



***Embassy of the United States of America  
Consular Section - Immigrant Visa Unit  
Singapore***

**Important Notice to Immigrant Visa Applicants**

**\* Vaccination Requirements \***

*Recent changes to United States Immigration Law now require immigrant visa applicants to obtain certain vaccinations (listed below) prior to the issuance of an immigrant visa. Panel physicians who conduct medical examinations on behalf of immigrant visa applicants are now required to verify that immigrant visa applicants have met the new vaccination requirement, or that it is medically inappropriate for the visa applicant to receive one or more of the listed vaccinations:*

**Mumps, measles, rubella, polio, tetanus and diphtheria toxoids, pertussis, influenzae type B (HIB), hepatitis B, varicella, pneumococcal and influenza.**

*In order to assist the panel physician and to avoid delays in the processing of an immigrant visa, all immigrant visa applicants should have their vaccination records available for the panel physician's review at the time of the immigrant medical examination. Visa applicants should consult with their regular health care provider to obtain a copy of their immunization record, if one is available. If you do not have a vaccination record, the panel physician will work with you to determine which vaccinations you may need to meet the requirement. Certain waivers of the vaccination requirement are available upon the recommendation of the panel physician.*

*Only a physician can determine which of the listed vaccinations are medically appropriate for you, given your age, medical history and current medical condition.*

## **HIV TEST**

Beginning January 4, 2010, HIV testing will no longer be required as part of the U.S. immigration medical screening process and persons with HIV infection will no longer require waiver processing by the Department of Homeland Security to be admitted into the United States.

As with all other medical conditions, panel physicians and civil surgeons may advise applicants about HIV testing for whom testing is clinically indicated. Such applicants may include those with signs and symptoms suggestive of HIV infection or those with tuberculosis disease. For such applicants, the consent for HIV testing should include the following:

- Applicants understand they do not have to be tested for HIV
- Applicants understand that if they would like to be tested for HIV, they do not have to be tested for HIV by a panel physician or civil surgeon
- Applicants understand that panel physicians and civil surgeons must include the test results on the paperwork they complete.

If applicants who would benefit from HIV testing provide consent, panel physicians or civil surgeons should perform HIV testing consistent with the standards of testing in their countries.

Dear Visa Applicant(s):

An appointment has been made for you to come to this office for an interview. All intending immigrants are required to go for a medical examination. You should call the medical facilities listed below to make an appointment for your medical examination. Medical should be completed 2 weeks prior to the interview date.

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*As means of identification, your passport and those of accompanying family members will have to be presented to the medical facility at the time of your medical examination. All expenses incident to the examination must be borne by the applicant.*

Sincerely,

Immigrant Visa Unit