Health Screening for Clerkship Electives

Undergraduate medical students apply for clerkship electives at Canadian medical schools via the AFMC Student Portal. In the past, all students were required to submit the AFMC Student Portal Immunization and Testing Form with their applications.

McMaster University is participating in a “home school immunization and testing verification” pilot. After students apply for an elective, the destination school will ask McMaster whether the students have 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).

Since this verification process involves sharing personal health information, permission from students to participate in the pilot is required in advance. A separate email is distributed for this purpose.

- Students who give permission AND who ARE meeting the basic requirements are verified 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 do not give permission OR who are NOT meeting the basic requirements are not verified and must submit the full AFMC Form with their applications.

PLEASE NOTE:

- 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.
- 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.

For students who are NOT verified and 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.
- Completed forms are uploaded to MedSIS by mid May (during MF4). 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.
- Once students are verified, they will be able to submit a blank sheet of paper in place of the AFMC Form.

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