Undergraduate medical students apply for clerkship electives at Canadian medical schools via the AFMC Student Portal. Students at most schools are required to submit the AFMC Student Portal Immunization and Testing Form with their applications.

McMaster University is participating in a “home school verification” process. After a student applies for an elective, the destination school will ask McMaster whether the student has met basic immunization and testing requirements defined by the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada (AFMC). This verification will be provided as a simple “yes” (student is meeting requirements) or “no” (student is not meeting requirements).

- Students who ARE meeting the basic requirements are verified by the Health Screening Office and may submit a blank sheet of paper in place of the AFMC Form with their applications. Students who are fully cleared on their Year One Health Screening Record have met the requirements.
- Students who are NOT meeting the basic requirements are not verified and must submit the full AFMC Form with their applications.

The Health Screening Office notifies students individually whether they are verified and completes the AFMC Form for students if required. Students who are verified and are subsequently asked for the full AFMC Form after submitting a blank sheet of paper with their application should contact the Health Screening Office.

Since this verification process involves sharing personal health information, permission from students to participate is required in advance (permission form distributed separately). Students who do not give permission will need to submit the full AFMC form.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Some medical schools have additional requirements which are not part of the basic AFMC requirements; these should be submitted directly to the individual school. Check the AFMC Student Portal and Institution Profile for the school where you are applying for details: https://www.afmcstudentportal.ca/Immunization.
- Continuing tuberculosis (TB) surveillance is required throughout the program. Students must report to the Health Screening Office if previous negative tuberculin skin testing (TST) converts to positive, or if they are diagnosed with TB disease. For details click on: TB Risk Assessment & TST Conversion.
- Annual influenza immunization is mandatory for all students. Documentation must be submitted to the Health Screening Office by December 15th each year.

For students who require the full AFMC Form:

- Do NOT download the form from the AFMC Student Portal. The Health Screening Office will complete the form for students if required, no appointment is necessary and there is no charge to students for this service. Please contact the Health Screening Office if you need to have the form completed.
- Completed forms are uploaded to MedSIS. Students need to complete Section A. and any attached appendices before submitting their form.
- Once the form is completed by the Health Screening Office, any additional requirements must be documented by another health care provider.

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

Health Screening website: https://fhs.mcmaster.ca/healthscreening/