



Pre-Placement Requirement Clearance Information Domestic Electives

In partnership with Synergy Gateway Verified Inc.

University of Toronto Medical Electives has partnered with Synergy Gateway Inc. to provide support and clearance for pre-placement requirements. To have your documents validated you will be required to book an Electronic Requirements Verification (ERV) Review through *Verified*, a proprietary platform that is used by students across Ontario for the purpose of digitally collecting placement requirements and documentation for verification. Log in details to *Verified* will be sent to your school email account once the system is up and running for our programs.

YOUR ERV REVIEW

Be sure to review the list of pre-placement requirements below and have plan when and how you will be completing them. It is important to remember that some requirements may take an extended time to complete.

Once your access is activated, book an ERV Review through your *Verified* account. For help on how to navigate *Verified*, please log in and go to Important Forms. There you will find user guides to assist you with the process.

You are encouraged to *book* your Review early, even if you do not have all documentation in place. Do not wait until a week or two before the deadline to book your Review; Review times will fill.

Ensure all your pre-placement documents are uploaded to your account by 9:00 AM (EST) on the day of your ERV Review. You do not need to be "present" on the day of your Review – this is the date that Synergy Gateway retrieves your documents for review.

To avoid paying additional Review fees, ensure all your documentation has been uploaded *before* 9am (EST) of your ERV Review date. If documents are outstanding at this time, you will not be cleared for placement. If documentation is missing or a requirement is not complete, you will need to book a follow-up Review for an additional fee.

Once your documents have been reviewed you can download your Compliance Summary Document which will serve as a Completion Certificate. *Keep this for your records.*

Synergy Gateway Inc. is *not* the authority on University of Toronto policies and deadlines. Please check with medicine.electives@utoronto.ca if you have questions about anything related to pre-placement requirements.





Please upload for your Review:

- · Immunization medical form
- Blood work/lab reports (as required)
- Certification cards (as required)
- · Originals of all documents

STUDENT FEES

Initial Clearance Review \$ 50.50 +TAX Missed Review \$ 50.50 +TAX Follow-up Review \$ 10.00 +TAX

Synergy Gateway is here to help! Contact Synergy Gateway at <u>www.Synergyhelps.com</u> - Submit a Help Desk ticket and they will be in touch. Their Help Desk hours are Monday to Friday, 10am – 3pm (EST), excluding holidays.

** Important Note**

Please ensure your documents are valid until the end of your placement period. Students with requirements expiring during the placement period must renew (before expiry) and provide updated documentation to Verified by Synergy Gateway Inc. to continue to be eligible for placement. This will require another ERV Review at FULL service fees. To avoid multiple Review fees, we suggest you update all expiring documents in one Review.





PRE-PLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST	
MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS	
* Students with certifications/requirements expiring during the placement period must renew (before expiry) and provide updated documentation to Verified by Synergy Gateway Inc. to continue to be eligible for placement. This will require another ERV Review and there will be a charge for this Review.	COMPLETED WITH DOCUMENTATION
Immunization and Medical From completed by your Health Care professional and supporting documents. THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND UPLOADED.	
Tetanus/Diphtheria Documented proof of 3 vaccinations for tetanus/diphtheria in the last 10 years.	
Pertussis Adult dose after the age of 18	
Polio Proof of complete series of 3 vaccines	
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) Documented proof of two vaccinations or blood work results showing immunity.	
Varicella Documented proof of two vaccinations or blood work results showing immunity.	
Influenza Annual Vaccination Required. Influenza immunization is not usually available until October and takes 2 weeks to become effective therefore students should obtain the vaccine as soon as it becomes available.	
COVID-19 Vaccination Receipts Documented proof of double vaccination status.	
Hepatitis B Anti-Hbs Bloodwork – Mandatory. You must submit proof of Hepatitis B Anti-Hbs blood test results.	
Hepatitis B HBsAG Bloodwork – Mandatory. You must submit proof of Hepatitis B HBsAG blood test results.	
Hepatitis B Vaccinations – Proof of primary series of vaccinations is required. If your serology results show you are not immune, then boosters will be required. You can have up to 3 additional boosters.	
Tuberculosis (Mantoux) – 2 Step TB Skin Test (+ 1-Step Test if required) Documented proof of a baseline 2-step TB Skin Test (TST). If 2-Step TST was completed more than 12 months ago, please submit it along with a current 1 step TB test. A medical follow-up with chest x-ray is required if a person has EVER had a documented positive TB Skin Test.	
** Note: Please ensure that your school immunization medical form is co the information stated above. Clearance will not be issued without a cor	-

NON-MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

form signed by an HCP.

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Completed Police Records Check for Service with Vulnerable Sector (only for Quebec students) Required	
Proof of Photo Required – An actual photo needs to be presented not an ID	
Criminal Self Disclosure Form Required	
Learner Mistreatment Form Required	



Student Name:	

AFMC Student Portal Immunization and Testing Form (2023)

Completing this Form: Students can print this form and have it completed by an appropriate health care professional (HCP), i.e., a nurse, physician, physician assistant, or pharmacist; the item(s) documented must be within the HCP's scope of practice. Students must not complete any part of this form with the exception of Section A and (if indicated) Appendices A, B, and D; the remainder of the form is to be completed by the HCP. Close family members and postgraduate residents must not complete the form. Submit the completed form and any attachments according to the instructions on the AFMC Student Portal for the school where the student is applying. If an appendix is not needed it does not need to be submitted with an application.

Guidelines Document: For additional details refer to the document "AFMC Student Portal Immunization and Testing Guidelines" (https://afmcstudentportal.ca/immunization).

Infections with Bloodborne Pathogens: Students who have infection with hepatitis B virus, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), and/or hepatitis C virus must familiarize themselves with the policies of the medical schools where they wish to apply.

Section A. Student Declaration

- 1. I understand that the personal health information provided in this form shall be kept confidential and will be used by the medical schools to which I apply only for the purposes of a visiting elective. The information provided will be used by the minimal number of individuals required at each medical school, as part of my visiting elective application process to ensure that I meet its health standards or the ones of the relevant health authorities or clinical sites.
- 2. I acknowledge that to the best of my knowledge the personal health information provided in this form is completely accurate.
- 3. I have not completed any part of this form myself, with the exceptions of this section and (if applicable) Appendices A, B, and D. An appropriate health care professional must complete all other sections and appendices.
- 4. I have read and understood the AFMC Disclaimer below:

By giving this form to a health care professional and by uploading this form on the AFMC Student Portal, each student represents that he/she understands: (i) that immunization, testing and mask fitting requirements are requested of students by the medical schools – and not by AFMC – to meet their standards or the ones of health authorities or clinical sites to which a student may be placed for visiting electives; (ii) that AFMC is not responsible for establishing which tests are relevant, and for requesting, testing, or verifying of immunization and testing and mask fitting (or other) requirements; (iii) that AFMC is not involved in the selection of the health care professionals undertaking these tests and filling this form; (iv) that AFMC is not involved in the performance of these tests, their interpretation or the decisions taken based on them with respect to any visiting elective; (v) that even if AFMC has provided for functionalities allowing the upload of the form on the AFMC Student Portal, AFMC is in no way involved in the transmission of such form to the medical schools; and (vi) that any information available on the Portal about this form or the immunization requirements is rendered available for convenience only, was not drafted by AFMC and does not constitute an endorsement by AFMC of such information; accordingly, each student agrees and understands that AFMC shall in no way be liable for: (a) the scope of the information requested in this form and the changes made to the immunization requirements; (b) the performance of the tests, their interpretation, and the consequences they may cause, including the mental distress that may follow when any student is made aware of the results or the time and costs involved in completing such process; (c) the selection of health care professionals performing or interpreting these tests; (d) the transmission of the tests to the medical schools and the decisions taken by them following the receipt of the form; (e) the availability, accuracy and reliability of any information pertaining to the form or immunization requirements; and (f) any physical injury incurred by the student in connection with the tests or this form due to medical malpractice or otherwise. Finally, each student understands that AFMC is not responsible for any unauthorized access to this form which occurred via third parties' servers or while being in the possession of any other person, and that even if AFMC strives to ensure that the Portal is of good quality, merchantability and suitable for the provisions of AFMC's services, and configured to offer proper levels of security, stability, privacy, continuity and minimal services latency, such Portal – just as any other type of technology or system - is not infallible and fully sheltered from unforeseeable or force majeure events.

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Section B. Health Care Professional (HCP) Information

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	Step 2						
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	Recent TST						
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	☐ Yes		s had an exposure to in alth or public health	fectious TB disease th	nat requires follow up testing, a	as identified by	
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Student Name:

¹ Whether a particular TST measurement is considered positive or negative may depend on the client's exposures and risk factors. See Table 1 in the document "AFMC Student Portal Immunization and Testing Guidelines" for more information (https://afmcstudentportal.ca/immunization).

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³ For the TB burden of specific countries refer to https://www.who.int/tb/publications/global report/gtbr2018 annex4.pdf?ua=1

S	ection F.	Tuberculosis (ГВ)					
4.	Chest X-ray: If a student has a positive TST documented or any other positive TB history, the student must have a chest X-ray dated subsequent to the positive TST or other positive TB history. A routine repeat or recent chest X-ray is not required unless there is a medical indication (e.g., symptoms of possible TB disease).							
	Chest X-ray required?							
		☐ Yes						
		□No						
	Chest X	-ray normal?						
		☐ Yes						
		☐ No – Attach the rep	ort (or letter from a TB	physic	ian specialist or TB	clinic report describing	the film)	
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S	ection G	. Measles, Mum	ps, Rubella, and	Vario	cella			
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	ONE of the following items is required as evidence of immunity to mumps : TWO doses of live mumps-containing vaccine, given 28 or more days apart, with the first dose given on or after 12 months of age; OR Positive serology for mumps antibodies (IgG); OR Laboratory evidence of mumps infection.							
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	ONE of the following items is required as evidence of immunity to varicella : 1. TWO doses of live varicella-containing vaccine, given ideally a minimum of six weeks apart (absolute minimum 28 days apart), with the first dose given on or after 12 months of age; OR 2. Positive serology for varicella antibodies (lgG); OR 3. Laboratory evidence of varicella infection.						he first	
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	Measles			OR				
	Mumps			OR				
	Rubella		NOT REQUIRED	OR				
	Varicella			OR				

Laboratory Evidence of Infection: (Note: Having this evidence is uncommon). Submit the laboratory report with this form if a student has laboratory evidence of actual infection (e.g., isolation of virus; detection of deoxyribonucleic acid or ribonucleic acid; seroconversion) to

measles, mumps, rubella, or varicella. This evidence will meet the requirements of immunity for the item.

Student Name: _____

☐ Laboratory evidence of infection attached.

Section H. Hepatitis B

Immunizations: Documentation of a hepatitis B immunization series is required for all students. Positive serology (anti-HBs) will not be accepted if there is an incomplete or absent record of immunization (exception: students immune due to natural immunity, i.e., positive anti-HBs AND positive anti-HBc, or students with hepatitis B infection do not require immunizations documented). Students with an incomplete or undocumented series must have a series completed and documented on this form. Students who are in the process of completing a series must complete the *Hepatitis B Not Immune, Self-Declaration Form* (Appendix D)

	Date (yyyy-mm-dd)	Type of vaccine used *	HCP Initials
Vaccine 1:			
Vaccine 2:			
Vaccine 3 (If required):			
Vaccine 4 (If required):			
Vaccine 5 (If required):			
Vaccine 6 (If required):			-

^{*} If information on the name of the vaccine given is no longer available, simply document the date of the immunization.

Serology: Both anti-HBs (hepatitis B surface antibody) and HBsAg (hepatitis B surface antigen) are required.

Anti-HBs (test for immunity: For students who have immunity, only one positive anti-HBs result is required, which must be dated 28 or more days after the immunization series is completed. Repeat testing after this is not recommended. For students who are vaccine non-responders (i.e., student has received two complete, documented hepatitis B immunization series and post-immunization serology 1-6 months after the final dose has not demonstrated immunity), generally no further hepatitis B immunizations or serological testing are required; such student must complete the *Hepatitis B Not Immune, Self-Declaration Form* (Appendix D). For an approach to students with negative anti-HBs refer to the *AFMC Student Portal Immunization and Testing Guidelines*.

<u>HBsAg</u> (test for infection): Required for **all students**, including those who are believed to be immune to hepatitis B. Test must be conducted after the primary hepatitis B immunization series, OR if hepatitis B primary immunization series is still in process, test must be dated on or after medical school admission. Wait until 28 days after a hepatitis B immunization to avoid the possibility of a false-positive HBsAg result. Once the primary immunization series has been completed, repeat testing for HBsAg may be omitted from any additional testing conducted at the discretion of the HCP.

Both tests required for all students:	Date (yyyy-mm-dd)	Laboratory result	Interpretation	HCP Initials
anti-HBs (antibody)			☐ Immune ☐ Non-immune	
HBsAg (antigen)			☐ Infection ☐ No infection	

Students who are **HBsAg positive** (i.e., presence of hepatitis B infection) must familiarize themselves with the policies of the medical schools where they wish to apply.

Section I. Influenza

An up-to-date seasonal influenza immunization is required for electives occurring during November to June inclusive for the following medical schools: Dalhousie University, McGill University, McMaster University, Memorial University, Northern Ontario School of Medicine, Queen's University, University of Manitoba, University of Ottawa, University of Saskatchewan, University of Toronto, and Western University. The University of British Columbia requires either a documented influenza immunization or a mask be worn for electives November to June inclusive. All other universities highly recommend influenza immunization.

Proof of vaccination must be provided to applicable schools.

If vaccine is not currently available, document the immunization once vaccine becomes available (typically mid-October) and resubmit this updated form to applicable schools. Students applying to **McMaster University** do not need to resubmit this form; provide documentation of the current seasonal influenza immunization directly to the McMaster placement site.

Section J. Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Hepatitis C

Testing and reporting for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and hepatitis C virus is required for **Queen's University**, **McMaster University** and **University of Saskatchewan**, but only once an elective has been confirmed. Upload the official laboratory report via the school's AFMC Student Portal. Test results do not need to be shared with other medical schools. See specific details at each school's Student Portal page.

Queen's University: Results must be current within 12 months of the elective application.

McMaster University and University of Saskatchewan: Testing is required for confirmed electives in obstetrics, gynecology, emergency, and surgical specialties only.

Results must be dated after March 1 of the year of entry into medical school and are valid for 4 years

Student Name:

Appendix A: Exceptions and Contraindications to Immunizations and Testing, Self-Declaration Form

Note: If an appendix is not needed it does not need to be submitted with an application.

This box is to be completed by the student:

This section applies only to students who are UNABLE to meet any of the requirements listed in this document due to a medical or health condition (not including a contraindication to tuberculin skin testing). My signature below indicates the following:				
my signature below indicates the following.				
I acknowledge that I may be inadequately protected	against the following infectious disease(s):			
I acknowledge that in the event of a possible exposurable may be offered to me for the infectious disease(s) list				
I acknowledge that in the event of an outbreak of (or above, I may be excluded from clinical duties for the				
I acknowledge that I might be required to take additi wearing a surgical mask.	onal precautions to prevent transmission such as			
Student Name				
Signature				
Date (yyyy-mm-dd)				

Student Name:	
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Appendix B: Tuberculosis Awareness, and Signs and Symptoms Self-Declaration Form

Note: If an appendix is not needed it does not need to be submitted with an application.

This box is to be completed by the student:

This	section applies only to students with ONE OR MOR	RE of the following:
• /	A positive tuberculin skin test (TST);	
A	AND/OR	
• /	A positive interferon gamma release assay (IGRA)) blood test
A	AND/OR	
	Previous diagnosis and/or treatment for tuberculos	sis (TB) disease
	AND/OR	
	Previous diagnosis and/or treatment for TB infectio	on
	AND/OR	to the infectious TD discours (defined in Continue T)
• ;	Students who may have had a significant exposure	e to infectious TB disease (defined in Section F)
l ack	nowledge the following:	
i t	Sometimes an individual with TB infection may pro hat this can happen even for individuals who have successfully treated for active TB disease or latent	
(2) F	Possible TB disease includes one or more of the fo	following persistent signs and symptoms:
` ′		• Fever
	Hemoptysis (coughing up blood)	• Chills
•	Shortness of breath	Night sweats.
•	Chest pain	 Unexplained or involuntary weight loss
	have a professional duty to obtain a prompt asses of possible TB disease.	essment from a clinician if I develop signs and symptoms
Do y	ou have any of the symptoms in the above list?	?
	No I do not have any of the above symptoms a	at the present time
П	Yes I have the following symptoms (also attach	h correspondence from a clinician explaining the symptoms)
	Tes Thave the following symptoms (also attach	Treorrespondence from a clinician explaining the symptoms,
Stud	ent Name	_
Signa	ature	_
9.1		
	(yyyy-mm-dd)	_

Student Name:

Appendix C: Explanation of Radiographic Findings

Note: If an appendix is not needed it does not need to be submitted with an application.

This form must be completed by a physician who has assessed a student with **abnormalities of the lung or pleura** noted on a chest X-ray report, with the chest X-ray report attached (alternatively it is acceptable to attach a letter or form from a physician, tuberculosis clinic, or other specialized clinic covering the following items).

☐ Chest X-ray report attached	
Name of student:	
Reason chest X-ray was obtained:	
Explanation for abnormal findings:	
Given the abnormal findings, does	the student pose a risk to others by participating in clinical duties?
Physician name:	
·	Tel:
Signature:	Date (yyyy-mm-dd):

	Student Name:
	Appendix D: Hepatitis B Non-Immune Self-Declaration Form
	Note: If an appendix is not needed it does not need to be submitted with an application.
oox is	to be completed by the student:
This se	ection applies only to students who either:
•	are still in the process of completing a documented hepatitis B immunization series
	OR
•	have received two complete, documented hepatitis B immunization series, and postimmunizatio serology has not demonstrated immunity (i.e., anti-HBs remains less than 10 IU/L) ¹ .
ncom	opendix is not to be used to omit any required hepatitis B immunizations; students with an plete or undocumented series are to complete this appendix, but still must have a series eted and documented on page 5 of this form.
	roach to negative anti-HBs results is described in the AFMC Student Portal Immunization and Guidelines.
immun were re after th	tudent who has failed to respond to two immunization series, it is important to ensure (1) that each ization series was documented, all doses were provided, and that minimal spacing between doses espected; and (2) that post-immunization serology was conducted between 28 days and six mont e final dose of the series to be considered reliable. For such students generally no further pre- ire hepatitis B immunizations or serological testing are required.
My sig	nature below indicates the following:
•	I acknowledge that there is no laboratory evidence that I am immune to hepatitis B.
•	I acknowledge that in the event of a possible exposure to hepatitis B (e.g., a percutaneous injury, human bite, or mucosal splash) I need to report the injury to my supervisor as soon after the incidence as possible as I may need passive immunization with hepatitis B immune globulin (efficience decreases significantly if given more than 48 hours after the exposure).

Date (yyyy-mm-dd)

 $^{^{1}}$ Dalhousie University uses an anti-HBs titre threshold of 12 IU/L as indicative of hepatitis B immunity.