



Dear Harvard Summer School Students,

We're excited you will be joining us this summer for an engaging learning experience. Summer School is committed to providing a safe, healthy, and supportive environment where students can actively engage in their courses while thinking critically about the world around them.

We are partnering with Harvard University Health Services (HUHS) and Counseling and Mental Health Services (CAMHS) as part of our ongoing efforts to support in-person learning and minimize disruptions related to COVID-19. We will be offering free antigen testing for all enrolled students during move-in and antigen testing throughout the summer term to students who may experience COVID-related symptoms. Regular testing will help to ensure students can remain in the classroom and participate in the various activities available to them during their time on campus.

In addition to COVID testing, you will have access to mental health resources to support you during your time on campus. This includes the HSS Mental Health Support Line (617-998-2447) staffed by an on-call psychiatrist who works closely with the Office of Student Affairs to ensure students are able to complete their courses or, when necessary, return home safely for continued care and support. Below is a full list of the services available to support you if you have any urgent medical or mental health concerns. We sincerely hope that you will reach out if assistance is needed this summer.

The start of the summer session is fast approaching, and we look forward to seeing you on campus soon!

Sincerely,

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Senior Associate Dean of Students

Medical Urgent Care Services

As a residential student on campus, you have access to Medical Urgent Care services at HUHS. Medical Urgent Care at HUHS can be reached 24/7 by calling 617-495-5711. This means we can provide non-life threatening, non-emergency care to you. We can provide assessment, diagnosis, and treatment for common illnesses and injuries such as cold and flu, allergies, ankle sprains, and gastrointestinal issues. We are not an emergency room. If you are experiencing life threatening symptoms, please call 911 immediately. More information about our services and hours of operation can be found at <https://www.huhs.harvard.edu>.

COVID-19 Protocol

While we have entered a new phase of living with COVID-19, we continue to work together with those in our community to limit exposure and spread of the illness. We ask you to be vigilant in following campus policies related to COVID-19. Always thoroughly read our communications as conditions can rapidly change. In preparation for your arrival on campus, please plan to purchase a rapid antigen test and test yourself at least 72 hours prior to your move-in date. Be sure you are familiar with the symptoms of



COVID-19 and stay home if you test positive. For more information about COVID-19 policies for Harvard Summer School, please visit [COVID-19 Resources and Updates](#). Also, campus-wide policies and procedures can be found at the Keep Harvard Healthy website: <https://www.harvard.edu/coronavirus/>. This site is updated regularly.

Mental Health Services

Similar to our medical services, you will have access to mental health professionals for urgent care needs only. Upon your arrival to campus, you will be provided with information about how to access a telephone service that will connect you directly with a mental health clinician. In preparation for your arrival, it is important to note:

- *If you are on medication for mental health needs (depression, anxiety, ADHD, etc), please be certain you have enough medication with you for the duration of the program. We cannot prescribe or refill prescriptions for you.*
- *If you are receiving ongoing mental health care, it is important to arrange for regular contact with your clinician while you are on campus.*
- *If you experience a mental health issue that requires an intensive level of care and/or hospitalization, you will need to return home. There is a significant shortage of mental health services in the Boston/Cambridge area and it can take up to 30 days to receive intensive care.*