

Health Screening for Clerkship Visiting Electives

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

McMaster University is participating in a “home school immunization 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 AFMC Form with their applications. Students who are provisionally cleared have not met the requirements.

Students are to check their health screening status in MedSIS. The Health Screening Office will complete the AFMC Form on request for students who are provisionally cleared, or if documentation is requested by a destination school for students who are fully cleared. PLEASE CONTACT THE HEALTH SCREENING OFFICE IF YOU REQUIRE THE 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 November 30th each year.

For students who require the AFMC Form:

- Do NOT download the form from the AFMC Student Portal. The Health Screening Office completes the form for all students, no appointment is necessary and there is no charge to students for this service.
- Students need to complete Section A (Student Declaration) 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 (including updated influenza immunization in Section I).

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

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