CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR IMMIGRANT AND K VISA APPLICANTS

Each applicant for a U.S. immigrant or K visa, including children and regardless of age must have a medical examination before a visa can be issued. Medical examinations must be performed by one of the specially-appointed panel physicians listed on page five.

The medical examination will include a medical history, physical examination, chest x-ray and blood tests for syphilis. The physical examination will include, at a minimum, examination of the eyes, ears, nose, throat, extremities, heart, lungs, abdomen, lymph nodes, skin and external genitalia. You may have the examination performed during your menstrual period. Children under 15 years of age do not routinely require a chest x-ray or blood tests.

The medical examination is not a full and complete physical examination. Its purpose is to screen only for certain medical conditions relevant to U.S. immigration law. Although in the course of the examination, the panel physician might uncover other matters related to your health, the physician is not required to examine you for any conditions except those which the U.S. Public Health Service specifies for U.S. immigration purposes. The panel physician is not required to provide any diagnosis or treatment. Therefore, you should not consider this examination to be a substitute for a full physical examination, consultation, diagnosis or treatment by your primary health care provider.

IMPORTANT

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE MEDICAL EXAMINATION PRIOR TO YOUR VISA INTERVIEW WILL RESULT IN A DELAY IN THE PROCESSING AND POSSIBLE ISSUANCE OF YOUR VISA

SPECIAL MEDICAL CONDITIONS

- Women who are pregnant are required to have a CXR to immigrate. Pregnant women must provide consent for the CXR. Pregnant women receiving chest radiographs will be provided abdominal and pelvic protection with double-layer, wrap-around lead shields.

- Applicants who have had syphilis must provide a written certificate signed by a doctor or public health official evidencing you were adequately treated. Applicants who have had a positive VDRL or other blood test for syphilis and were not treated must provide a written explanation signed by your doctor.

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- Applicants who have had a positive skin test for tuberculosis must provide a certificate from a doctor outlining the circumstances surrounding the positive tests result and indicating whether treatment was prescribed and, if so, the type and number of months of the treatment. Applicants who have been diagnosed as suffering from tuberculosis must present a written certification signed by a doctor evidencing you were adequately treated and stating the dates and types of medications taken. Applicants who have had an abnormal chest x-ray should borrow the last x-ray films taken and bring them to the medical appointment. The actual films, not the typed reports of the x-ray, may be required for comparison with the x-rays that will be taken at the medical appointment.

- Applicants who have been treated or hospitalized for psychiatric or mental illness or alcohol or drug abuse must present written certification which includes the diagnosis, duration of treatment rendered, and prognosis.

- Applicants with any learning disabilities must present a report outlining their problems and any special education or supervision that may be required.

- Applicants who have had any history of harmful or violent behavior resulting in injury to people, animals or inanimate objects must provide information that will allow the doctors to determine if the behavior was related to any psychiatric or medical problem, or to drug or alcohol use. Harmful behavior includes attempted suicide or harm to oneself, no matter how minor in nature.

- Applicants being treated for chronic medical problems or taking medication on a regular basis should be familiar with their medical conditions and bring a list of the medications they are taking. If an applicant is not sure of their diagnosis, the applicant should bring a certificate from their doctor outlining the condition, current treatment, and prognosis.

VACCINATIONS

U.S. immigration law requires immigrant and K visa applicants to obtain certain vaccinations prior to the issuance of an immigrant visa. Panel physicians are required to verify that immigrant visa applicants have met the vaccination requirement or that it is medically inappropriate for the visa applicant to receive each of the following vaccinations:

Diphtheria toxoids	Meningococcal	Rubella
Haemophilus Influenza Type B (Hib)	Mumps	Tetanus
Hepatitis A	Pertussis	Varicella
Hepatitis B	Pneumococcal	
Influenza	Polio	
Measles	Rotavirus	

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 consult with their regular health care provider to obtain 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 a physician can determine which of the listed vaccinations are medically appropriate for you, given your age, history and current medical condition

SCHEDULING AN EXAMINATION

Please contact one of the designated physician's offices listed to schedule your medical exam. Please state that you are an applicant for an immigrant or K visa, as the case may be, and provide the date of your visa interview appointment. The panel physician's office will inform you of the fees for the exam and tests.

On the day of your medical appointment, bring your passport or other photo identification, four recent photographs, and your appointment letter to the doctor's office, the radiologist, and the lab where your blood test will be taken.

After the medical examination, the panel physician will give you your medical exam results in a sealed envelope. Please keep this envelope sealed and bring it with you to your visa interview appointment. In most cases, you do not need to bring your x-ray with you to the visa interview.

REMINDER

ANY APPLICANT NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE THE COMPLETED MEDICAL EXAMINATION RESULTS AT THE TIME OF VISA INTERVIEW WILL INCUR A DELAY IN THE PROCESSING AND POSSIBLE ISSUANCE OF A VISA

Panel Physicians in Canada

In effect from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016

Only the following physicians have been designated to perform
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IMPORTANT

SCHEDULE YOUR MEDICAL EXAMINATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER YOU RECEIVE NOTIFICATION FROM EITHER THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE GENERAL IN MONTREAL OR THE NATIONAL VISA CENTER NOTIFYING YOU ABOUT YOUR VISA INTERVIEW DATE AND TIME.
IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU COMPLETE THIS STEP PRIOR TO ARRIVING FOR YOUR INTERVIEW.

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