



SHWC Temporary Health Insurance Waiver Exemption Policy

Due to COVID-19 and the temporary changes made by Otis College for the upcoming 2021-2022 academic year, there will be additional insurance exemptions in Fall 2021. All requirements must still be completed by the August 15, 2021 deadline to be considered for waiver approval.

Per Otis College policy, **all** degree seeking students enrolled in BFA and MFA programs are required to have health insurance. All currently enrolled students are automatically enrolled in Otis College's Student Health Insurance Plan, **unless a waiver is completed**. Students with health insurance coverage that meets the College's [requirements](#) may waive out of the plan by completing an online waiver.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:

Living outside of the United States

Any degree-seeking international student that will be living outside of the United States studying remotely in their home country is **not required** to have active health insurance that meets the College's requirements should they successfully complete the required waiver exemption process by the August 15, 2021 deadline.

International Students – Waiver Exemption Process

In order to be considered for the Fall 2021 Waiver Exemption:

- Otis College must be notified that you will not be living in the United States
- Students must complete and submit the online [Student Health and Wellness Center Waiver Exemption Form](#) by the August 15th waiver deadline.

NOTE: Once these steps are successfully completed and verified by SHWC staff, the waiver will be applied to the student's account 7-10 business days from approval.

Expiration of Temporary Exemption

- If an international student lives and studies remotely in their home country/outside of the United States during the Fall 2021 semester **and returns to live and study in the United States** for the Spring 2022 semester, they will be automatically enrolled in the Student Health Insurance Plan for Spring/Summer 2022. This waiver process will default to the standard waiver requirements.
- If an international student continues to live and study outside of the United States for Spring 2022, their waiver exemption status will remain unchanged.