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Website: https://fhs.mcmaster.ca/healthscreening/postgraduate_medical_students.html

McMaster University Faculty of Health Sciences health screening requirements are based on current Ontario Hospital Association and Ontario Medical Association (OHA/OMA) Joint Communicable Diseases Screening Protocols, Council of Ontario Faculties of Medicine (COFM) Immunization and Blood Borne Viruses Policies, and Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada (AFMC) immunization requirements.

The Health Screening Office reviews all health screening documentation submitted by students in order to verify that students have met the requirements. Postgraduate Medicine students (excluding visiting elective students from Ontario Universities) must be cleared by the Health Screening Office before they may register in their program or attend clinical placement.

Students should have their documentation available in case it is requested by the placement site.

If individual placement sites have additional requirements over and above Faculty of Health Sciences requirements, student to provide documentation directly to the placement site.

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES HEALTH SCREENING REQUIREMENTS:

1. Adult Pertussis vaccine: One dose tetanus diphtheria pertussis vaccine (Tdap) age 18 years or older.
2. Tetanus, Diphtheria & Polio – may be in process first year of program: Primary vaccination series, plus tetanus diphtheria booster in last ten years if required.
3. Tuberculosis (TB):
No previous positive TB skin test (TST): Negative two-step TST, plus additional negative single TST post-exposure if required, prior to program start date. For international students who cannot access skin testing, negative IGRA serology within 12 months prior to program start date.
Positive TST or positive IGRA serology: Negative chest x-ray subsequent to the positive test, no symptoms of active TB disease, plus verification of assessment and education of the positive result.
4. Measles, Mumps, Rubella & Varicella: Two vaccinations at least four weeks apart after first birthday (one rubella vaccination acceptable), OR serologic proof of immunity (IgG antibody).
5. Hepatitis B – may be in process first year of program: Serologic proof of immunity (Anti-HBs \geq 10 IU/L), OR if no proof of immunity by program or elective start date, verification and education of status, plus completion of requirement during first year of program if vaccinations still in process.
6. Influenza: Student to provide proof of current season's influenza immunization directly to the placement site.
7. Blood borne viruses: Students who are known to have positive serology for Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg), Hepatitis C (HCV), and/or HIV must self-report their status to the Assistant Dean of their program. HBsAg serology dated on or after test for Hepatitis B immunity required. Only the date of the test is required. Students must comply with the CPSO Blood Borne Viruses Policy for HCV and HIV testing and reporting.