FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Ferris State University requires all enrolled international students have health insurance for the duration of their studies.

The healthcare system in the United States is different from your home country and can be very expensive. Having a proper insurance policy will help ensure that you have access to quality health care.

GeoBlue is the approved health insurance provider for Ferris State University **and you will automatically be enrolled in this plan every Fall and Spring semester and every Summer semester that you are registered for on-campus classes**. The cost of this health insurance plan is estimated at \$450.00 USD per semester. The health insurance charge is placed onto your student account and can be paid along with your tuition and on-campus housing fees.

You do have the option of opting out of the GeoBlue plan. However, in order to do this, you must provide proof of a comparable policy that meets our coverage requirements. The policy that you provide must be officially translated into English by the insurance company or an official translation service. You will also need to provide a copy of your insurance card and a completed insurance waiver form.

Insurance Waiver: If you would like to apply for the insurance wavier, you must complete the <u>Health Insurance Waiver Form</u> and submit the supporting documentation to International Student Services during the first week of classes. On the insurance policy that you submit you must highlight each coverage requirement listed on the waiver form. If your policy does not meet all of the requirements on the waiver form, the waiver will not be approved. Waiver forms for the Spring 2021 semester are due January 15, 2021. Late waiver applications will not be accepted—no exceptions.

Vaccinations: At Ferris we do not require vaccinations. However, please see the following link for more information on suggested vaccinations for US college campuses: www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/studentlife/HCenter/currentstudents/immunization.htm

Please let us know if you have further questions by emailing us at <u>international@ferris.edu</u>. Also, like us on <u>Facebook at Ferris State University International</u> and check your email to keep informed of upcoming informational webinars. Join our <u>Facebook group</u> or our <u>WhatsApp group</u> for incoming students to meet the international staff, other students, and get useful information about visas and arrival.

As many students and parents have concerns surrounding COVID-19, please visit our <u>Coronavirus Updates Hub</u> for the most recent campus information and updates.