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US Immigration Physical FAQs

What are immigration physicals for?

The purpose behind immigration physicals is to ensure that you're mentally and physically fit for residency. To gain residency in the US, you need to have a physical performed by a civil surgeon who has been certified by the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). During this physical, Dr. McElya evaluates the candidate for the following:

- The possible presence of communicable diseases
- Vaccination history
- The existence or non-existence of mental disorder(s)
- The presences of possible of substance abuse disorders

Any disease that requires you to be quarantined or that poses a public health risk to others would make you inadmissible to the US.

What vaccines do I need?

The USCIS requires you to have proof of the following vaccines:

- Diphtheria
- The current year's Influenza
- Hepatitis A & B
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)
- Meningococcal
- Pertussis
- Pneumococcal
- Polio
- Rotavirus
- Tetanus
- Varicella

If you're missing any of these vaccinations, Neighborhood Medical Center provides them at an additional cost. You may also visit your local health department.



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Is there a physical examination?

Dr. McElya does a full physical exam as outlined by the US embassy. This exam includes evaluating your:

- Eyes, ears, nose, and throat
- Extremities
- Heart
- Lungs
- Abdomen
- Lymph nodes
- Skin

Dr. McElya may take X-rays in order to determine the presence of tuberculosis, if needed.

Is there blood work?

Yes, your blood will be tested for syphilis, tuberculosis gold and gonorrhea.

Do I need to be fasting for my blood work?

No. Fasting is not required for lab work.

Do I need a passport?

No, however, you do have to bring a photo ID for identification purposes.

Is there a cancellation fee?

Yes. If you cancel your appointment within 24 hours of its scheduled time, you will be charged \$50.



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Does insurance cover this?

No. Insurance companies do not cover immigration physicals due to non-medical necessity, therefore, it cannot be submitted to your insurance company. The cost of an adult physical (14 years and 1 day and up) is \$240 plus the cost of vaccines, if needed. The cost of a child physical (2 years and 1 day-14 years) is \$95.00 plus the cost of vaccines, if needed. The cost of a newborn physical (0 years – 2 years) is \$50.00 plus the cost vaccines, if needed.

How long does an appointment last?

1-2 hours per person.

Can I be on my menstrual cycle during my appointment?

Yes.

Do I need to bring any documents or physician letters indicating any and all prescribed medications or diagnosed medical conditions including, but not limited to pregnancy, diabetes, cancer, thyroid conditions, etc.?

Yes. You need to bring documentation for every medical condition or prescribed medications that you may have. For pregnancy, we need a document from your OB stating that you are pregnant and permission/no permission to receive an X ray (if necessary) and vaccinations (if necessary).

How fast can I get my results?

The typical turn around time is 5 days.

When do I need to get the physical done? Does it expire?

The physical must be completed within 2 years of your application, however, due to recent legislation, the physician's signature is only valid for 90 days from the date of your evaluation.



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What happens if the signature is expired on my form?

You may schedule another appointment or walk in, to get the form re-issued and with a new signature. The cost for this is \$50.00.

How early should I arrive?

We suggest that you arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your appointment time in order to complete the immigration packet.

Do I need a translator?

If you are unable to read and write proficiently in English, you are required to bring a translator to your appointment to aid you in completing the immigration packet.