



## Policy: UGME POLICY ON IMMUNIZATION

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**Purpose:** To ensure students provide evidence of appropriate vaccination so they are not exposed to undue health risks and do not pose a risk to their patients.

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### Guiding Principles

The MDCM Program is committed to ensuring the health and safety of all learners, patients, and other health professionals.

### Policy

1. To ensure that students are not exposed to undue health risks and do not pose a risk to their patients, upon starting medical school students must provide evidence of appropriate vaccination according to the information provided by the Office of Admissions: <https://www.mcgill.ca/medadmissions/newstudents/conditions/immu-blsc>.
2. Students must meet all requirements of the Protocole d'immunisation du Québec (PIQ) and be adequately vaccinated against COVID-19 according to the MSSS directives in effect, prior to the start of the program, according to the deadlines provided by the Office of Admissions.
3. Students must provide proof of adequate vaccination by June 1<sup>st</sup> as per the procedure outlined on the [Office of Admissions](#) webpage. If students who are on the waiting list are subsequently admitted after June 1<sup>st</sup>, they then must provide proof that they had adequate vaccination by the date outlined in their admission package. Students who do not meet these requirements will be required to withdraw from the program.
4. Students who wish to apply to visiting electives outside of Quebec must meet all requirements of the host medical schools, which may differ from those of the [PIQ](#). The [AFMC Student Portal](#) hosts the immunization requirements for visiting electives for each Canadian medical school as well as the AFMC Student Portal Immunization and [Testing Form](#).
5. Annual vaccination for influenza is mandatory for all students. Students should retain proof of vaccination as it may be requested at any time by the UGME Office or clinical sites.
6. Vaccination against other infectious diseases may be required if need arises.



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7. Students infected with Hepatitis B and/or C or HIV and/or any other blood-borne pathogen must follow the [UGME Blood-borne Viral Infections Policy](#).

