Staffing

• Four Providers offering patient care each day
• Typically 2-3 Physicians paired with 1-2 Nurse Practitioners
• MDs are board-certified in Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics and Ob-Gyn
Staffing

• NPs are board-certified as Family Nurse Practitioners and/or Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioners

• Nurses: 6 RN’s on staff per day

• One nurse is dedicated to answering patient questions on the phone
Student Utilization

• Busy - on average 100 students seen each day
• Often 125 or more students seek care each day
• Hours of operation: 8:30-5 Monday-Friday
• ACT EARLY-Appointments usually fill by 10:30am
• All appointment schedule, roughly half are Same-Day/Urgent Care
• Same Day/Urgent Care appointments can be made in two ways:
  ✓ Online beginning at 9:00pm the previous evening
  ✓ On the phone or in-person when the clinic opens beginning at 8:30am
After-Hours - Weekends & Holidays

• Medical Emergency - *Off campus: Call 911*
  *On campus: Public Safety @ 843-953-5611*

• C of C Public Safety & Charleston County trained student EMTs respond to students requesting assistance on campus

• 2 Emergency Departments nearby
  - *Roper and MUSC are 4 blocks away*

• Off-campus urgent care list is available upon request as needed
Student Health Services Fees

• Built-in semester fee covers most in-clinic primary care and wellness visits

• Expenses can occur:
  
  ➢ *Indirectly*: LabCorp, Specialist referral off-campus, prescriptions
  
  ➢ *Directly*: Vaccines, some in-office tests or procedures

• We have no X-ray or pharmacy services
Health Insurance

The College does not mandate students have health insurance.

• With the exception of International students, no school sponsored insurance option is available or required

• Parents are encouraged to keep students covered with health insurance

• It is important that you and your student know how your selected coverage works, watch for limitations
Immunization and Health Forms

• All students will be required to provide completed Health History Forms and official Immunization Records to Student Health Services (SHS)

• Forms on the SHS website studenthealth.cofc.edu
  – Vaccination waiver is available on SHS website for religious and medical exemptions

• SC mandates Meningitis vaccine for college students

• CofC will require evidence of Meningitis and MMR vaccine for all students moving on campus

• Parents are encouraged to assist students with form completion
Immunization and Health Forms

Three ways to turn in forms…

- **Confidential Fax:**
  843-953-6377

- **Regular mail:**
  Student Health Services
  181 Calhoun Street
  Charleston, SC 29424

- **In Person at Address Above**
Immunizations

Key points:

• SHS can provide most vaccines
  – *Exceptions include polio, rabies and varicella (chicken pox)*

• Vaccines not provided at SHS can be obtained at nearby local pharmacies

• Tetanus booster recommended every 10 years
  – *T-Dap is preferred to cover for Pertussis if Tetanus booster needed*

• Influenza campaign in the fall
Travel Consultation Service

• Provides advice, vaccinations and malaria prevention for students travelling outside of the United States
• C of C sponsored groups receive country specific information and recommendations from the SHS Travel Nurse
• Consultation is also available for students on individual travel or trips not sponsored by the College
• Last minute preparations are strongly discouraged
• Students are encouraged to discuss medical and vaccine needs at SHS two months prior to departure
• Vaccines related to travel are paid for by students in advance at the treasurer’s office
ADHD Care

• Student Health Services physicians limit ADHD care to those students enrolled with the Center for Disability Services (CDS)

• Accommodations are provided through the SNAP program at the CDS, located in the Lightsey center at 160 Calhoun Street

• Find more details on the Student Health Services website: studenthealth.cofc.edu
Confidentiality

• Students must provide permission to SHS in order to talk to parents about any medical visits or conditions on a case by case basis
• There is no blanket permission
• Generally not a problem but some patience is required as we attempt to obtain permission
We can help your student plan

• Students can receive assistance at SHS in establishing local care with a specialist
• SHS nurses can give injections, draw labs and continue allergy shots with order from a home MD
• Students can receive assistance at SHS arranging for local counseling and mental health care
• Please talk to us after this session, stop by Student Health Services, or have your student call and ask to speak with a nurse if you or your student have any individual care related questions
Summary Points

• Please visit our website: studenthealth.cofc.edu
• Turn-in shot records and health forms before move-in
• Help your student make local plans for care that may be needed
• Seek out our colleagues at Counselling and Substance Abuse Services (CASAS) for on campus counseling needs and CDS for disability services.
• If a student wears contacts, ensure that they arrive on campus with an updated, backup pair of glasses
• **Remember: Make Same-Day appointments online after 9pm the previous day or by calling in early after 8:30AM**
• We are located at 181 Calhoun Street, Charleston, SC 29424