



July 6, 2026

Dear University School of the Lowcountry parent(s)/guardian(s):

This packet includes several enclosures, summarized below, related to issues of health and your child. Please review them. As applicable, please complete and return any forms which need information and signatures from you.

1. **2026-2027 School Year Medical Form, including authorization to treat students**

An updated medical form must be completed and submitted each school year ([linked](#)). Please re-submit a Medical Authorization Form to University School whenever there are any additions or changes of information for your student(s). **We must receive the medical form (printed or sent electronically) by the morning of the first day of school -- Tuesday, August 11.**

2. **When sick children should stay home**

Is your child well enough to go to school today? South Carolina state law prohibits children with some infectious and communicable diseases from attending school (and some require a clearance note to be submitted to school upon return). For more information, please examine the enclosed brochure, updated for 2026-2027, "*Staying Home From School When Your Child Is Sick*," from the S.C. Department of Public Health (DPH). See their website for more info:

<https://dph.sc.gov/health-wellness/child-teen-health/school-exclusion>

3. **Immunizations**

State law also mandates specific immunizations for children at certain ages, and there are new updated requirements for 2026-2027 ([linked](#)). Please check with your child's physician to make sure they are up to date and submit a copy of the current immunization record to USL. See their website for more info: <https://dph.sc.gov/health-wellness/child-teen-health/vaccine-requirements-info>

The current immunization certificate is Form 4024.

Changes for the 26-27 school year:

- **By 6th grade:** two (2) doses of hepatitis A vaccine with both doses received on or after the first birthday and separated by at least 6 months.
- **By 12th grade:** two (2) doses of varicella. A child with a positive history of the disease is considered immune and is exempt from this requirement.

Copies of current immunization records must be kept for each student enrolled at the school. SC DPH administers the immunization program statewide in both public and private schools. If you have any questions, please contact the DPH Division of Immunizations at 800-277-4687.

4. **Prescription Medication Administration Requests for 2026-2027**

If your child needs medication administration at school, please fully read and complete the appropriate form(s) and submit them to USL. They must be completed each year ([linked](#)).

Your prompt and thorough attention is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Nicole Brockman
Interim Head of School