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Dear Incoming Students for Academic Year 2021-22:

Welcome to the University of California, Irvine! At the Student Health Center (SHC), our goal is to assist you with any health care needs that you may experience while at UCI. Information regarding our services, location, hours of operation and other important information is available and regularly updated on the [SHC website](#). Additionally, the SHC Dental Clinic offers a variety of dental services. Information regarding dental services, location and hours of operation is available at [SHC Dental Clinic](#).

**PLEASE NOTE: Important information regarding UC's immunization and health insurance mandates is noted below.**

### [University of California Policy Regarding Immunization Requirements \(including COVID-19 and Flu\) and TB Screening](#)

- All *new, incoming undergraduate and graduate students* must obtain four (4) vaccines (or provide evidence of compliance) and complete a TB Risk Screening Form. Visit [here](#) for details including deadline dates. Certain exemptions may be allowed.
- If an incoming student has not complied with these requirements by the published deadline date, Student Health Center will place an academic hold (Hold Type "2") on the student's record preventing the student from enrolling in Winter Quarter classes (or Spring Semester classes for Law students).
- The University's [final COVID-19 vaccination policy](#) was announced on July 15<sup>th</sup>. *ALL incoming and continuing registered students as well as continuing education students* are required to be vaccinated at least two weeks prior to their start date of instruction. Certain exemptions are allowed. Visit [here](#) for deadline dates and other detailed information.
- The University is likely to extend the flu vaccination mandate to AY 2021-22 for *ALL incoming and continuing students*. *The policy will likely include continuing education students*. Visit [here](#) for continuous updates, deadline dates, etc...
- Incoming students: Deadline to comply with the required four (4) vaccines and TB screening is October 22, 2021 for students on the quarter system. The deadline for Law students is September 17, 2021.
- All students, whether incoming or continuing and in order to meet compliance, must enter their respective immunization dates and upload their immunization record(s) **online** through the Wellness, Health & Counseling Services [Student Health Patient Portal](#). In addition, incoming students must complete the TB Risk Screening online.
- For questions/assistance specifically regarding COVID-19 vaccine availability, locations, how to schedule appointments, upload of records, etc..., please contact UCI's Contact Tracing and Vaccine Navigation Services (CTVNS) at [contacttracing@uci.edu](mailto:contacttracing@uci.edu) or 949-824-2300.
- For questions regarding TB screening and all other immunizations, please [email](#) SHC's Immunization Coordinator.

### [Access to the Student Health Patient Portal](#)

- If you are unable to access the Student Health Patient Portal, please contact UCI's Office of Information Technology Help Center at 949-824-2222 or visit their website ([Help Center](#); <https://www.oit.uci.edu/undergrad/>; or <https://www.oit.uci.edu/grad/>).

### [UC Student Health Insurance Plan \(UC SHIP\)](#)

- All registered students are automatically assessed the fees associated with the UC Student Health Insurance Plan (UC SHIP). The UC SHIP premiums and fees are included in the total tuition and fees that are assessed/billed to your [ZOT account](#).
- If you would like to "waive out" of UC SHIP because you have other health insurance coverage that meets UC's waiver criteria, then you must submit an online waiver application no later than the published waiver deadline dates on the [Waiving SHIP](#) webpage. If the waiver application is approved, then you will receive a credit on your ZOT account for the UC SHIP fees. The credit typically appears within 7-10 business days following waiver approval.
- The health insurance requirement and the waiver application process will apply to all students regardless of mode of learning (i.e., on campus or remote) and place of residence.
- For questions regarding UC SHIP, please [email](#) our Insurance Services department.

Once again, welcome to UC Irvine and best wishes for a very successful year!

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