

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL VISA APPLICANTS CONCERNING
VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

Recent changes to **UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION LAW** now require immigrant visa applicants to obtain certain vaccinations (listed below) prior to the issuance of an **IMMIGRANT VISA**. Panel physicians who conduct medical examinations of immigrant visa applicants are now required to verify that immigrant visa applicants have met the new vaccinations requirement, or that it is medically inappropriate for the visa applicant to receive one or more of the listed vaccinations.

MUMPS
RUBELLA
TETANUS AND DIPHTHERIA TOXOIDS
INFLUENZA TYPE B (HIB) AND
VARICELLA
INFLUENZA
ROTAVIRUS
HEPATITIS A

MEASLES
POLIO
PERTUSSIS
HEPATITIS B
PNEUMOCOCCAL
MENINGOCOCCAL

In order to assist the panel physician, and to avoid delays in the processing of an immigrant visa, all immigrant visa applicants should have their vaccination records available for the panel physician's review at the time of the immigrant medical examination. Visa applicants should ask their regular health care provider for a copy of their immunization record, if one is available. If you do not have a vaccination record, the panel physician will work with you to determine which vaccinations you may need to meet the requirement.

Only the physician can determine which of the listed vaccinations are medically appropriate for you, given your age, medical history and current medical conditions.

The applicant must pay for any vaccinations that might be needed, which can be as much as \$400, per applicant and \$75 per applicant for the physical exam.

Remember to take with you to the appointment with the physician your passport or identification card and to obtain 3 photos 2x2 inches (one for the clinical laboratory, other for the radiologist and other for the physical exam). Remember also that a verbal report is not sufficient.

Each appointment with the panel physician costs \$75. If the applicant does not present proof that he or she has had all required vaccinations during his/her first appointment, he or she will need another appointment and will have to pay an additional \$75 to the physician.

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