



# Hello,

On behalf of New Student & Family Programs, welcome to the Buff Family! We're so glad you're here and are excited to partner with you as your student begins their journey at CU Boulder.

The transition into college marks an exciting new chapter for your family. Families play an important role in supporting student success, and we're here to support you, too! Below is a checklist of helpful next steps and resources to keep you informed, connected and prepared for the months ahead.

## NEW FAMILY CHECKLIST

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### Stay connected

- Sign up for the **Buff Family Newsletter** to stay updated on important dates, timely information and campus news. This is also the primary place to learn about upcoming events like Family Weekend!
- Join the **Buff Family Facebook Page** to connect with other CU Boulder families.
- Check out **Have You Herd: Buff Family Video Series and Coffee Hours** to learn about upcoming processes and deadlines for tasks on your student's checklist, as well as hear from campus offices about the resources available to you and your student.

### Be prepared

- Sign up for **Boulder County emergency alerts** to stay aware of things happening on and around campus. Encourage your student to sign up too.
- Ensure you and your student have CU **emergency numbers saved** to your contacts.
- Encourage your student to add you as an emergency contact in their Buff Portal.
- Check that your homeowners or renters insurance policy covers your student's possessions while they are living on campus.

# Take action

- Ask your student to add you as a guest when they sign up for orientation if you want to attend our Family and Guest Orientation program.
- Talk to your student about their **student privacy under FERPA** and whether granting **guest access** and **FERPA Consent to Release** are right for your family
- Review the **Bursar website** for tuition due dates, payment plan options and financial aid requirements, and have your student add you as an **authorized payer** if you will need to view and/or pay their tuition bill.
- Help your student complete their **health requirements**.
  - Assist them in acquiring proof of required vaccinations.
  - Provide them with information about any individual or family health insurance plan(s) that will cover them during their time as a student, and/or discuss whether they should enroll in any **primary or supplemental coverage plans** offered by CU.
  - If your student will be under the age of 18 at the time they begin taking classes at CU, help them complete and submit the **Parent/Guardian Consent for Treatment of a Minor** form on MyCUHealth so that they can receive any needed medical treatment at the Wardenburg Health Center on campus.
- Encourage your student to check their CU email regularly leading up to the start of semester.
- Get ready for arrival. If your student is living on campus, be sure to **review lists of what to bring and not to bring** for move-in.

As you and your student navigate this exciting transition, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're here to help, and we look forward to connecting with you throughout your CU experience.

Again, welcome to the Buff Family!

