



St. John's College Policies and Procedures

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TITLE: Medical Release Policy	ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: St. John's College
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SUPERCEDES: Local ministry handbooks/catalogs/policies adopted prior to the effective date of this policy.	

Purpose:

This policy ensures that students returning to campus after a significant medical event—such as injury, illness, surgery, or childbirth—can do so safely while maintaining compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

Policy:

Medical Release Policy for Returning Students

A student may be required to provide a medical release from a licensed healthcare provider when returning to school following a medical condition that:

1. May impact the student's ability to safely participate in academic programs, housing, or physical activities.
2. Requires accommodations through the college's disability services office.
3. Poses a health or safety concern to the student or campus community.

Medical Release Requirements

- The release must state that the student is medically cleared to return to school and, if applicable, outline any necessary accommodations or activity restrictions.
- The college will not require a medical release only for pregnancy or childbirth recovery, except in cases where all students with comparable medical conditions are subject to the same requirement.
- Students may submit their medical release to the Office of Student Affairs, Disability Services, or another designated office.

Confidentiality

All medical information provided will be kept confidential and used solely to assess the student's ability to participate in educational programs and activities.

Appeals Process

If a student believes they are being unfairly required to provide a medical release, they may request a review through the Title IX Coordinator or the Dean of Students.