

Bon Secours Health System, Inc.
Richmond Region
St. Mary's Hospital
Policy/Procedure

Policy Manual: School of Medical Imaging
Section: Student – General

POLICY STATEMENT:

Accepted students are required to have a pre-entry physical assessment. A drug screen is also included in this assessment. The Student Services division of Employee Wellness (EW) Pre-Placement Services conducts the assessment.

Specific results of the physical examination and drug screening will be reported only to the candidate. Program administration will only receive a notification of “cleared for admission” or “not cleared for admission”.

Conditions requiring further evaluation or follow-up will necessitate that the candidate contact their personal physician, as it is not the purpose of Employee Wellness to serve in that capacity. Employee Wellness will notify the school if it is determined a candidate cannot physically complete the requirements of the program.

The following services are provided to incoming (new) students:

- Titers for Varicella, Rubeola, Rubella, Mumps, and Hepatitis B
- Tuberculosis screening with TSPOT TB blood test
- A Chest x-ray for any student who has had a positive TB test in the past and those positive on the entry TSPOT TB test. A student who has a positive TB will need to be seen by their Physician for School entry clearance.
- Administer color vision testing
- Administer Respiratory Fit testing using new OSHA guidelines
- Review health history
- Administer vaccine for non-immune students for MMR, Varicella, Hep B
- Update Tetanus with a Tdap vaccine

For all other students of the program, EW provides annual Respiratory Fit testing, flu vaccines, and follows up on immunization status, including titers on any immunizations offered previously.

A permanent health record is maintained (in Employee Wellness) for each student enrolled in the school.

During the course of the school day, students requiring the services of Employee Wellness should notify the school faculty (and clinical instructor if during a clinical rotation) prior to proceeding to Employee Wellness. If the Employee Wellness department is closed, students should report to an Emergency Department.

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Students are required to carry private health insurance throughout enrollment in the program to cover needed health services. The SOMI student health fee does not provide health insurance coverage nor does the Bon Secours Health System provide medical insurance for students. Fees for consultative services are the responsibility of the student even when EW or the Student Assistance Program (REACH) makes a referral. Documented proof of medical coverage shall be maintained in the student file during enrollment; it is the responsibility of the student to notify the school when changes to coverage occur.

Employee Wellness does not serve to replace a personal physician. Illnesses outside of school should be treated by the family physician of the student.

Students are encouraged to make routine medical and dental appointments during vacation breaks or at the beginning, lunchtime or end of the school day.

Should an injury occur while participating in a faculty directed SOMI related activity or in a Bon Secours clinical site, the student must complete the proper reporting form with the assistance of an instructor or supervisor, if treatment is required, the student will need to go to their primary care provider or to the emergency room. A student, who sustains an accident or injury while engaged in clinical education assignments at facilities other than Bon Secours, should follow reporting procedures at that site and also must report the occurrence to Bon Secours EW within 24 hours for follow-up. The school cannot be held responsible for your care or any subsequent results if there is a delay or failure in reporting an injury.

Students with needle stick injuries will be directed to Employee Wellness for attention. Illnesses, all other injuries, personal medications and consultations are the financial responsibility of the student. All students must have health coverage for the duration of their enrollment.

In the event of a Blood borne Pathogen exposure (BBP), the student must obtain a student BBP Exposure packet from the clinical instructor and notify EW. Instructions for follow-up are in the packet. The student will be responsible for all costs.

A student having a serious health condition, or any condition which affects his/her ability to perform the essential functions of an imaging student, is responsible for notifying EW and the Dean of the School. The student must provide documentation from their private physician indicating any limitations/restrictions or needed accommodations as well as clearance for continuing in the program. The student assumes all costs for medical care and hospitalization associated with the condition.

Students with latex sensitivity will be provided non-latex equipment. Documentation by the student's physician is required. Students in the clinical area will follow the policy of the agency where they are having their clinical experience.

~~The student must notify the Dean if he/she has contracted or has come in contact with a communicable disease within the clinical environment. A communicable disease is defined as “a disease that can be communicated from one person to another”.~~

Students who become ill and suspect that their condition is contagious should not attend didactic or clinical classes. If in doubt as to whether the condition is an infectious process, students should seek an evaluation from their personal physician prior to coming to school.

RESPONSIBLE PERSONS: Program Administration

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