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Dear Health Sciences Division Students,

We are approaching the fall semester and want to remind you of requirements necessary for your safety and success. Most of you will be required to attend some type of clinical session with our external partners. Due to the recent surge in the coronavirus across our state and nation, many of our partner hospitals and clinics continue to care for persons who are positive for the coronavirus, or under investigation for coronavirus (PUI).

Your clinical education is very important as you are developing vital skills and competencies for practice. It is our goal to continue to provide the best clinical and practicum experiences possible. As is customary, you will need health and security clearance. ***Additionally, all students are now required to have health insurance.*** You are encouraged to check your clearance status regularly through CastleBranch to ensure that you remain in compliance. *Students who do not have health and security clearance (including health insurance) may not be placed in clinical or allowed to continue.*

Health clearance has several components including the flu and coronavirus vaccinations. You are *highly encouraged to attain the booster*. For your safety, each student attending a clinical session will be “fit-tested,” and provided with an adequate supply of N-95 masks for the clinical rotation.

As we are guests in our partner institutions, we must follow their requirements and their guidance to attend. Under no circumstances are you permitted to attend clinical if you have a known coronavirus exposure *and* you are symptomatic. If at any time you feel that you may be covid positive, you need to contact your program chair and/or clinical coordinator *immediately* for next steps.

Your program faculty and staff are available to provide additional guidance, and/or answer any questions that you may have. You are encouraged to follow-up with them, as necessary. It continues to be our mission to facilitate your success as you move toward achieving your academic and career goals. Have a great fall semester!

Sincerely,

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Dean, Health Sciences Division



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### **Health Clearance Update for Fall 2022**

Effective Fall 2022, all students must show proof of health insurance. Howard Community College does not provide or sponsor health insurance for students. If a student sustains an injury while on campus or in clinic, it is the responsibility of the student to utilize their health insurance plan to cover the cost of treatment and follow-up care.

This insurance notice is also found on the **Student Health Form** on page 4, item 9.

### **Health Insurance Resources**

#### **Home - Maryland Health Connection**

**Notice: See if you qualify to enroll in health coverage now. The application is available daily from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.**

**[www.marylandhealthconnection.gov](http://www.marylandhealthconnection.gov)**

If you need to access our health forms please refer to following web page:

**<https://www.howardcc.edu/programs-courses/academics/academic-divisions/health-sciences/resources/index.html>**

Forms can also be found starting from the home page of [www.howardcc.edu](http://www.howardcc.edu) via the following path: *Programs and Courses/Academics/Academic Divisions/Health Sciences* and then by clicking the link under "For Admitted Health Sciences Students," which will take you to the following document links:

#### **NEW STUDENT FORMS AND LINKS:**

- [Student Health Form](#)
- [Immunization Form](#)
- [Definition of When You Are Considered Fully Vaccinated](#)
- [Drug and Security Policy](#)
- [Criminal Background & Urine Drug Screen Instructions & Link](#)
- [How to Upload a Single File in CastleBranch](#)
- [Readmit Students](#)
- [Liaison Office Orientation](#)