

Health Insurance and COVID-19 Insurance Information for International Students and Scholars

Do U-M health insurance plans cover testing and treatment for COVID-19?

Yes, all U-M health insurance plans cover COVID-19 testing and treatment.

- International Student/Scholar Health Insurance Plan:
 - Medically necessary testing and treatment for COVID -19 are covered.
 - Tests will only be covered if ordered by a licensed medical professional.
 - [No deductible or other cost-sharing](#) [1] through September 30, 2021.
 - Plan coverage details: [U-M International Student/Scholar Health Insurance Plan](#) [2]
 - [Insurance company services](#) [3] related to COVID-19
 - Questions: [International Center Insurance Advisor](#) [4]
- GradCare and U-M employee health insurance plans such as U-M Premier Care
 - Medically necessary testing and treatment for COVID -19 are covered.
 - Coverage details: [U-M Health Plans](#) [5]
 - Questions: SSC Contact Center (734) 615-2000

Do U-M insurance plans cover flu shots? Are flu shots recommended?

Yes, all U-M health insurance plans also cover flu shots at no cost to you. Although a flu shot will not protect against COVID-19, flu vaccination will help keep you healthy. Plan to [get a flu shot](#) [6] if you have not already done so.

Where can I find U-M recommendations for COVID-19 precautions?

Check U-M's [2020-21 Campus Maize & Blueprint](#) [7] for information and updates.

When will insurance coverage begin for new students?

After you complete your mandatory check-in, your health insurance coverage will begin on your I-20 or DS-2019 start date. The mandatory check-ins for the 2021 Spring, Summer and Fall Terms will be online.

Can new students who arrive on campus before their I-20 or DS-2019 start date start their insurance coverage early?

Yes, if you arrive on campus early, you can start your insurance coverage early as long as the new start

date is in the same month as your I-20 or DS-2019 start date. For example, if your I-20 start date is August 23, the earliest that you can start your insurance is August 1. If you would like to do this, email ihi@umich.edu [8] to request an earlier start date.

I am a returning student and my insurance was cancelled during the Winter Term. When will my insurance begin again?

The COVID-19 Winter Term health insurance waivers expire on July 31. Your insurance will begin again on August 1, 2021.

I am not going to return to U-M for the Fall Term because I am studying remotely from outside the U.S. Can I cancel my insurance for the Fall Term?

Yes. You can request a Fall Term 2021 COVID-19 waiver. You will not be able to make this request until August, 2021

I am a new student but will study remotely from outside the U.S. during Fall Term 2021. Am I required to have health insurance?

No. Once you have decided when you come to campus, U-M will send you an I-20 or DS-2019 form with a start date appropriate for your first on-campus term. After you come to campus and complete your mandatory check-in, your insurance will begin on the I-20 or DS-2019 start date. For example, if you decide to come to campus for Winter Term 2022, your I-20 or DS-2019 will have a January start date and your insurance will begin on that date.

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Links

[1] <https://www.mibluesperspectives.com/2020/11/30/no-cost-covid-19-treatment-extended-through-march-2021/>

[2] <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/resources/healthins/coverage-and-rates#docs>

[3] <https://www.bcbsm.com/content/public/en/index/common/important-information/covid-19.html?spiff=coronavirus&location=umichglobal>

[4] <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/resources/healthins/hours>

[5] <https://hr.umich.edu/benefits-wellness/health-well-being/health-plans>

[6] <https://uhs.umich.edu/flu vaccination>

[7] <https://campusblueprint.umich.edu>

[8] <mailto:ihi@umich.edu>