

INITIAL HEALTH SCREENING



Newcomer's first contact with US healthcare will be at their initial health screening. The screening is meant to promote and improve health, prevent disease, and familiarize newcomers with the US healthcare system. Children may receive immunizations during the screening since all children enrolling in public school must show proof that they have been immunized.

SCHEDULING INITIAL HEALTH SCREENING

Soon after arrival, your team will need to schedule the Initial Health Screening. The appointments must take place within 90 days of arrival but within 30 days is best. The screening is usually comprised of two appointments: one to collect blood samples, and another to discuss the results and administer any necessary immunizations or make any referrals.

For scheduling the appointment, please refer to the protocols in place at the local World Relief office. They will be able to assist you in this process. Interpretation is usually provided by the health clinic but refer to the local WR office for confirmation.

If a health screening appointment is not available within the required timeframe, completing them within the resettlement period will still be considered compliant, provided a case note is completed stating the reason why the screening was unable to occur within 30 days.

REMEMBER TO

- Log your volunteer hours
- Log case notes if required of GNT
 - If members of a case have appointments on different dates, a case note must be provided for each appointment date.
 - If the appt. took place later than 30 days after arrival, please provide an explanation as to why.

KEEP IN MIND

Before arriving to the USA, all refugees have undergone a medical screening under the guidance of the Center for Disease Control and have been approved for entry into the US.