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Summary of Exam Special Instructions for Special Populations

Please refer to the text below the table for details about the information in this table.

Group	Exam location	Exam components	Exam Special Instructions	Data Entry
Family Reunification Parolee	Anywhere	History & physical exam, TB, Vaccine, Mental Health	-----	Upfront eMedical
SMO Parolee	Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala	History & physical exam, TB, Vaccine, Mental Health	-----	Upfront eMedical
Enduring Welcome Afghans (SIV, IV, R)	Anywhere	All components	IGRA, expanded age ranges MMR/Polio	eMedical or MiMOSA
Afghan Parolee	Anywhere	Determined by USCIS (likely exam, TB, vaccines)	IGRA, expanded age ranges MMR/Polio	Upfront eMedical
Ukrainians outside of Ukraine (IV, R, etc.)	Anywhere	All components (vaccines voluntary for USRAP)	IGRA	eMedical or MiMOSA or DS forms

Enduring Welcome and Afghan Nationals

The U.S. government is facilitating the relocation and resettlement of eligible Afghans to the United States from numerous countries around the world as part of the Enduring Welcome (EW) response, previously the Operation Allies Welcome (OAW) response. These eligible Afghans may be processed through different immigration pathways, including special immigrant visa (SIV) applicants, immigrants, or refugees.

All Afghan nationals identified by a U.S. government agency as being processed through Enduring Welcome, regardless of immigration pathway, should receive the full medical examination according to [the Technical Instructions for Panel Physicians | CDC](#). However, the exam for this population has a few *exceptions* that apply regardless of the current country of residence and time elapsed since leaving Afghanistan:

- IGRAs are required for EW Afghans aged 2 years or older.
- MMR for all those aged 6 months and older if born in or after 1957, if not currently up to date.
 - For this specific population, immunity titers for MMR are not acceptable.
- Polio vaccine should be administered to all applicants starting at ages 6 weeks and older, if not currently up to date according to the Vaccination Technical Instructions.
 - The additional polio vaccination addendum only applies to Afghans being examined in one of the countries listed in the addendum.

Exam results should be entered in the appropriate electronic system: eMedical for SIVs or IVs and MiMOSA for USRAP.



Additionally, the Department of State has partnered with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) or government contracts to arrange the travel of many of these Afghans to the United States. To make the operational and logistical arrangements for safe travel and to ensure that Afghans with medical conditions are fully coordinated with the receiving health care providers in the United States, **IOM or the contractors must be provided copies of the DS medical forms by panel physicians in a timely manner.**

We kindly request your assistance in facilitating the sharing of these documents in a way that safeguards personal medical information (password protected, etc.). For this specific caseload, this notification serves as your guidance for this action, and you do not need to seek and receive permission from your U.S. Embassy consular section to share the medical forms.

Lastly, the above guidance does not include certain individuals being processed as humanitarian parolees by USCIS; these individuals will have a letter from USCIS with specific exam requirements, along with their unique alien number, that examining panel physicians should follow. Medical exam results for Afghans identified as EW parolees should be entered into the upfront eMedical functionality using their unique alien number.

Please contact PanelPhysicians@cdc.gov to be granted access to upfront eMedical. Even those who already have access to eMedical will need to be granted access to the upfront eMedical functionality by CDC.

Ukrainians outside of Ukraine

Due to the ongoing conflict, Ukrainians have been given special permission to be examined by panel sites outside of Ukraine. If you are examining a Ukrainian outside of Ukraine, regardless of visa class, examine them according to the Technical Instructions as if you are examining them in Ukraine.

This means that IGRAs are still required for Ukrainians aged 2 years or older, regardless of the current country of residence and the time elapsed since leaving Ukraine, based on the WHO TB incidence for Ukraine.

Family Reunification Parole (FRP) and SMO Parole

On July 7th, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the implementation of the new [Family Reunification Parole](#) (FRP) process. This new process is for nationals from Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras whose family members are U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents and who have received approval to join their family in the United States. On August 11th, DHS implemented the modernized Haitian and Cuban family reunification parole (HFRP and CFRP) processes so that the process will generally be completed online and align with the other FRP processes. For more information, please see the [Family Reunification Parole Processes](#) page.

Safe Mobility Offices (SMOs), currently in [Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador and Guatemala](#), help to direct refugees and migrants to lawful immigration pathways as part of the US-government's [Movilidad Segura initiative](#) and help them avoid the risks associated with onward movement. Through this initiative, eligible refugees and migrants will be considered for regular immigration and refugee pathways, other special programs, like FRP, or may be referred for humanitarian parole (**SMO parole**).

FRPs will have a one-page **confirmation letter** and SMO parolees will have a **decision notice** and a **referral letter** instructing them to obtain a modified medical exam by a panel physician. Each person in a family will have a confirmation/referral letter with their own unique Alien (A) number (9 digits).



FRP Parolees may be from one of the above included countries, but are allowed to undergo the exam in whatever country they reside in; therefore, it is possible you may see FRP Parolees at your site, even if your country is not included in the FRP Processes. SMO parolees will only be located in countries where the Safe Mobility Offices are active.

FRPs and SMO parolees will undergo a modified medical examination according to the Technical Instruction for the following components:

- Medical history and physical exam
- Tuberculosis screening
- Mental health screening
- Vaccinations

These exams will utilize existing eMedical “Upfront” functionality to generate electronic records for the purpose of collecting FRP or SMO Parolees’ medical and demographic information. Please ensure there are no errors in name spelling and A-numbers should be entered as 9 digits without letters, spaces, or dashes. A-numbers are unique for each individual and should only be used once.

After you have submitted their exam, notify the parolee so that they may attest or alert USCIS that the medical exam is complete. Ensure each parolee is given a copy of their vaccine records.

Unlike immigrant visa applicant medicals, FRP Parolee medicals will only be available to US DHS and CDC. These records will not be received by US Department of State and Embassies will not be able to answer questions about these programs.

For programmatic questions about FRP or SMO, please email OPScivilsurgeons@uscis.dhs.gov. For questions about the modified medical exam or upfront eMedical access, contact CDC at panelphysicians@cdc.gov.