

Welcome to Saint Thomas Aquinas College. The mission of Health Services is to provide health education, prevention and health promotion services, and activities in response to the changing needs and concerns of our students. Health Services is located in **McNelis Commons 2B** (845-398-4242). The office schedule is posted monthly outside 2B and is posted on Health Services Web Page.

New York State Public Health Law #2165 requires each student to submit proof of immunity to measles, mumps and rubella. If you have not already done so, please submit proof of immunity by obtaining your childhood or high school immunization record and attaching it to the enclosed Immunization Record. You may also have the Immunization Record completed by your physician.

New York State Public Health Law #2167 requires that you either receive the vaccination against meningococcal meningitis, or document that you understand the risks and have chosen not to receive the vaccine. You should be aware that college students, particularly freshman living in dormitories have **a sixfold increased risk for meningococcal meningitis**. Sporadic cases and outbreaks of meningitis have been on the rise on college campuses in recent years. The New York State Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control recommend the vaccine that is available. I suggest you speak to your primary care physician and consider this vaccination.

Please complete the enclosed Personal Health History and include **a copy of the front and back of your primary health insurance card**. Please take the physical form and Immunization Record to your physician to be completed. Please return all completed forms to Health Services. Feel free to call me with any questions. I can be reached at 845-398-4242 or emastrov@stac.edu.

Immunization Record and Health History are to be returned to Health Services before August 15th.

You will be unable to move onto campus if your Health History and Immunization Record have not been received.

Sincerely,



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Director of Health Services