Dear Student:

Welcome to The University of Rhode Island! We know you are going through an unprecedented difficult time as our world deals with the COVID-19 virus and we want you to know things will turn around as you prepare to embark on this exciting new chapter in your life. We are here to support you and assist you with all of your healthcare needs as you begin your URI career.

The Dr. Pauline B. Wood Health Services, conveniently located in the Potter Building adjacent to the resident halls complex, is a comprehensive ambulatory health center that is nationally recognized through accreditation by The Joint Commission.

We welcome you and want to be of service for your health needs during the academic year. In order that we may better serve your health needs, we will maintain an individual health record for you. It is of vital importance to the quality of your care that you provide us with as accurate a health history as possible. To this end, you must register for and login to our Patient Portal to submit required health forms. Step-by-step detailed instructions can be found on our New Student Information webpage.

The information you input and upload in the Patient Portal will become a permanent part of your electronic health record and ensure continuity of care. Academic acceptance of a student at the University is not contingent on medical clearance. Your acceptance cannot be influenced in any way by your medical report to us, and all information you provide us with is strictly confidential.

Services provided by URI Health Services include: ambulatory medical services; office visits; specialty clinics; allergy, immunization and travel services; psychiatric services; pharmacy; x-ray and laboratory services on site. Our Health Education Department provides health education and promotion programs along with nutritional services and counseling. More information about the services we provide can be found at health.uri.edu.

All full-time and international students must have health insurance. A health insurance charge has been added to your tuition bill. If you have comparable health insurance coverage, you may waive the health insurance charge. Please go to the Health Insurance Waiver webpage for details.

We aspire to be your most sought-after health care resource, and we are committed to providing a user-friendly, compassionate, caring, inclusive and confidential environment.

We are excited to have you join the URI community. We have an electronic health record to better meet your health and wellness needs. The system facilitates self-check-in, a patient portal, and other steps to getting you the care you need.

On behalf of our staff, we want to extend our best wishes for a healthy, pleasurable and rewarding educational experience at the University of Rhode Island.

If you have any questions or concerns or are interested in a tour of our facility, please contact Health Services at (401) 874-2246 or health@uri.edu.

Sincerely yours,

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