Dear Students and Parents,

Congratulations on your acceptance to Colgate. Included with this letter are forms which need to be completed and mailed back to the Colgate University Student Health Center. This will give us important information and will help us direct your health care while attending Colgate. Also included in this packet is information regarding meningococcal disease and vaccination. Please read this to aid in your answer on Part II of the health form. You will also see some helpful tips from former students with items recommended to bring to college in a “first aid/survival kit”.

Although all the requested information is important, we wish to emphasize the necessity of filling out the immunization history. The New York State Department of Health and Colgate University require primary and booster immunizations against infectious (A thru E) and Tuberculosis Screening (I). **Those students with no immunization information or inadequate immunizations may be held out of classes until these vaccines have been completed.** It is strongly recommended that you receive these vaccines before you arrive at Colgate, but if it is not possible, these and other vaccines are available at the Colgate Student Health Center (at cost). Please call the office for further information.

In a separate mailing you will be receiving information about health insurance. We ask that you submit a copy of the front and back of your insurance card and strongly recommend that students have a copy of their insurance card too. The world of health insurance, especially when you are away from your hometown, is now complicated. We ask you to think about the various options before completing the web-based waiver. Many parents have found it informative to speak with a representative from their insurance carrier about **out of area coverage**.

Please submit the following directly to our office **no later than July 13th**:

- Medical History and Physical Exam
- Immunization Records and Tuberculosis Screening
- Meningococcal Vaccine (Part II) – must be completed, see education packet
- Receive immunizations (if not up to date) and provide the information to the Student Health Center prior to attending classes
- Copy of the front and back of insurance card

Thank you for your cooperation. We are always available to answer your questions and look forward to meeting you later this year.

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