1. As a new student at The Claremont Colleges what is required to gain access to the residence halls or register for classes?

The required immunizations (please see the list below) and an entrance physical should be submitted by the deadline of July 15th. Student Health Services will accept and process incoming records after the deadline until your move-in date. Some campuses require the submission of your complete immunization records (including all required immunizations) and your entrance physical before you will be allowed to register for classes and/or gain access to the residence halls. Please contact your campus Dean of Students’ office for specific guidance for your campus.

2. If I am missing the required immunizations, can I get them done at SHS? What is the cost?

Yes, you can complete your required immunizations at SHS.

- Hepatitis B - $70 per dose
- Influenza (due by 10/31) - $25
- MMR - $125 per dose
- Meningococcal Conjugate - $165 per dose
- Tdap - $60 or Td - $55
- TB Skin Test - $15
- Varicella Zoster – $210 per dose

The COVID-19 vaccination, either the primary series or bivalent booster, is required for Pomona, Scripps, HMC, and Pitzer students. We currently do not have this vaccine on campus. Please visit myturn.ca.gov to schedule a vaccine appointment.

Students are encouraged to complete all required immunizations before arriving on campus. If you are unable to complete any required immunizations before your arrival, you may contact SHS (909) 621-8222 for an appointment and please contact your campus Dean of Students’ office for specific guidance for your campus. SHS will be closed from August 7th through August 11th, 2023, for staff training.

3. What is the difference between the meningitis B vaccine (Bexsero) and the meningitis booster?

The required Meningococcal Tetravalent (Men ACWY) vaccination is different than the recommended Meningococcal B vaccination. All students need to have had a Meningococcal Tetravalent vaccination, with a booster dose given at age 16 or older. Meningococcal B vaccinations are highly recommended for all students but are not required at this time.

4. How recent should the entrance physical be? TB Test?
The entrance physical needs to be completed within the last 12 months. When filling out the TB screening page, if you answered yes to any question or if you are part of a high-risk group, the TB test must have been completed no more than 6 months before arriving on campus.

5. What if I don’t have an entrance physical? If I don’t get an entrance physical completed, can I still be seen at SHS?

If you did not receive an entrance physical before coming to campus, you can get your physical completed at SHS. The cost for a physical at SHS is $45. You may contact SHS (909) 621-8222 for an appointment and please contact your campus Dean of Students’ office for specific guidance for your campus. SHS will be closed from August 7th through August 11th, 2023, for staff training.

6. When is the entrance physical form due? What happens if I turn it in late?

All entrance health forms are due by July 15th. If you are unable to turn them in by July 15th, please do so before your arrival on campus. If you are unable to complete a physical before your arrival on campus, please contact SHS for an appointment. Please note that SHS will be closed from August 7th through August 11th for staff training.

7. I had a physical done for sports. Can I submit this as my entrance physical?

Your sports physical can count as your entrance physical so long as it has all the required information. Please make sure to submit a current immunization record along with your sports physical.

8. If I am planning to enroll in SHIP, the Student Health Insurance Plan, what should I fill out on the Medical Insurance section on the entrance physical?

If you are planning to enroll in SHIP, you will not yet have an insurance card. Please check the box on Section 3 of the entrance physical indicating you are planning to enroll in SHIP.

9. If I have private insurance, how do I waive out of SHIP?

Students of The Claremont Colleges are automatically enrolled in SHIP. Students wishing to waive SHIP coverage must submit proof of coverage before registration via their school’s online waiver portal.

10. Since I have given my insurance information on the entrance paperwork, can SHS just bill my insurance directly for services received?
While we do ask for your insurance information, SHS does not bill insurance directly for services received at SHS. We request insurance information to have it on file in case of an emergency.

A receipt will be provided to patients that can be submitted to an insurance carrier for reimbursement. Students are responsible for payment of all clinic charges at the time of service or may make payments directly to SHS for 15 days. Payments can be made using cash, Claremont Cash, check, or credit card. After 15 days, the charges are transferred to student accounts at your college.

11. Where can I find my insurance card or other information regarding SHIP?

Your insurance card and information for SHIP can be found at www.AetnaStudentHealth.com or by calling (800) 537-1777. Freshmen or those enrolling in SHIP for the first time will not be able to print their cards until coverage begins on 08/01/2023.

12. How will charges from SHS show up on my student account?

Charges incurred are available to pay at Student Health Services for 15 days. After 15 days, charges are transferred to the student account. Once at the student account, charges will notate that they came from SHS, but will not specify what the charges are for.

13. Is the release of information form required? How do I fill it out?

The Release of Information form is only required if and when you would like SHS to release records to or request records from an outside party. To complete the form, fill out your name and date of birth. You will then need to indicate whether you would like us to send records or request records and complete the information for the party that will be sending or receiving records. Then, fill out section 2 with the information you would like released, including the beginning and end date, and specific information you would like released. Additionally, if you would like us to receive or release sensitive records, you will need to initial for which sensitive records should be shared. Then read and sign the release form. If you would like SHS to release records to more than one person, please fill out a release form for each person.

14. What should I do if I have a medical or religious exemption for certain immunizations?

Students who wish to file an exemption from required immunizations should fill out the Affidavit for Exemption to Medical Requirements.
15. I currently receive allergy injections from my home doctor. Can I continue receiving these at Student Health Services?

Students can receive allergy injections at SHS so long as they have been on a maintenance dose for at least six weeks. Maintenance doses are doses that do not fluctuate or change. If your dose has changed within the last six weeks, you will need to see a local allergist until your dose is maintained for at least six weeks. You must see an SHS provider before beginning allergy injections. Please call our front desk at (909) 621-8222 to schedule.

You can find more information on allergy injections here.