



REFUGEE MEDICAL SCREENING CLINIC

Welcome!

Welcome to the [Refugee Medical Screening Clinic at Austin Public Health](#). It is our privilege to serve you and your family. We want you to be happy with the care you receive. We also want you to feel safe and relaxed when talking about your health. Please ask a staff member if you have any questions. We can provide you with a physical exam, medical tests, vaccinations (shots) and referrals for further medical care.

During the physical exam, your health care provider will:

- Ask how you are feeling
- Discuss your health history with you
- Measure your height and weight
- Listen to your lungs and heart
- Look at your eyes, ears, nose, and throat
- Look at your teeth and gums
- Check your abdomen/stomach
- Measure your blood pressure
- Test your vision and hearing

YOUR PATIENT RIGHTS

Your health information is kept private. It is only shared among healthcare staff with your consent.

As a patient, you have the right to:

- A free interpreter
- Care that respects your culture
- Be well-informed
- See your health records
- Refuse any or all services
- Submit complaints to the clinic

CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

REFUGEE CLINIC

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Monday – Friday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/refugee-services>



Austin Public Health



VACCINATIONS

Vaccines help protect you from disease. We can give you the same vaccines that U.S. citizens get.

Your children must get certain vaccines before they can attend school. You must also show proof that you got vaccines when you apply to become a U.S. resident (get your green card).

Here are the vaccines we offer:

- Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)
- Varicella (chickenpox)
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib)
- Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis
- Influenza
- Polio
- Meningococcal
- Pneumococcal
- Zoster
- Rotavirus
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

MEDICAL TESTS

You may be asked to provide blood, urine, or stool (feces) samples for medical tests. Below are some tests you may receive.

Pregnancy

Women of childbearing age get a pregnancy test. If you are pregnant, we will help you get prenatal care and vaccines.

Tuberculosis (TB)

TB is a disease of the lungs that spreads through the air from person to person. TB can be active or inactive. Active TB may cause symptoms such as a bad cough, extreme tiredness, weight loss, or night sweats. Inactive TB does not spread, but it still must be treated to stop future illness.

Parasites

Parasites can make you very sick. If you were not treated overseas, we may treat you for intestinal parasites. Some clinics may test for parasites before giving you treatment.

Hepatitis B

Hepatitis B is a virus that hurts the liver. It spreads through blood and body fluids. A mother can also pass it to her baby at birth. Hepatitis B can cause a short-term (acute) illness or it can become a long-term (chronic) health problem.

Blood Lead Level

We test children for exposure to harmful levels of lead. Lead is a toxic metal that can cause nerve damage and brain problems, especially in children. People can be exposed to lead through certain kinds of paint and dust.

HIV and Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs)

We test for HIV, syphilis and other STDs. HIV is a virus that prevents the body from fighting infections. HIV is spread through blood, semen, vaginal fluid, and breast milk. You can lower your risk for HIV and other STDs by using condoms during sex.

REFERRALS

We may refer you to other doctors for other health issues. Please be on time for any doctor's appointments scheduled for you.