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Dear Parents/Families of UND Students:

Congratulations and welcome to the University of North Dakota community! The staff of UND Student Health Services (SHS) looks forward to assisting students with maintaining optimal health so they may realize their full educational potential and thrive academically. We invite students to take advantage of Student Health Services and its vast array of comprehensive services.

North Dakota University System has approved policy that necessitates compliance with Immunization Requirements. All students enrolled in 1 or more credit(s) at UND must provide documentation of:

- Two doses of MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella). The first dose must have been given after the first birthday to be considered a valid dose. TB (Tuberculosis) Screening form is required as well.

- Effective for students enrolling for Fall 2012 Academic Term: All newly enrolled students 21 years of age and younger living in campus housing (residence halls and UND apartments) will need to provide the required immunization paperwork along with documentation of a Meningitis vaccination given after the 16th birthday.

- SHS must have receipt of the above prior to move in and the beginning of classes. Failure to submit proof of immunization records will result in a student’s inability to register for classes. Forms can be located at und.edu/health-wellness/student-health/index.cfm.

Consulting Psychiatric Service Providers from Altru Health System, Dr. Ellen Feldman & Nicole Wilson, NP will transition from the University Counseling Center (2nd Floor) to Student Health Services (1st Floor) in McCannel Hall effective July 1, 2012. To better serve students, all prescribing providers will be located in the same clinical area.

The North Dakota University System (N.D.U.S.), in cooperation with individual campuses, recently endorsed a health insurance plan designed specifically with students in mind. Bid awarded to Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota (BC/BS of ND). For more information, or to enroll, please direct students to StudentBlueND.com. Enrolled students will be eligible for coverage with effective date of August, 2012. The new plan offers a comprehensive array of benefits for a reasonable premium. Rate information and details to be published soon.

Student Health Services will be implementing an Electronic Health Record (EHR) system Fall, 2012. When fully functional and exchangeable, the benefits of EHRs offer far more than a paper record can, to include: improve quality and convenience of patient care; increase patient participation in their care; improve accuracy of diagnoses and health outcomes; improve care coordination; and increase practice efficiencies. A greater and more seamless flow of information, aided by electronic health records (EHRs) can transform health care by organizing it around the patient.

Best Wishes & Kindest Regards,

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