Undergraduate medical students applying for clerkship visiting electives at other Canadian Universities are required to submit the AFMC Student Portal Immunization and Testing Form with their applications on the AFMC Student Portal. Applications may be submitted up to 7 months prior to the elective start date. The AFMC immunization form is accepted by all 17 Canadian Universities participating on the AFMC Student Portal.

Year One students:

**Year One students should NOT download or complete the AFMC Student Portal Immunization and Testing Form.**

The Health Screening Office will complete the 2018 AFMC form for ALL Year One students, beginning with the class of 2020. Information from the McMaster Year One Health Screening Record will be used to complete the AFMC form. No appointment is required and there is no charge for this service. Completed forms will be distributed to the Hamilton and regional campuses in April.

The Health Screening Office will contact students directly if additional information or clarification is required. Students who have updates they wish to have included on the form will need to submit all documentation to the Health Screening Office by mid-March. Any additional updates will need to be completed by a family physician or the Student Wellness Centre.

Upper Level students:

Upper level students (class of 2018, 2019) who have already completed 2017 AFMC Student Portal Immunization and Testing Form do not need to complete the 2018 form. Submit the 2017 form along with the 2017/18 Transition Addendum for future applications to any University. The Addendum is completed by the student and does not require a health care professional’s signature.

Additional requirements:

A few Universities have additional individual requirements which are not included on the AFMC immunization 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.

AFMC Student Portal Immunization Requirements webpage: https://afmcstudentportal.ca/Immunization.

New Hepatitis B requirement on the 2018 AFMC Form / 2017/18 Transition Addendum:

Positive anti-HBs serology (Hepatitis B surface antibody) will no longer be accepted as proof of immunity to Hepatitis B if a complete Hepatitis B vaccination series is not documented. This is not currently a mandatory requirement at McMaster, however students in this situation are strongly recommended to either locate their records (try Public Health Services where you went to high school) or complete a fully documented series with repeat anti-HBs (Hepatitis B surface antibody) and HBsAg (Hepatitis B surface antigen) serology one month after the series is completed. Please submit updated records to the Health Screening Office.

Before submitting the AFMC Form to the AFMC Student Portal:

Complete and sign Section A and all required Appendices. Review Section F (Tuberculosis) and Section I (Influenza) to ensure the information is up to date. Check for any additional requirements at the University where you are applying. Double check again!

Questions about immunization requirements?

Please contact the Health Screening Office: MDCL 3514, hrsadmin@mcmaster.ca, 905-525-9140 ext 22249