

Undergraduate Medicine Visiting Electives Program  
Health Screening Requirements at Canadian Universities

1. **As of Jan 10, 2018:** Students applying for the first time for clerkship electives at Canadian medical schools must submit the 2018 AFMC Student Portal Immunization and Testing Form, and students who previously submitted an application to ANY University with the 2017 form must resubmit the 2017 form along with the 2017/18 Transition Addendum for a new application. **Note:** The requirements on the 2017 McMaster Year One Health Screening Record are in accordance with the baseline requirements on the 2017 AFMC form.
2. Other Universities may have additional requirements over and above the baseline AFMC requirements which may or may not be included on the AFMC form (e.g. more recent TST, Hepatitis C and HIV serology). Check the AFMC immunization form AND the school's Institution Profile on the AFMC Portal website for these requirements.
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 your 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.

**Checklist for baseline requirements on 2018 AFMC immunization form:**

- A. Student Declaration:** Student must complete and sign.
- B. Health Care Professional (HCP) Information:** HCP must complete and sign.
- C. Exceptions and Contraindications:** HCP to complete if required. If answer is yes, student must complete *Appendix A. Exceptions and Contraindications to Immunizations and Testing Self-Declaration Form.*
- 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. **TB history:** Document positive TST in #2. Attach records of any other positive TB history. If positive TB history, student must complete *Appendix B. Tuberculosis Awareness, and Signs and Symptoms Self-Declaration Form.*
  - 2. **TST:** Two-step TST required if no positive TB history. Additional single TST required if negative two-step test completed more than six months before medical school entry.
  - 3. **Recent TB Exposures:** Required for students with negative TST in #2. If any answers are yes, student must complete *Appendix B. Tuberculosis Awareness, and Signs and Symptoms Self-Declaration Form.*
  - 4. **Chest x-ray:** Required subsequent to a positive TST or positive IGRA test or other positive TB history. Attach the report. Repeat x-ray not required if report is normal. Copy of the report and letter from a physician (or completion of *Appendix C. Explanation of Radiographic Findings*) required if report is abnormal.
- 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 documented primary vaccination series and up to three boosters if not immune after completion of the primary series – one booster if primary series completed more than 6 months ago plus two additional boosters spaced five months apart if not immune after the first booster – second vaccination series (three doses) if primary series completed 1-6 months ago). If there is an incomplete or absent record of immunization, student must complete *Appendix D. Hepatitis B Not Immune Self-Declaration Form.*
  - ◀ PLUS ▶ Anti-HBs serology (Hepatitis B surface antibody) at least 28 days after a documented vaccination series (positive serology will not be accepted if immunization records are incomplete).  
Anti-HBs ≥ 10 IU/L – Immune. Document most recent positive test result. Serology should not be repeated.  
Anti-HBs < 10 IU/L – Not immune. Document most recent post-vaccination negative test result. Student must complete *Appendix D. Hepatitis B Vaccine Not Immune Self-Declaration Form.*
  - ◀ PLUS ▶ HBsAg serology (Hepatitis B surface antigen) conducted on or after the time of assessment for Hepatitis B immunity (anti-HBs), OR if Hepatitis B primary vaccination series is still in process, on or after medical school admission (wait at least 28 days after a Hepatitis B vaccine to avoid the possibility of a false positive result).
- I. Influenza:** Check each school's Institution Profile for current requirements.
- J. HIV and Hepatitis C:** Check Appendix E. HIV and Hepatitis C Testing AND each school's Institution Profile for current requirements.