Undergraduate medical students must apply for clerkship electives at other Canadian Universities on line via the AFMC Student Portal. Applications may be submitted up to seven months prior to the elective start date. Note post MF4 electives and international electives are not processed via the AFMC Student Portal (see MedPortal for details).

Undergraduate medical students applying for clerkship electives at other Canadian Universities are required to submit the AFMC Student Portal Immunization and Testing Form with their applications. The AFMC form is accepted by all 17 Canadian Universities participating on the AFMC Student Portal. For more information click on https://afmcstudentportal.ca/Immunization.

The Health Screening Office completes the AFMC form for ALL Year One McMaster students using information from the McMaster Year One Health Screening Record. No appointment is required and there is no charge for this service. There may be additional requirements on the AFMC form which are not included on the Year One form because the AFMC form is updated annually after the start of medical school; the Health Screening Office will contact students directly if additional information or clarification is required. Completed forms are distributed in mid April (during MF3).

NOTE – Students granted provisional clinical clearance at the beginning of Year One must complete ALL outstanding requirements before the AFMC form will be completed (i.e. outstanding tetanus/diphtheria/polio vaccines and/or Hepatitis B vaccines/serology).

Checklist for students after receiving their form:

1. **Check the sections which must be completed (or reviewed) by the student.**
   - **Section A. Student Declaration** – Read, sign and date. Tick the box at the bottom which states: “I have not completed any part of this form myself”.
   - **Section F3. Recent TB Exposures** – Applies only to students with negative TB screening on their Year One Health Screening Record, with answers set to “No” for all three questions. Review the questionnaire and report any required changes to the Health Screening Office. **NOTE** – Students with negative baseline TB screening are required to report any exposure to active (infectious) TB disease during their program to the Health Screening Office; refer to the Tuberculosis information sheet and Post-Exposure TB Update Form on the McMaster Health Screening website for more information: https://fhs.mcmaster.ca/healthscreening/
   - **Section F4. Chest X-ray** – Report included for students with a documented positive TST or other positive TB history. Attach to your form.
   - **Section I. Influenza vaccine** – This section is blank because the Health Screening Office does not collect this information and the next annual flu shot is not due until after the form is completed. The HCP who provides the vaccine can complete this section and the HCP Information in Section B, or students can submit an official record. Upload documentation to the AFMC Student Portal (you do not need to submit to the Health Screening Office).
   - **Section J. HIV and Hepatitis C testing** – Read Appendix E.
   - **Appendices** – Only required appendices will be attached to your form. Read, sign and date.

2. **Check over your form.** Contact the Health Screening Office if you think there are any errors or omissions.

3. **Additional requirements:** A few Universities have additional individual requirements which are not included on the AFMC form (e.g. updated TST, second mumps vaccine, updated HIV/Hepatitis C testing). These may change over time, check with each University where you are applying and the AFMC Student Portal for updates.

4. **Submitting your form:** Instructions for submitting the form can be found on the AFMC Student Portal website: https://www.afmcstudentportal.ca/

**Questions about immunization requirements or the AFMC form?**

Contact the Health Screening Office: MDCL 3514, email hrsadmin@mcmaster.ca, telephone 905-525-9140 ext 22249