

Dear Parent of an Incoming College Student,

First, congratulations on this exciting milestone. As a fellow parent, I have been in your shoes and have experienced the full range of emotions from sadness my kids were leaving to excitement for the beginning of the next stage in their life.

When my children went to college several hundred miles from home, I did not fully appreciate what it meant from a health standpoint to send them so far away and how difficult it can be to get the care they might need.

When my son started coughing a month into his freshman year, he tried to schedule an appointment at the student health clinic. The first available appointment was many days out, and he was told he needed to line up before the clinic opened if he wanted a same day appointment. If he had been home, I would have known how to connect him with the right care. As a parent who was far away, it was difficult to watch him struggle with his health and feel helpless.

When my daughter's chronic condition flared up her sophomore year and she needed access to a Dermatologist, she was not able to get the help she needed from the student health clinic. It was not until a friend contacted a specialist at the hospital connected to the university that she was able to get the right appointment with the right physician. From then on, she was in great hands, but it took that first connection to make it happen.

I realized that making sure my child away at college has access to the same level of medical care they experienced at home is just as important to set them up for success as selecting housing, picking courses, and even more important than picking out their bedding and deciding if they need to bring a fan for their dorm (which I remember felt like monumental decisions).

As we send our children to college, we take a leap of faith that they will be able to navigate a whole set of new experiences. When it comes to their healthcare, I want to give you, the parent, peace of mind and your child a safety net.

In addition to being a parent, I bring over 15 years working in primary care, opening and managing practices. The practice I am most proud of is Green Tree Pediatrics, which I helped my husband create in 2004 when he came to me and said, I think there is a better way to deliver really amazing care. There is a better way, and I would like to help your family access their care when they need it most.

That is why I started StudentHealthConnect....

Should your college student fall ill while away at school, they will be able to access the right care, right away.

Become a member today!

Sincerely,
Misha Strauss Moore, PhD