1. Students applying to Canadian medical schools for clerkship electives must complete the AFMC Student Portal Immunization and Testing form available here: https://afmcstudentportal.ca/immunization. This form may be completed as soon as the most recent update is published each November. **Note:** The requirements on the Year One McMaster Health Screening Record are in accordance with the baseline requirements on the AFMC form published the year before; these requirements may change when the AFMC form is updated.

2. Other Universities may have additional requirements over and above the baseline AFMC requirements that may or may not be included on the AFMC form (e.g. more recent TST or chest x-ray, Hepatitis C and HIV serology). Check the AFMC form AND the school’s Institution Profile on the AFMC Portal website for these requirements and submit separately to the individual University where you are applying.

3. Take a copy of your McMaster Health Screening Record (available on MedSIS) and any other records you have on file to the appointment with you family doctor or Student Wellness Centre (905-525-9140 ext 27700) so that tests and/or vaccinations are not repeated.

4. Students are responsible to ensure that all requirements are completed correctly. Check over your AFMC form carefully before submitting and double-check to ensure that any additional requirements for individual Universities are also completed.

**Baseline requirements on 2017 AFMC form:** (Check each University for additional individual requirements)

□ D. Pertussis: One Tdap vaccine (tetanus/diphtheria & pertussis) **age 18 years or older.**

□ E. Tetanus, Diphtheria & Polio – **Last three vaccines** (minimum one month between the first two doses of a series; minimum six months between last two doses; last tetanus/diphtheria immunization must be within the past ten years).

□ F. Tuberculosis (TB):
  1. **Positive TB history:** Document positive TST in 2. Attach records of any other positive TB history. Student to complete Appendix B: *Tuberculosis Awareness, and Signs and Symptoms Self-Declaration Form.*
  2. No positive TB history: Document two-step TST, plus additional single TST if negative two-step test completed more than six months prior to medical school entry. Document most recent TST or previous positive TST. (IGRA serology dated within 6 months prior to medical school entry accepted for international students who cannot access a TST in their home country).

□ G. Measles, Mumps, Rubella & Varicella: Two vaccinations for measles, mumps and varicella spaced at least 28 days apart, and one vaccination for rubella, given age 12 months or older **OR** Positive IgG antibody serology (NOT both – serology after vaccination not recommended).

□ H. Hepatitis B:
  - Hepatitis B immunizations to date (including primary vaccination series and boosters if required).
  - **PLUS** Anti-HBs serology (Hepatitis B surface antibody) at least 28 days after completion of primary series
    - Not immune after primary vaccination series (anti-HBs < 10 IU/L):
      - If series completed more than six months ago, one booster plus repeat anti-HBs required. If not immune after the first booster, two additional boosters spaced five months apart plus repeat anti-HBs required.
      - If series completed between one and six months ago, second vaccination series (given at 0, 1, 6 months) plus repeat anti-HBs required.
    - Not immune after two documented vaccination series: Hepatitis B vaccine non-responder and unlikely to benefit from further immunizations. Student to complete Appendix D: *Hepatitis B Vaccine Non-Responders Self-Declaration Form.*
  - **PLUS** HBsAg serology (Hepatitis B surface antigen) dated on or after test for immunity (anti-HBs).
    - Required even if immune to Hepatitis B. **Note:** HBsAg (Hepatitis B surface antigen) is a different test than anti-HBs (Hepatitis B surface antibody).

□ I. Influenza: Check each school’s Institution Profile for current requirements.

□ J. HIV and Hepatitis C: Check each school’s Institution Profile for current requirements.