



Student Health Services
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WPI Student Health Services
Medical Excuse Letters for Missed Classes and Verification of Visits

WPI Student Health Services (SHS) does not provide medical excuse letters for students who need to miss less than a week of class secondary to acute illness or injury. It is the student's responsibility to inform their professor prior to missed class(es), just as the student would be expected to inform their place of employment prior to the start of a workday. It is also the student's responsibility to make arrangements for missed classwork or to collect missed notes from lectures or other assignments, as necessary.

WPI SHS does not provide medical excuse notes to students who miss classes due to acute, self-limiting medical illnesses lasting less than one week. On rare occasions, SHS will provide a "Verification of Visit" form to confirm an appointment at SHS on a specific date. This is NOT considered a medical excuse. This form verifies that you received care at WPI SHS on the listed date.

Absence from class should be a rare occurrence. SHS encourages students to make healthy and mature decisions when they are sick that enable them to recover quickly and not infect others. This includes recommendations for healthy eating, adequate sleeping, following medical advice, and missing classes when they are too ill to participate fully and/or would likely infect others. All decisions about the impact of an absence and arrangements for making up missed work should be communicated directly between the professor and student.

SHS provides care to as many sick and injured students as possible and does not validate short-term medical absences. This policy is consistent with recommendations from the American College Health Association and is like policies in place at peer universities.

Assistance with Extended Illness or Injury

Any student with an illness, injury, or hospitalization requiring extended absences should contact SHS so we can help facilitate communication with the WPI Office of Accessibility Services, Academic Advising, and/or the student support team.