Health Requirements for Students

Dear Student and Parent(s):

Welcome to Loras College. As part of our commitment to health and wellness promotion, we want to ensure that students are protected against communicable disease. Complete and return the Required Health Information Form including a copy of your vaccine record and insurance card (if applicable) to the Loras College Health Center via mail, fax or email. Your physician’s office, high school or state health department may have a copy of your vaccine record.

Loras College follows the American College Health Association immunization guidelines:
All students, first year, transfer, international, and continuing education/graduate students registered for more than 7 credit hours and born after January 1, 1957 must provide proof of immunity to MMR (Rubeola, Mumps and Rubella). Students must provide an official signed and stamped record showing proof of receiving 2 MMR immunizations on or after their first birthday and at least 30 days apart OR laboratory evidence of immunity (Rubeola and Rubella titers and Mumps IgG immune status) to the Loras College Health Center.

The Health Center will assist students needing immunizations or laboratory work. Students will be required to pay for the immunizations or laboratory work. Students needing both MMR immunizations must wait 30 days between shots.

Additional Requirements for International Students:
1. All International Students are required to have health insurance designated by Loras College unless health insurance is provided by your home embassy. The Loras College Health Center will enroll you into the health insurance plan with the plan fee being placed onto your Loras College student account. It is the student’s responsibility to contact the Loras College Health Center prior to each semester to be enrolled into the health insurance plan designated by the college or to review your proof of insurance provided by your home embassy.

2. All International Students must report to the Loras College Health Center within two weeks of arriving to campus for a baseline TB (tuberculosis) screening. International students are required to have a QuantiFERON Gold or T-SPOT TB Test completed in the United States in the past twelve months. The Health Center staff will assist students to schedule testing. If the TB test is not covered by your insurance, the student will be required to pay for the test at the time of service. If a student previously tested positive for TB or has been treated for active TB disease, the student must attach documentation of the test and treatment with his/her health records. Students with positive tests will be referred to a local healthcare provider.

The above requirements must be met before students will be able to register for classes for the next semester. All documentation must be in English.

Please note: Student athletes have additional athletic forms.

Although not required, we highly recommend that students be immunized for meningitis. Talk to your physician about the benefits of vaccination. Information on the disease is available at the CDC website:
http://www.cdc.gov/meningitis/index.html

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