Afghan Arrivals: Welcoming Our New Neighbors

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AFGHAN ARRIVALS

- Refugee
- Special Immigrant Visa
- Humanitarian Parole
FEDERAL RESETTLEMENT

Department of Homeland Security: U.S. Citizen & Immigration Services
- In country pre-screening

State Department: Bureau of Population, Refugees & Migration
- Placement allocations through 9 Voluntary Agencies
- Initial Reception & Placement (Resettlement Agencies)

Department of Health and Human Services: Office of Refugee Resettlement
- Benefits and Integration Services
Afghan Arrivals

- 100,000 + evacuees
- 50,000 + humanitarian paroles
- Processed in military bases
- California Counties
  - Sacramento
  - San Diego
  - Stanislaus
  - Los Angeles
  - Contra Costa
  - Alameda
  - Santa Clara
Medical Screening Process US Military Bases
- Basic medical screening (not the CDC U.S. Domestic Medical Examination for Newly Arriving Refugees)
- COVID-19 Testing on arrival, repeated day 3-5 if still on US Military bases
- TB Screening
- Immunizations
  - COVID-19 (Pfizer, J&J)
  - MMR
  - Polio

If did not go to US Military base: within 7 days MMR, polio and 1 dose of COVID-19 vaccine, absent proof of prior vaccination; TB test and treatment if positive; report compliance to USCIS.

Medical Records
- Overseas medical screening prior to travel – Department of State (DS) forms transmitted through EDN or State ORH
- US medical screening – Civil Surgeon Exam with I-693 transmitted to State ORH
- CDC is developing a platform to distribute US medical screening documents; all arrivals should have copies of I-693 or other medical screening documents
Refugee Health Assessment Program

**CDC Quarantine Recommendations**

**NOT fully vaccinated or <2 weeks since vaccination**

On arrival to the FINAL DESTINATION in CA:

- Quarantine for a full 7-days after arrival in the state if tested within 3-5 days after arrival to their final state
- Quarantine for a full 10-days after arrival if not tested within 3-5 days after arrival to their final state

**Fully vaccinated and >2 weeks since vaccination**

Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get tested if symptoms develop

**Domestic Medical Screening for Refugee Arrivals**

- SIV and SI/SQ parolees are eligible for a domestic medical screening at one of the 10 Refugee Health Assessment Program (RHAP) sites
- Afghan Humanitarian Parole Under 212(d)(5) **NOT** paroled as a refugee, asylee or SI/SQ are not eligible for federally funded domestic screening. Enroll in PRUCOL Medi-Cal and contact RHAP program for local appointment availability or local FQHC when RHAP appointment is not available
Refugee Health Programs in California
California’s Response

- Temporary expansion of TCVAP
- Legal services
- CalNEW and Refugee School Impact Grant
- Public-Private Partnership – California Dignity for Families Fund

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Governor Newsom, Legislative Leadership Take Action to Support Afghan Refugee Arrivals in California

The Governor has requested $16.7 million to support Afghan arrivals

California partners with Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees on $2 million California Dignity For Families Fund, including new philanthropic supports for Afghan arrivals

SACRAMENTO – Furthering California’s long-standing role as a state of inclusion and refuge, Governor Gavin Newsom, along with Senate President pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins (D-San Diego) and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon (D-Lakewood), took action today to assist Afghan arrivals settling in California. The Governor, with support from legislative leaders, is requesting $16.7 million in general funds, which will be used to provide cash assistance and other services for newly arriving Afghans in the state.
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Resources

- DHS: Operation Allies Welcome
- CHHS Departments Support Afghan Arrivals
- CDSS website (includes)
  - Policy Letters (ACWDLs related to benefits eligibility for SIVs, SQ/SI Parolees and Humanitarian Parolees)
  - List of CA Resettlement Agencies
  - List of Afghan serving organizations
  - Information on how you can help
- DHCS: Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter No.: I 21-15: Eligibility for New Afghan Arrivals