

**Subject:** Health Services at UC Merced

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Hello ,

[Health Services at UC Merced](#) provides comprehensive medical, mental health and health promotion services to all registered students. UCM's health promotion and disease prevention programs encourage all students to develop positive health behaviors now and for the future.



Students can use UCM medical services just as they would their regular doctor's office. The facility is staffed by board-certified physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and nurses. UCM Counseling and Psychological Services also provides graduate students with a safe and confidential atmosphere of acceptance and accessibility. For both health and counseling needs, all services are available Monday through Friday in-person on the 2nd floor of the Health & Athletics Center and via Telehealth. After-hour and weekend services are available via nurse and counseling triage over the phone or you may utilize Live Health Online for care, a covered benefit with SHIP.

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### **[The UC Student Health Insurance Plan \(UC SHIP\)](#)**

All students are automatically enrolled in and charged for the campus-based Anthem Blue Cross medical plan when they register for classes. Coverage for the [UC Student Health Insurance Plan \(UC SHIP\)](#) begins August 15, 2024.

If you are already covered by a health insurance plan and do not wish to be enrolled in UC SHIP, you can waive enrollment by submitting an [online waiver application](#) during the waiver period. Waiver applications must be submitted through the [UC Merced Connect portal](#) in your student checklist. ***The deadline to file a waiver request is July 29, 2024.***

Learn more [online](#) or contact the [Health Services Office](#) at [\(209\) 228-2273](tel:(209)228-2273).

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## Immunizations

ALL incoming undergraduate and graduate students (including re-admits) are required to complete a TB Screening Questionnaire and provide proof of vaccination or immunity to Measles/Mumps/Rubella, Varicella (Chickenpox), Meningitis (MCV4 if under age of 22 only) and Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap) to comply with the UC Immunization Plan.

**To avoid a registration hold placement, we strongly recommend you meet Immunizations and TB requirements before you arrive on campus.** The immunization deadline for Fall 2024 incoming students is the first day of instruction **(August 28, 2024).**



Visit the UC Merced Health Services [website](#) for more information on required immunizations.

Sincerely,

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