



Student Health Services

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Policy Compliance

The following policies are established by The University of Kansas and are monitored for compliance by Watkins Health Services.

▼ Holds

Students may incur a “Hold” on their university record for a number of reasons and most holds will suspend a student’s ability to enroll in the following semester. The holds listed below are managed by Watkins Health Services and reflect non-compliance with University of Kansas policies that are intended to ensure the health and safety of our students.

“IMM” - Immunization Compliance

Non-compliance with KU policies on immunizations for meningitis and/or measles, mumps and rubella will result in the IMM hold. For information on how to achieve compliance and have this hold lifted, you will need to receive the required immunizations before your hold can be cleared. Please call our Immunization Compliance Desk at [785-864-9533](tel:785-864-9533) to make an appointment. If you have already received the required immunizations, please bring your immunization records to the Immunization Compliance Desk located on the first floor of Watkins Health Center. You can also have your health provider or previous school fax your immunization history to [785-864-5327](tel:785-864-5327). Once verified by our staff, your hold will be removed.

“TBW” - Tuberculosis

This hold is placed when an international student is not yet compliant with the tuberculosis (TB) screening process that is required of all international students. For information on how to achieve compliance and have this hold lifted, please refer to the **KU Tuberculosis Screening Policy** drop-down above for **International Students**.

“TBQ” - Tuberculosis

Students who are from the United States are now required to complete a TB screening as well but it is performed in a different manner than that which is done for international students. Therefore, noncompliance will result in this hold. For information on how to achieve compliance and have this hold lifted, please refer to the **KU Tuberculosis Screening Policy** drop-down below for **U.S. Students**.

“ALC” - Mandatory Alcohol Education

This hold is placed when a student under the age of 21 is not compliant in completing the mandatory, online education related to the use of alcohol by college students. For information on how to achieve

compliance and have this hold lifted, please refer to the **Mandatory Alcohol Education** drop-down below.

If questions remain concerning any Hold, you may call [785-864-9533](tel:785-864-9533). To fax your documentation to our Registration & Records department: [785-864-5327](tel:785-864-5327).

"NPY" - Non-Payment of Money Owed

This hold is applied by the [Bursar's Office](#) when a bill has not been paid for an extended period of time. It could apply to non-payment of bills with several different units on campus, including Student Health Services. If you have this hold, you need to contact the Bursar to see where you owe money. If the money owed is here with us, you should pay the Bursar's Office (by way of [Enroll & Pay](#)). If you have questions about what is owed, please contact our [Business and Insurance Office](#) at [785-864-9522](tel:785-864-9522).

▼ **KU Immunization Compliance Policy**

Watkins Health Services must have evidence of a student's compliance with the following immunizations. In the absence of this evidence an enrollment hold will be applied and the student will be unable to enroll in subsequent semesters.

- **Measles, Mumps & Rubella (MMR):** All newly enrolled or re-enrolled students born on or after January 1, 1957 must show proof of **Two** vaccinations for MMR. History of the disease is not sufficient for compliance unless accompanied by positive blood titer.
- **Meningitis:** All students living in university-owned group housing are required to be vaccinated for meningitis or to sign a waiver indicating that they refuse to receive the vaccine.

▼ **KU Tuberculosis Screening Policies**

These policies are compliant with regulations of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

International Students: All newly enrolled or re-enrolled international students are required to be screened for tuberculosis by Watkins Health Services upon arrival on campus and prior to enrollment.

- A TB blood test will be done during International Student Orientation physicals unless documented results are presented for a blood test performed in the U.S, within the past 12 months.
- Documentation must be presented for any prior treatment for latent or active TB and a chest x-ray will be required.
- Chest x-rays will also be required for any student with a positive or indeterminate TB blood test, unless SHS is presented with documentation for a normal x-ray performed in the U.S. within the past six months.
- All international students are required to complete the entire process for TB screening and subsequent treatment when specified by SHS providers. Failure to do so will result in dis-enrollment from the University and subsequent notification to the Office of International Students and Scholars that you are no longer enrolled.

U.S. Students: All newly enrolled or re-enrolled U.S. students must be screened for tuberculosis during the enrollment process by answering specific screening questions (see below). Further testing may be required depending on these initial screening results. Students will be notified if further testing is required. If further testing is required, failure to complete that testing will result in an enrollment hold on the student's academic record. The student will not be able to enroll for the following semester until he/she has completed the TB screening process and the hold is lifted. If questions arise, please contact the SHS Immunization Compliance Office at [785-864-9533](tel:785-864-9533).

TB Screening Questions for U.S. Students:

1. Have you ever had a Tuberculosis/TB test with a result that was positive which indicates TB infection?
2. Have you ever been told that you have had close contact with someone who was sick with TB?
3. Were you born in a country NOT listed below?
4. Have you spent at least three months in a country NOT listed below?

According to the World Health Organization, these are the countries NOT of concern for Tuberculosis:

Albania	Costa Rica	Hungary	Saint Kitts & Nevis
American Samoa	Cyprus	Iceland	Saint Lucia
Andorra	Czech Republic	Ireland	Samoa
Antigua & Barbuda	Denmark	Italy	Slovakia
Australia	Dominica	Jamaica	Slovenia
Austria	Finland	Luxembourg	Spain
Bahamas	France	Malta	Sweden
Barbados	Fiji	Nauru	Switzerland
Belgium	Germany	Netherlands	Turks Islands & Caicos Islands
British Virgin Islands	Great Britain & North Ireland	New Zealand	United States of America
Canada	Greece	Norway	US Virgin Islands
Chile	Grenada		Wallis Islands & Futuna Islands

For more information see our [Tuberculosis FAQ](#)

▼ Mandatory Alcohol Education

The University of Kansas requires all new students **under the age of 21** to complete an online alcohol education course - **AlcoholEdu for College**. Students who are required to complete AlcoholEdu will receive notification of the deadlines and course instructions. **Failure to complete the course by the designated deadlines will result in an enrollment hold on the student's account.**

For more information read the [complete policy](#), or visit the [Alcohol and KU](#).

If you have an enrollment hold due to non-compliance of the [University's Mandatory Alcohol Education policy](#), you will need to complete **both** parts of the online alcohol education course before your hold can be cleared.

Course instructions are available on the [Alcohol and KU](#) web site. Go to your [KU Enroll & Pay account](#) to access the course.

▼ Study Abroad

Our department works closely with the [Office of Study Abroad \(OSA\)](#) to ensure the health of students traveling outside of the United States during their academic career at The University of Kansas. Those students who are traveling abroad as part of a university-affiliated class or program are required to obtain a Travel Health Consultation from a clinician at Student Health Services. There are two options for fulfilling this obligation:

1. Students traveling to countries considered to be "[Low Risk](#)" (which is about 75% of KU students who travel) are required to attend a group-based Travel Health Consultation offered by Watkins Health Services. Refer to the OSA site for upcoming dates.
2. Students traveling to countries not considered "[Low Risk](#)" or students who have a physical or psychological condition, for which they are currently receiving treatment or have received treatment in the past, must schedule an individual appointment with a clinician in the Travel Clinic at Watkins Health Services.

Further information about compliance with these requirements is available on the [OSA site](#).

▼ Documentation for Work/Class Absence

At the student's request, SHS can provide documentation for missed class/work time due to treatment for illness or injury is as follows:

1. **Extended Absence.** Students with three or more consecutive days of absence that have received treatment by SHS (or SHS has received documentation of treatment elsewhere) may request a physician memorandum/class note from the SHS clinician who is providing treatment.
2. **Shorter Absence.** Students who have absences of less than three consecutive days and have received treatment at SHS can obtain a record of their visit by completing and submitting an [Authorization for Use/Disclosure](#) form to the SHS Records and Registration Department. The processing of this request may take up to 10 days.

Please be aware that SHS can provide documentation, but only the professor/employer has the authority to excuse an absence.



Each KU student has a secure portal for communicating with us:



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and more!

Daily Hours

Mon - Fri: 8:00 am-6:00 pm
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