Health Services

Georgia Southern University Health Services is a department of Auxiliary Services and the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. Health Services is also a member of the Southern College Health Association (SCHA) and is a former recipient of Georgia Southern University’s President’s Staff Team Award for Excellence in Service to Students. Health Services is nationally accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHAC).

The Mission of Health Services is to meet or exceed the student patients’ full range of needs and expectations that relate to the delivery of health care services — medical, counseling, educational, and wellness — while providing them with cost-effective, high quality care in an efficient manner with a focus on educating students on how to be knowledgeable healthcare consumers.

Health Services is available to Georgia Southern students for consultation, examination, diagnosis, and treatment of illnesses and injuries. Services and programs include primary care, minor surgery, IV therapy; men’s and women’s health care; immunization/allergy injection services; travel medicine services; physical therapy; laboratory services; digital radiology services; respiratory therapy services; pharmacy services; vision care, health education, disease prevention and wellness promotion programs/services.

Health Services staff includes Physicians, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, Radiology Technologists, Medical Laboratory Technologists, a Physical Therapist, an Optometrist, Pharmacist, Health Educators and Administrative staff.

Georgia Southern Health Services operates by advanced appointments. Appointments are self-scheduled using the Online Student Health (OSH) Patient Portal after logging into your WINGS or mygeorgiasouthern page. Same day appointments are available on a limited basis. If you present to Health Services without an appointment, you will be evaluated by a nurse to determine your appointment needs.

The Health Center is located on Plant Drive. Operating hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday during semesters. Health Center hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. when school is not in session. An after hour and weekend Nurse Response Call Service is available for students by calling 1-855-779-7185. This service is staffed by experienced registered nurses who assist with after hour and weekend referrals to Statesboro area medical providers, as well as assisting students with general health and wellness questions, concerns, and issues.

All Georgia Southern University students are eligible for Health Services. Students enrolled in four (4) or more credit hours prepay the health fee at the beginning of each semester when tuition and student fees are paid. This entitles those students to receive services throughout the semester for examination and treatment. Students taking less than four (4) credit hours or taking on-line courses may choose to pay the semester health fee at the Health Center to receive services. Please refer to our website at http://auxiliary.georgiasouthern.edu/healthservices/eligibility-and-fees/ for a list of services that are covered by the semester health fee. Additional discounted fees are charged for provider visits, medications, laboratory services, physical therapy, xrays, vision care, immunizations and medical equipment. Health Services will file claims to your insurance plan as requested. A self-pay rate is also available.

Some students may have medical conditions that require referral to other healthcare providers or specialists for consultation and/or treatment. All expenses related to the medical services of referred providers are the responsibility of the student. In addition, students may at any time choose to use other medical providers at their own expense.

For medical emergencies, contact the Bulloch County Emergency Medical Service (EMS), regardless of the time of day or night. Dial 9-911 if using a campus telephone or 911 if using an off-campus telephone. Georgia Southern University Public Safety may also be contacted at (912) 478-5234 in case of emergencies.

Students who become sick or injured when Health Services is closed can seek medical treatment at East Georgia Regional Medical Center Emergency Room, which is located a short distance from Georgia Southern University on Fair Road in Statesboro, or at a local urgent care center. All expenses related to emergency and after hours care are the responsibility of the student.

A valid Georgia Southern University identification card is required to access services at University Health Services. Insured students should also present a current insurance card to the Health Services staff.

Students are encouraged to maintain health insurance coverage in case of hospitalization. For those who are no longer covered by their parents’ insurance plan, or who may elect to purchase additional insurance coverage, Health Services has arranged for a Student Accident and Sickness Insurance Plan. To get more information about the insurance plan, please visit our web site at http://auxiliary.georgiasouthern.edu/healthservices/ where you will find a link to the insurance company and their enrollment application form.

Health Services is proud to be among the outstanding student services offered by Georgia Southern University. Please feel free to contact us with your questions, comments, or suggestions at any time. Thank you for your interest in Health Services. We look forward to serving you. Please visit our web site for more information about the department, including public health updates by the Medical Director, at http://auxiliary.georgiasouthern.edu/healthservices/.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

The Board of Regents (BOR) of the University System of Georgia has established immunization requirements for all new students (first-year, transfers, and others) as directed by policy consistent with recommendations provided by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, developed collaboratively by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and the Division of Public Health of the Georgia Department of Human Resources. A brief summary of the current immunization requirements (http://www.usg.edu/student_affairs/high_school/admissions_enrollment) is available on the Board of Regents web site for your information.

All new students (freshmen, transfer, and graduate) are required to complete and submit the Certificate of Immunization form, TB Screening Questionnaire and Medical Entrance forms. These forms and directions for submittal can be accessed through the Health Services website at http://auxiliary.georgiasouthern.edu/healthservices/immunization/.

Students with religious objections or documented medical conditions that prohibit an immunization can receive an exemption from the immunization requirements. Students who have an approved exemption could be restricted from campus in the case of an outbreak of vaccine-preventable diseases, such as measles, mumps, rubella, or varicella.

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