis B vaccine

Administer 2 step PPD screening

Order chest x-ray for any previously positive students and review results by NP or MD

Administer color vision testing

Review tetanus vaccine status and offer if needed

Administer Respiratory Fit testing using new OSHA guidelines which include PFT

Review health history

Administer vaccine for non-immune students for MMR, Varicella, Hep B

For all other students of the program, EW provides an annual PPD (TB) test (not administered on Thursdays) and Respiratory Fit test including PFT, flu shots, and follow up on immunization status, including titers on any immunizations offered previously.

A permanent health record is maintained (in Employee Wellness) for each student enrolled in the school. Those records are moved to the school following graduation from the program.

During the course of the school day, students requiring the services of Employee Wellness should notify the school faculty (and clinical instructor if during a clinical rotation) prior to proceeding to Employee Wellness. If the Employee Wellness department is closed, students should report to an Emergency Department.

Employee Wellness walk-in hours are: 7:30a – 8:30a; 11a – 11:30a; 2:30p – 3:30p; if unable to be seen during those times, call (627-5146) for an appointment Monday – Thursday between 7:30a and 4p and between 7:30a and 3:30p on Friday.

Students are **required** to carry private health insurance throughout enrollment in the program to cover needed health services. The SOMI student health fee **does not** provide health insurance coverage **nor does** the Bon Secours Health System provide medical insurance for students. Fees for consultative services are the responsibility of the student even when EW or the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) makes a referral. Documented proof of medical coverage shall be maintained in the student file during enrollment; it is the responsibility of the student to notify the school when changes to coverage occur.

Employee Wellness does not serve to replace a personal physician. Illnesses outside of school should be treated by the family physician of the student.

Students are encouraged to make routine medical and dental appointments during vacation breaks or at the beginning, lunchtime or end of the school day.

Should an injury occur while participating in a faculty directed SOMI related activity, the student must complete the proper reporting form with the assistance of an instructor or supervisor. Treatment will be provided by Employee Wellness if onsite at a Bon Secours' hospital. A student who sustains an accident or injury while engaged in clinical education assignments at other facilities should follow reporting procedures at that site and also must report the occurrence to EW within 24 hours for follow-up. The school cannot be held responsible for your care or any subsequent results if there is a delay or failure in reporting an injury.

In the event of a Bloodborne Pathogen exposure (BBP), the student must obtain a student BBP Exposure packet from the clinical instructor and notify EW. Instructions for follow-up are in the packet. The student will be responsible for all costs.

A student having a serious health condition, or any condition which affects his/her ability to perform the essential functions of an imaging student, is responsible for notifying EW and the Director of the SOMI. The student must provide documentation from their private physician indicating any limitations/restrictions or needed accommodations as well as clearance for continuing in the program. The student assumes all costs for medical care and hospitalization associated with the condition.

Students with latex sensitivity will be provided non-latex equipment. Documentation by the student's physician is required. Students in the clinical area will follow the policy of the agency where they are having their clinical experience.

The student must notify the Director if he/she has contracted or has come in contact with a communicable disease within the clinical environment. **A communicable disease is defined as “a disease that can be communicated from one person to another”.**

Students who become ill and suspect that their condition is contagious should not attend didactic or clinical classes. If in doubt as to whether the condition is an infectious process, students should seek an evaluation from their personal physician prior to coming to school.

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