



Minnesota Refugee Health Program

Our mission is to promote and enhance the health and well-being of refugees.

What does the Minnesota Refugee Health Program do?



Ensure timely health assessment, treatment, and referral for all new refugee arrivals to the state.



Educate health care professionals on best practices in refugee health.



Offer technical assistance, education, and resources to local, state, and community partners.



Provide leadership and guidance to refugee health professionals in other states; and promote public health practices and policies that further our mission.

What is a Refugee Health Assessment?



Some newcomers are eligible for a Refugee Health Assessment. This important health examination helps arrivals get connected to health care so they can be as healthy as possible. **It has no effect on immigration status.**



The Refugee Health Assessment is completed by specially trained providers over one or two visits. It includes testing for illnesses more common in other countries and reviewing medical records from other countries, making it different from a typical health exam.



Minnesota has many clinics that can perform Refugee Health Assessments. The Minnesota Refugee Health Program will work with the local public health office (county or regional public health office) in the newcomer's county of residence to help coordinate this visit for qualified newcomers. These exams cannot be scheduled independently.



To connect with our program, please call us at 651-201-5414 or email refugeehealth@state.mn.us. For additional information and resources, visit [Refugee Health Community Partners and Sponsors \(www.health.state.mn.us/communities/rih/partners/index.html\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/rih/partners/index.html).



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