

**Rutgers Biomedical & Health Sciences** is committed to the creation of an inclusive and safe learning environment for all students and the University as a whole. RBHS has identified the following resources to further the mission of access and support:

**For Individuals Experiencing Disability:** The Office of Disability Services (ODS) supports students with documented disabilities in order to determine reasonable and appropriate accommodations for equal access. Students who have completed [the process with ODS of requesting and being approved for accommodations](#) are provided a Letter of Accommodations specific to each course. To initiate accommodations for their courses, students must both provide the Letter of Accommodations to, and have a conversation with, the course instructor about the accommodations.\* This should occur as early in the semester as possible. More information can be found at the [RBHS Office of Disability Services website](#). ODSRBHS contact information: [odsrbhs@ca.rutgers.edu](mailto:odsrbhs@ca.rutgers.edu).

\*Note: Medical students will have this conversation with their Student Affairs staff and Dental students will have this conversation with their Academic Affairs staff.

**For Student Requests for Online Schedules or Remote Access to In-person Course Sections:** It is important that such requests are handled consistently and in compliance with University, state, and federal policies. To ensure students are treated respectfully and connected as quickly as possible to the individual or office that can assist them and answer their questions, guidance has been developed. Please review this guidance here: [Student Requests for Online Schedules or Remote Access](#)

### *Clear masks:*

Instructors may need to wear clear masks to accommodate students with hearing impairments who need to read lips. The Office of Disability Services will contact instructors who have students who need such accommodations and provide information on the types of clear masks that are available.

**For Individuals who are Pregnant:** The RBHS Title IX Coordinator, Susan Hamilton, is available to assist with any concerns or potential accommodations related to pregnancy. Students may contact the Office of Title IX at (973) 972-9794.

**For Short-term Absence Verification or Individuals with temporary conditions/injuries:** Please refer students to your school's Office of Student Affairs for assistance with absences related to religious observance, emergency or unavoidable conflict (illness, personal or family emergency, etc.)

**For Gender or Sex-Based Discrimination or Harassment:** The RBHS Title IX Coordinator can assist students who are experiencing any form of gender or sex-based discrimination or harassment, including sexual assault, sexual harassment, relationship violence, or stalking. Students can report an incident to the Title IX Coordinator by calling (973) 972-9794. Incidents may also be reported by using the following link: [Title IX Reporting Form](#). For more information, students should refer to the [Rutgers Title IX Policy](#).

**For support related to Interpersonal Violence:** The Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance (VPVA) can provide any student with confidential support. The office does **not** have a reporting obligation to Title IX. Students can contact the office by calling (973) 972-4636 or emailing [vpva@rbhs.rutgers.edu](mailto:vpva@rbhs.rutgers.edu). There is also a confidential text-based helpline available to students; students can text (973) 972-4636 for support. Students do not need to be a victim/survivor of violence; any student can receive services, information and support.

**For Student Wellness:** The Student Wellness Program (SWP) is a free and confidential counseling service which helps students deal effectively with stressors and pressures related to school, as well as personal issues or concerns that may affect their well-being, their personal lives and/or their academic performance.

What services are offered?

- Free confidential counseling.
- Short term and focused individual, couples and family counseling.
- Crisis Intervention.

For more information on the SWP, visit their website: <https://ubhc.rutgers.edu/swp/overview.xml>

***Student Wellness Emergencies*** - after 5:00 p.m. & weekends – [1-800-327-3678](tel:1-800-327-3678)

Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., evenings by appointment.

For emergencies, call 911 or contact Rutgers University Police Department (RUPD) by calling (973) 353-5111.