

An Introduction to Cottey's Health Services

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Interested in information about Cottey College Health Services?

Cottey College Health Services is where your daughter may seek healthcare. Cottey College contracts with three local physicians to provide services to students. The doctor is available for up to an hour each weekday. We do request students sign-in within the first 15 minutes of the doctor's schedule time because the physician may leave in 30 minutes if there are no students to be seen. There is no charge to see the physician. Prescriptions, x-rays, laboratory work, or any other costs incurred outside of Cottey Health Services are the student's financial responsibility.

Is my daughter required to have insurance?

International students are required to carry insurance. Although students in the United States are not required to have insurance, it is strongly recommended.

Can I call Cottey Health Services to find out about my daughter?

Please keep in mind, *if your daughter is 18 or older, her medical information is confidential*. If your daughter wishes her medical information to be shared with you, her family, an individual, or another physician, she may sign a release of information giving Cottey College Health Services members the authorization to discuss her medical information. Health Services staff encourages *your daughter* to discuss medical concerns with you.

What if my daughter needs an x-ray?

If your daughter is seen by the physician in Health Services and the physician feels an x-ray is necessary, they will write an order for an x-ray for the student to take to the Nevada Regional Medical Center. The x-ray and any fees incurred at the Nevada Regional Medical Center are the responsibility of the student.

Will my daughter be excused from class if she is ill?

Cottey College Health Services does not excuse a student from class; it is always the faculty member's discretion to excuse an absence. Your daughter may request notification be sent to her faculty members if she was seen by the physician in Health Services. A notification release of information may be signed by your daughter and an e-mail will be sent to her faculty members stating she was seen by the physician in Health Services. Generally, no medical information is released.

What about pharmacies?

The closest pharmacy is Woods Supermarket Pharmacy located one block west of Cottey. Students also use Wal-Mart Pharmacy, and there are other local pharmacies that may be used.

Is the meningococcal vaccination required?

Yes. Students living in residence halls are at an increased risk for this serious and potentially fatal bacterial infection. More information is available through the Center for Disease Control website:

http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/diseaseinfo/meningococcal_g.htm

Are immunizations available on campus?

Immunizations are not available at Health Services; however, the Vernon County Health Department, located within walking distance of campus, has vaccinations available usually at a reduced fee. Immunizations available include tetanus boosters, the Hepatitis A and B series of vaccinations, MMRs, tuberculin skin tests, and the meningococcal vaccine.