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MetroPlusHealth Partners with City Agencies to Provide Resources to Students Studying in New York City

(New York, NY – August 24, 2022) – [MetroPlusHealth](#), New York City’s high-quality, affordable health plan, is partnering with the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs, Commission of Human Rights and the Department of Consumer and Worker Protection to provide City resources to students. Services include health insurance information and enrollment, financial education, IDNYC application, human rights law workshops, and how to file a discrimination report.

To welcome students back after remote and hybrid learning, New York City is looking forward to bringing back the on-campus excitement and experience in the five boroughs. With school reopening soon, colleges and universities may require that students have health insurance coverage for local and international students.

Going without coverage is never a good idea, and some common concerns with plans are that they may not cover services off-campus, or students can lose eligibility if they are part-time.

MetroPlusHealth and its partnered City agencies will host tabling events at the colleges below to share available resources offered by New York City.

- **Wednesday, Aug. 24**, from 11 AM – 2 PM at Queens College
- **Thursday, Aug. 25**, from 12 PM – 2 PM at Bronx Community College
- **Wednesday, Aug. 31**, from 11 AM – 2 PM at Queensborough Community College
- **Wednesday, Aug. 31**, from 10 AM – 5 PM at Hostos College
- **Thursday, Sept. 1**, from 11 AM – 2 PM at Baruch College
- **Friday, Sept. 2**, from 2 PM – 6 PM at Fordham University
- **Wednesday, Sept. 14**, from 11:30 AM – 3 PM at Medgar Evers College
- **Wednesday, Sept. 28**, from 11 AM – 2 PM at Borough of Manhattan Community College
- **Tuesday, Oct. 18**, at Kingsborough Community College (Time -TBD)

“Whether you are from New York City, or you’re just studying in the City, high-quality health care should be accessible and affordable,” **said Dr. Talya Schwartz, President and CEO of MetroPlusHealth.** “When you are healthy and rarely visit the doctor, it is easy to forget how important health insurance is until you need to use it. Minor injuries and emergency room visits

can cost a lot to a college student on a budget, which is why students should know that they have many options to choose from.”

“We are excited to welcome students from all over the world to study and leave their mark in the world’s most diverse city,” **said Manuel Castro, Commissioner of the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs.** “My office encourages all students to reach out with any questions on the available city resources, regardless of immigration status.”

“We are thrilled to welcome students to New York City from out of state and from other countries,” **said Annabel Palma, Commissioner and Chair of the New York City Commissioner on Human Rights.** “While students are in our City, they are protected against discrimination under the NYC Human Rights Law, just like any New Yorker. We at the Commission will continue to uphold the law and protection and promote an inclusive welcoming to NYC.”

“Whether you’re dealing with the cost of tuition or inflation, struggling with a credit card or how you will pay your student loans, or having a hard time budgeting – the City’s Financial Empowerment Centers can help New Yorkers reach their goals,” **said Vilda Vera Mayuga, Commissioner at Department of Consumer and Worker Protection.** “I thank MetroPlusHealth for helping us get the word out about these services and encourage anyone who needs them to visit nyc.gov/talkmoney or call 311.”

With no monthly premiums and no cost for dental and vision, MetroPlus**Health** Essential Plans is offered to international students covering all essential needs: preventative care, emergency care, prescription drugs, mental health, and more. Enrollment into an Essential Plan does not affect immigration status/current green card application. Essential Plans are open to those who do not qualify for Medicaid.

Visit www.metroplus.org/nyc, call us at (855) 809-4073 or contact us [here](#) to learn more about MetroPlusHealth’s Essential Plan.

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