



The Taft School

May 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the Health Center at Taft. We are very proud of this service and will do our best to treat each boarding student as our private patient while here. We will work with the day students' doctors as desired. For that to happen, we need the forms listed below. We will be getting to know each of the student's medical history and the sooner we receive the information the more prepared we will be for the fall. We are aware that the physical forms and last immunizations might not be ready until the end of August due to scheduling physicals. However, if you could send us everything that you do have by the 15th of July, it would be greatly appreciated. When you do see your own physicians, it is **imperative** that they use our physical form so data and information are not lost. Please send us the current vaccination records now. Updated records such as the PPD and Meningitis Vaccine can be added when they are done. To summarize what will be necessary in the Health Center before your child can start classes at Taft: **All on the Taft forms PLEASE!**

1) Medical Records History with vaccinations before the 15th of July (pages 1, 2 & 3). Returning students are also expected to fill out all forms each year.

2) PPD within 12 months of starting their first year at Taft : Note that BCG will not be considered an exception to a PPD. (QuantiFERON TB Gold blood test results will be accepted instead of the PPD). Should either the PPD or the blood test be positive, a normal chest x-ray will be required before coming on campus to The Taft School. If either above screening test is positive, we recommend INH treatment and will be happy to help with that.

3) A physical within the year of starting Taft and an updated physical each subsequent year. **The Taft forms must be completed by your physician:** If your child wears glasses, please include a copy of the prescription. If contact lenses are worn, the student should have an emergency pair of glasses. As mentioned above, Taft requires annual physicals updated each year.

4) The Medical, Dental, and Psychiatric Consent form must be filled out.

5) Medication Policy & Physician/Dentist Authorization Form for the Administration of Medicines by School Personnel: Any student who is on medications or in need of continuing medical treatment will need the medical authorization form and instructions for treatment at the Health Center. This must be received before the start of school or upon the initiation of therapy. Have your physician fill this form out only if the student will continue therapy at Taft. A separate form will be needed for each medication the student will be taking at Taft. (So please make the necessary



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copies). Students may not keep any medications in their rooms, prescription or otherwise without Health Center approval. Please review the school policy on medications.

6) The Health Complex Pharmacy Form: This is in the event your child needs prescription medications ordered while at school. Please notify the Health Center of any insurance changes.

7) Concussion Assumption of Risk and Release Documents: This includes review of concussions and the parent and student signing the waiver and release of liability form. Note that all students—whether they participate in sports or not—will be expected to have this form on file. These documents are the final five pages of the Medical History form.

8) Insurance: A copy of both sides of your medical insurance card is imperative. International students without insurance recognized by the American and Connecticut insurance system must obtain such coverage from Clifford Allen Associates. Please contact Taft in order to obtain this insurance or telephone 1-888-342-2224.

All of the above forms are available online at: www.taftschool.org/campus-life/health-wellness/martin-health-center

Please note: your child cannot participate in any Taft activity (including classes) until all these forms are appropriately completed.

Should you have any questions, please give us a call.

Sincerely,

The Health Center