The following guidelines have been established in order to ensure the highest quality medical care while you receive immunotherapy at Student Health Services.

Instructions and information must be explained in detail as outlined on the Antigen Clinic Potential Candidates Letter before antigen injections can be administered. It will be your responsibility to contact your private physician for the instructions and antigen extract. If additional instructions or clarification regarding the instructions are needed, it will be your responsibility to provide the information in writing from the physician.

It is your responsibility to provide updated instructions which outline the same information for all new supplies of antigen extract. This applies even if the new vial(s) has the same contents as the previous vial(s). You will receive a copy of your injection record to submit to your physician when ordering new extract.

**Antigen extract vial(s) and materials are not to be mailed to SHS.** SHS is not responsible for mailed materials that are lost, unrefrigerated, or otherwise damaged. You are responsible for hand-carrying allergy supplies to SHS.

It is also your responsibility to retrieve your antigen extract(s) at the end of the academic year. SHS will not mail antigen vial(s) left in the Antigen Clinic.

**Approval Requirements**

Complete written instructions must be submitted by the prescribing physician on office letterhead before request for receipt of antigen therapy can submitted for review by the SHS Medical Director and/or Designee. The patient must be free of systemic reactions to antigen injections for at least six (6) months or for the period under treatment with the allergist (if less than six (6) months).

Approval by the Medical Director and/or Designee is needed for the initiation of antigen injection therapy and is not needed again unless a different type of extract is administered. The review/approval process will be between 5-7 business days for completion. **No injections are administered until approval obtained.**

Re-approval is needed for former patients requesting services who did not receive injections the previous semester (excluding summer sessions).

**Contraindicated Medications**

The Antigen Clinic Contraindicated Medications with Immunotherapy List is posted in the Antigen Services Clinic. You will be asked if you are currently on any listed contraindicated medications prior to receiving your injection(s) at every visit.

If you are taking any of these medications, you should notify the Antigen Nurse before receiving your injection(s). You will not be able to continue receiving your injection(s) in our clinic while taking the medication(s). You will be referred back to your private physician for further instructions.
Appointments

Antigen injections will be on an appointment basis only. Appointments may be scheduled by contacting our Call Center at (813) 974-2331.

You can schedule only one appointment at a time, unless you receive injections twice in one week. If you receive injections twice in one week, there must be a three (3) day interval between injections, unless otherwise ordered by your private physician.

You must schedule an appointment to drop off or pick up antigen extract and/or records, so we may give you our undivided attention and limit your wait time.

Same day appointments will not be scheduled. Rescheduling may be needed if a problem or situation occurs at the time of the appointment.

You must present to the clinic twenty (20) minutes prior to your scheduled injection appointment time or your appointment may be rescheduled.

Injection Administration

Antigen extracts will not be combined for injection administration. Your initial antigen injection(s) must be administered at your private physician's office.

You must remain in Student Health Services thirty (30) minutes after receiving your injection(s) and your injection site(s) will be checked at 10 minute intervals followed by a final check for any local reaction by an Antigen Nurse before leaving the clinic. You will be referred back to your Allergist office for receipt of future injections if you do not follow these requirements.

Antigen injections will not be given if you have nausea, vomiting, wheezing, or upper respiratory infection with a temperature of 100° or greater.

Pregnancy

Please notify the Antigen Nurse if you are pregnant or trying to conceive. If you are pregnant or trying to conceive, you will be referred to your private physician for further instructions and care.

Consent

I have read and understand the above procedures. I also understand that if I am unwilling to comply with the requirements as stated, I may be refused this service by Student Health Services. I also have been informed of the fee for services and agree to pay in full for this service. I authorize the Student Health Services clinic staff to release information regarding my antigen therapy to ________________________________.

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Patient’s Signature                           Date

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SHS RN, Witness

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Medical Director and/or Designee

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