FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Who has access to my medical records?

A: Everything in the Health Center is confidential. This means your health care will not be discussed with anyone without your written consent. There are several safeguards in place to protect your medical records. The student workers are restricted from confidential and personal information and are trained in depth on matters of confidentiality.

Q: What kind of health and immunization requirements will I have to meet?

1. Before registering for classes, the Health Center must have record of two Measles, Mumps, and Rubella vaccinations.
2. A Tetanus within the last 10 years.
3. Immunization records will need to be signed by a health care provider.
4. If you reside on campus, Georgia state law also requires that you receive a meningitis vaccination within the past 5 years or waive this immunization. A meningitis waiver form may be obtained online via the Medicat Patient Portal or at the Health Center.
5. A tuberculosis screening form that is completed by a health care provider.
6. A self-reported health history form.

Q: Is there a charge for any services in the Health Center?

A: No, there is no charge for over-the-counter medicines, loan equipment, resource materials, nurse visits, nurse practitioner visits, allergy injections, or doctor visits. Any service off campus, such as labs and x-rays will be billed by that facility to your private insurance.

Q: What can I expect when I come in to see a nurse?

A: Students will be greeted at the front window by a student worker, they will be taken back into a room and the student worker will take vital signs, and the nurse, nurse practitioner, or doctor will be in to see them soon after.

Q: Do I need to make an appointment?

A: It is highly recommended that students make appointments before they come in, either online or calling the Health Center, to avoid a long wait. Appointments with the doctor are required. His hours are Thursday from 8:00 am – 10:00 am.

Q: How long does the Health Center keep my records?

A: The Health Center keeps student records on file 7 years after they graduate/transfer from Berry.
Q: Can the Health Center write prescriptions?

A: Yes. The nurse, nurse practitioner, and doctor are all able to write prescriptions. The Health Center does not prescribe any controlled medications.

Q: Does the Health Center give Flu Shots?

A: Yes. We provide students with free flu shots at the beginning of flu season.

Q: Do you give allergy injections in the Health Center?

A: Yes. You must have the following to receive the injections:
   1. A doctor’s order stating that you have permission to receive your injection at Berry.
   2. Serum for the injections (must remain in our refrigerator while you are at Berry.)
   3. The injections must be given while the MD or nurse practitioner are in the building.
   4. You will need to stay for at least 30 minutes to be observed for any adverse reactions. There are no exceptions.
   5. You will need to have an EpiPen with you to receive an allergy injection.

Q: What medical supplies should I bring with me to Berry College?

A: The Health Center has a variety of over-the-counter medicines and first aid supplies that students can obtain during operating hours (Monday-Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm). A simple first aid kit may be assembled and brought with you to Berry. Some items that are recommended:
   - Band-Aids
   - Neosporin ointment
   - Hydrogen peroxide
   - Tylenol, Advil
   - Pepto Bismol
   - Non-drowsy decongestant
   - Non-drowsy cough medicine
   - Hydrocortisone cream
   - Thermometer
   Also, any prescription medicines that the student needs, and any medical equipment that the student uses (inhalers, braces, nebulizers, etc.)

Q: What information should I on hand while attending Berry College?

A: It is very important that you have the following:
   1. Proof of medical insurance - a copy of your health insurance card will do. If you do not have insurance, you may obtain coverage through the Affordable Care Act at https://www.healthcare.gov/.
   2. Name of area pharmacies which accept your insurance policy.
3. Area hospitals which accept your insurance plan.
4. List of any medicines, side effects, and medication allergies.