Dear Students and Parents,

Attached are your required Medical History and Physical Exam Forms. This gives us important information and will allow us to provide health care during your Colgate career. Please return the forms directly to our office by July 8th so we can establish your medical chart.

Although all the requested information is important, we wish to emphasize the necessity of filling out the immunization history. The New York State Dept. of Health and Colgate University require primary and booster immunizations against the listed infectious diseases (A thru E) and Tuberculosis Screening (I). Those students with no immunization information or with inadequate immunizations (lack of booster shots) cannot attend classes until these shots 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). Also, New York State now requires that you complete Part II concerning Meningococcal disease. Please read the enclosed, important Meningitis handout.

In a separate mailing you will be receiving information about health insurance. 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. 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.

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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