



Health Information

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Recommended Health Screening Guidelines for Physicians who Serve Newly Arrived Refugee, Asylum Seeker, and Asylee Populations in California

The Fresno County Department of Public Health (FCDPH) has been recently collaborating with the Department of Social Services, Department of Behavioral Health, and the City of Fresno to assist newly arrived asylees that are mainly from South American countries, such as Venezuela, Peru, and Colombia. The FCDPH has been connecting the asylees to local primary care doctors with the help of our region's community-based organizations (CBOs) and community health worker (CHW) network. It is anticipated that more asylees from South America may be arriving to the Central Valley over the next few weeks.

To help support our medical providers who might be caring for these populations, the FCDPH would like to provide the following resources shared by the California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) Office of Refugee Health. Please note, these documents place an emphasis on screening for tuberculosis and vaccine preventable infections:

- The CDPH has developed screening guidelines for clinicians who do not typically work with refugees, asylees, federally certified victims of human trafficking, and other Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) eligible populations. These guidelines include information on recommended laboratory tests and immunizations. [CDPH Clinician Guidelines for Physicians who Serve Refugee Populations in CA.pdf](#)
- This ECHO series increases medical providers' knowledge of the resettlement and health issues of newcomers, including refugee, immigrant, and migrant (RIM) populations. It reviews resettlement pathways, evidence-based screening recommendations, and more common diagnoses and treatment approaches for pediatric and adult populations. [Newcomer Health ECHO Jan-Mar 2024.pdf](#)
- The Minnesota Department of Health (in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) developed an interactive tool for U.S. clinicians, which customizes screening guidance for individual refugees based on age, sex, and country of origin. [Home | CareRef \(state.mn.us\)](#)

For additional resources, please visit the CDPH's Office of Refugee Health website: [Clinician Guidance \(ca.gov\)](#)

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