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Immigration Physical Frequently Asked Questions

What should I bring for the immigration physical exam?

1. Photo identification: Passport or other government issued ID with photo
2. Vaccination records: If you have, bring written vaccine records in English, or translated into English
3. I-693 form: Fully complete the first page in black ink, with your name on all pages before you arrive
4. Method of payment: We accept all forms of payment except personal checks. Payment of \$350 plus the cost of any vaccines given on the first appointment is due at the end of the first appointment.

What is included in the immigration physical exam? How much does it cost?

The immigration physical exam cost is \$350, which will include a review of your medical history, a physical exam, a blood test for tuberculosis (IGRA Quantiferon) and testing for gonorrhea and syphilis for patients 15 years and older. You do not need to fast, but a sample of blood and urine are needed. These tests are required by Immigration Services, and must be performed at the time of the physical exam. While the INS will accept a copy of a prior positive Quantiferon test, other lab testing done before the immigration exam cannot be accepted by the INS.

For persons aged <15, the exam cost is \$280 as the tests for syphilis and gonorrhea are not required.

Per INS instructions, the applicant is responsible for the cost of the immigration exam, including necessary tests and treatment. No insurance company will cover the cost of the exam.

Additional costs may occur for various reasons:

- If the tuberculosis test is positive, you will need a chest x-ray, which will be an additional charge of \$35-\$65 payable to the radiology center
- If you do not have vaccine records, we will need to check for immunity to certain diseases in your blood, at an additional cost of \$90
- If the blood test does not show immunity, we must give you the required vaccines, depending on your age

The total cost of the immigration exam may cost between \$400-\$600, depending on the testing and number of vaccines that are required.

Can children have an immigration exam here?

Yes, we see all ages for the immigration exams in our office.

What if I don't have vaccine records?

If there are no vaccine records, a blood test for immunity will be performed for an additional charge. If the blood tests do not show immunity, then the required vaccines will be given at an additional charge.

What shots will I need?

Required vaccines for the immigration exam differs by age. Additional vaccines are required for persons < 18 years. ** If the flu or tetanus shot can be obtained in your usual doctor's office and billed to your insurance, **please do so BEFORE your exam** with us and bring a written record of these vaccines for the immigration paperwork. We will not bill insurance for required vaccines. **

For ages 18 and older:

Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis:	\$62
Measles, Mumps, Rubella	\$95
Varicella (chickenpox)	\$161
Influenza (in flu season, Oct 1-Mar 31)	\$ 50
Pneumonia shot (ages 65 and older)	\$128

What if I am allergic or object to getting vaccines?

If you have had an allergic reaction to a vaccine in the past, bring written documentation from your doctor with you to the exam. We cannot give you a waiver for vaccine objections, but you may be able to obtain one by applying to the USCIS.

What if I don't speak English?

If you do not speak English, you must provide a translator for the exam and the follow up appointment. The Ukrainian language is also spoken in the office.

How long does the immigration exam take?

The initial appointment is 45 minutes long, with a follow up 15 minute appointment to finish paperwork.

When will I get the immigration physical papers?

The immigration exam papers can be signed when the results of the blood tests are complete. This will usually occur at the follow up visit. Occasionally delays may occur if, for example, the tuberculosis test is positive, and a chest x-ray is required.

Who sends the completed form to USCIS? What if I open the sealed envelope?

You are responsible to submit the sealed envelope to USCIS with your Form-I 485 "Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status." An envelope that has been opened can no longer be turned in to USCIS. Our office will have to redo the forms, which is an additional charge of \$25.