

Dear Incoming Students for Academic Year 2022-23:

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 Policies Regarding Immunization Requirements \(including COVID-19 and Flu\) and TB Screening](#)

- All *new, incoming undergraduate and graduate students* are required to obtain four (4) vaccines (or provide evidence of compliance) and complete a TB Risk Screening Form no later than the 1st date of instruction for the term in which the student is entering UCI. Visit [here](#) for details. Certain exemptions may be allowed.
- If an incoming student has not complied with these requirements by the deadline date, Student Health Center will place an academic hold (Hold Type "2") on the student's record preventing the student from enrolling in classes for the following term (e.g., holds placed on Winter Quarter/Spring Semester (Law) classes for students who enter UCI in the Fall term).
- The University's COVID-19 vaccination policy and related information can be found [here](#). *ALL incoming registered students including returning, continuing and continuing education students* are required to be vaccinated (including booster shots) no later than the 1st date of instruction for the term in which the student is entering UCI. Certain exemptions are allowed.
- The University may extend the flu vaccination mandate to AY 2022-23 for *ALL incoming students including returning, continuing and continuing education students*. Visit [here](#) for continuous updates.
- All students, in order to be deemed compliant, 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 survey online.
- For questions/assistance specifically regarding COVID-19 vaccine availability, locations, how to schedule appointments, upload of records, etc..., UCI's Contact Tracing and Vaccine Navigation Services (CTVNS) is an excellent resource. Contact CTVNS at contacttracing@uci.edu or 949-824-2300.
- For questions regarding TB screening and all other immunizations, please send a secure message to SHC via the [Student Health Patient Portal](#). (Select "Messages" on the left sidebar; click on "New Message"; Select "I would like to send a CLINICAL secure message to SHC"; Select the "New Student Immunization Requirement" message option; Compose and send your message.)

[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 apply to all registered students regardless of their mode of instruction or place of residence. Limited exceptions apply to online graduate programs that do not require UC SHIP assessment.
- For questions regarding UC SHIP, please [email](#) our Insurance Services department.

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

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