

INSTRUCTIONS **FOR THE MEDICAL EXAMINATION**

U.S. law requires that every immigrant visa applicant undergo a medical examination by a doctor certified by the U.S. Public Health Service. In Italy, all immigrant visa medical examinations are conducted at the Medical Unit of the U.S. Consulate General in Naples. **You may not go to a private doctor or a U.S. Military Facility for your examination.**

Children under 15 years old will receive only a general physical examination. Adults will undergo a medical interview and a general physical examination, as well as a chest X-ray, blood tests and specialized tests when applicable. A blood test for antibody to Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), which causes AIDS, is required. A positive result does not necessarily indicate that you have AIDS or that you will get it. However, a positive result will make you ineligible to receive a visa and **will be reported to local health authorities.** Each applicant must submit one photograph of the type described in the enclosed appointment letter.

Applicants or accompanying family members afflicted with serious illnesses should bring copies of their medical records for evaluation by the doctors conducting the medical examination.

The examination fee for persons fifteen years of age or over is **Euro 160** (Euro 95 for American military dependents) and for persons under fifteen years of age **Euro 30** (Euro 20 for American military dependents). **You must pay at the time of the examination. The physician accepts payment for the medical examination in local currency only.**

You must arrive at the Medical Unit of the Consulate General by **8:15 a.m.** for your medical appointment. You must arrive on time and you must present a passport or other type of photo identification or you will miss your appointment. You do not need to fast before your medical appointment.

If you are pregnant, or think you may be, please notify medical unit staff at the time of the examination.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

THE MEDICAL EXAMINATION TAKES PLACE THE DAY BEFORE THE VISA INTERVIEW. YOU MUST ALLOW TWO DAYS TO COMPLETE ALL VISA PROCEDURES.