



Health Insurance Information Session

Information is current as of November 19, 2021



**University
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International Centre
for Students



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- Information presented is current as we speak.
- Gustavson School of Business students should contact gsbwelcome@uvic.ca.
- This session is not for Continuing Studies students. Continuing Studies students must contact uvcsimmigration@uvic.ca for assistance.



Presentation Agenda

- BC comprehensive health insurance overview
- Primary health insurance
 - guard.me
 - BC MSP (BC Medical Services Plan)
- Extended health insurance
- Accessing health care in Victoria
- Covid-19 important information
- FAQs (Frequently asked questions)



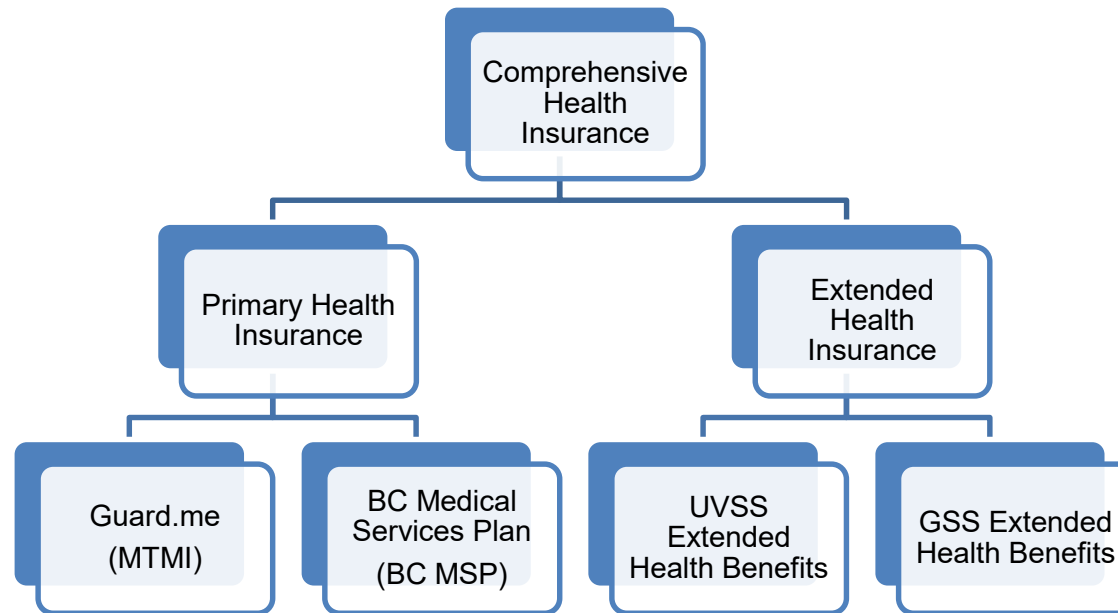
HEALTH INSURANCE OVERVIEW



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Comprehensive Health Insurance

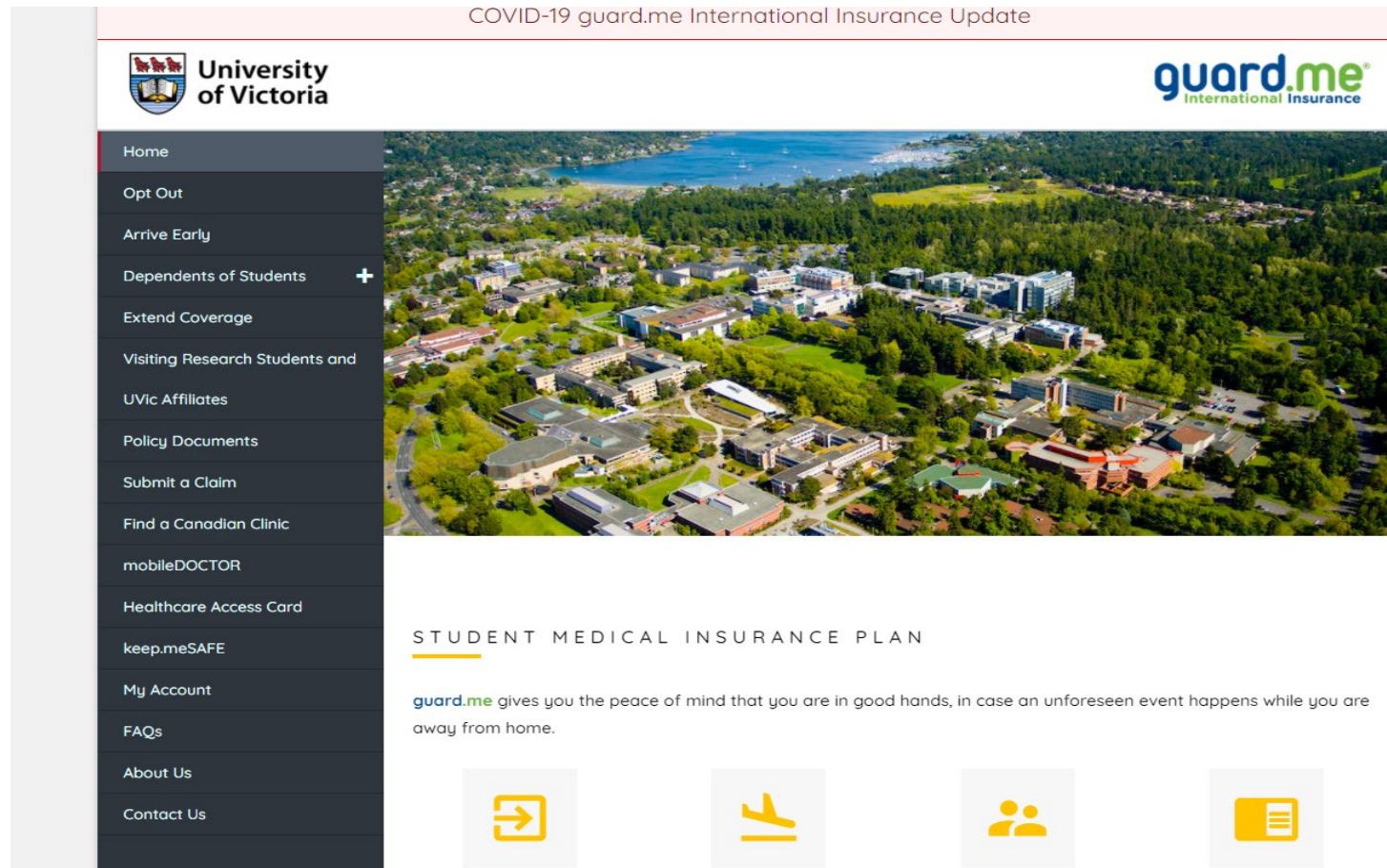


guard.me Information & Enrollment

- Mandatory for new international students
- Most international students are automatically enrolled upon course registration at UVic
- Health insurance intended to cover student's primary health expenses during waiting period for provincial plan
- Receive policy number and guard.me information by email
- Effective coverage December 18, 2021 – April 30, 2022
- *Early arrival option for students arriving prior to December 18
- *Pre-existing conditions not covered



Visit the www.guard.me/uvic website



Opting out of guard.me

You may be eligible to opt out if you will be studying outside of Canada this term.

If you are inside Canada, you can opt out **only if** you are covered by one of the following:

- Valid BC MSP
- Canadian provincial or territorial public health plan
- Saudi Arabian Cultural Bureau-sponsored plan
- Libyan-North American Scholarship Program-sponsored plan
- African Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship Program-sponsored plan
- Corbett British Columbia-Washington International Exchange & Fellowship Program

Visit guard.me/uvic, click opt out and follow the instructions. **Opt out deadline: January 22nd**

Contact icsinfo@uvic.ca



BC MSP

- BC MSP is mandatory for residents staying in BC for 6+ months, including international students
- [Eligibility](#)
- Coverage begins from the date approved and continues until the study permit expiry date – can be extended with updated study permit
- Current monthly health fees are \$75 CAD per month, per student ([BC MSP website](#))
- Understanding your coverage is essential!



Extended Health & Dental Plan

- Provides additional coverage
- [UVSS Health and Dental Plan](#)
- [GSS Health and Dental Plan](#)
- Bus Pass and Athletic Fees:
 - UVSS \$247.31
 - GSS \$255.77



Accessing Health Care in Victoria

- **Students with Guard.me: Mobile Doctor**
www.guard.me/uvic/mobileDOCTOR
- **HealthLink BC 8-1-1**
- **Walk-in clinics** ([Medimaps](#) or [guard.me website](#))
- **[UVic Student Wellness Centre](#)**
- **In case of emergency, call 9-1-1**



Accessing Mental Health Services in Victoria

- [SupportConnect](#)
- Guard.me [keep.meSAFE](#) – Download the My SSP App
- [UVic Student Wellness Centre](#)



guard.me policy for COVID-19

- Students who contract COVID-19 are eligible to submit insurance
- Coverage does not include costs associated with self-isolation
- COVID-19 testing will likely be eligible for reimbursement **if accompanied by a doctor's note requesting testing**
- Medically necessary treatments for new and emergent conditions are eligible if it is prescribed by a certified health professional



Vaccinations and COVID-19

- Please reach out to the [UVic Self-isolation Program](#) if you have questions about your vaccines or if you have questions about self-isolation and current quarantine requirements.
- uvicsip@uvic.ca



FAQs

1. What are my coverage dates for Guard.me?
2. How do I pay my Guard.me MTMI fee?
3. Should I enroll in BC MSP?
4. Can international students get vaccinated against COVID-19 in Canada?
5. I have questions about my move to Victoria. Where do I get help?



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