



The Taft School

June 2020

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 day students' doctors as desired.

As we write this, we are working diligently on health and safety protocols regarding COVID-19. Taft is committed to following the most up to date health and safety guidelines for COVID-19 and we expect to be communicating with you later in the summer regarding the health and safety protocols Taft intends to adopt for COVID-19.

To that end, we will need all student immunization records sent to Taft by July 15. We are aware that the physical forms and last immunizations might not be ready until the end of August due to scheduling physicals. **However, again, please return as many forms as possible and all immunization records by July 15.**

When you do see your own physicians, it is imperative that they use Taft's physical form so data and information are not lost. Again, please send us your child's 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 move on to campus or start classes at Taft:

1) Medical Records History with vaccinations before the 15th of July (pages 1, 2 & 3 of the PDF titled "Health and Medical History Records"). 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) Taft is a must vaccinate school. All required immunizations are necessary. In light of COVID-19, we strongly encourage all students, faculty, and staff to be vaccinated for influenza. The Health Center can provide that vaccination. Please indicate on your child's "Health and Medical History Record Form" whether Taft has permission to administer the influenza vaccine to your child.

4) 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.

5) The Medical, Dental, and Psychiatric Consent form must be completed.

6) 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 medical treatment at the Health Center. This must be received before the start of school or upon the initiation of medical



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treatment. Your physician should complete this form only if the student intends to continue medical treatment at Taft. A separate form will be needed for each medication the student will be taking at Taft. (So please make the necessary copies). Students may not keep any medications in their rooms, prescription or otherwise, without Health Center approval. Please review the school policy on medications.

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

8) Concussion Documents. This includes review of information regarding concussions as well as the parent and student signing the *Student Participation Agreement, Assumption of Risk and Release Regarding Concussions* 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.

9) 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 the Taft Health Center in order to obtain this insurance or telephone 1-888-342-2224.

All forms and notices are available online at: www.taftschool.org/campus-life/health-wellness/martin-health-center

These forms are critical to the Health Center's ability to provide health care to your child. We ask that you please return these forms to the Health Center no later than July 15th. Please note that your child will not be permitted on campus until all forms are appropriately completed and returned to the Health Center.

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

Sincerely,

The Health Center