

## Student Hospitalization Guide

There are many reasons why a student may be hospitalized. Whether a planned or unplanned hospitalization, the Student Hospitalization Guide provides helpful information to help you return to campus, and [Berry's Care Team](#) is here to support you and minimize the barriers to continuing your education.

### Notification of Faculty and LifeWorks Supervisors

For [guidance in notifying](#) your faculty and LifeWorks supervisors regarding an upcoming, current, or previous hospitalization, please contact the Dean of Students Office at [deanofstudents@berry.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@berry.edu) or call 706.236.2207. Any notification will not include a diagnosis or any details on your hospitalization other than dates.

### Mental Health

Hospitalization due to mental health concerns is not uncommon. Some students can return to campus shortly after discharge. For some students, taking time away from school and focusing on their well-being is best. The Care Team can support you in determining the next best steps.

Here are a few things to consider:

**Signing a release of information.** A [release of information](#) will allow your healthcare providers to share information with the Berry College Counseling Center. The Director of Counseling can review the healthcare provider assessment and treatment summary, recommendations, and any limitations or concerns about your return to a residential academic community. Send the completed release of information to Ashley Demonbreun-Chapman, Case Manager, [ADemonbreunChapman@berry.edu](mailto:ADemonbreunChapman@berry.edu). Ashley will assist you after being discharged and returning to campus when ready.

**Confidentiality and privacy.** The Counseling Center and Health Center providers are confidential. Other members of The Care Team are not confidential, but any information shared with them will remain private as defined by [FERPA](#).

### Physical Health

Sickness and injuries can happen. You should notify your faculty even if you only miss a class or two. If you are hospitalized for more than two days, contacting The CARE Team is a good idea. The CARE Team can help assist you in communication with faculty and LifeWorks supervisors, continue the semester or make other plans, and offer support for potential accommodations to help you succeed as you recover.

Whether released from the emergency room or hospital, you should receive a discharge summary that includes, but is not limited to, significant findings, procedures and treatment, discharge conditions, and referral or follow-up instructions. If you need assistance post-hospitalization, please get in touch with Ashley Demonbreun-Chapman, Case Manager, [ADemonbreunChapman@berry.edu](mailto:ADemonbreunChapman@berry.edu), 706.238.7957, or Dean of Students Office at [deanofstudents@berry.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@berry.edu), 706.236.2207. The [Office of Accessibility Resources](#) can help if accommodations, such as housing and academic, are needed.