

REACHING HUMANITARIAN PAROLEES FROM VENEZUELA AND NICARAGUA TO MEET TB SCREENING REQUIREMENTS

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## **Newcomers Health Program** SF-DPH's Refugee Health Assessment Program



Supporting the health and well-being of:

- Refugees
- Asylees
- Humanitarian Parolees (Afghanistan, Ukraine, Nicaragua, Venezuela)
- Survivors of Trafficking
- Asylum Seekers

In partnership with TB Clinic & Family Health Center at ZSFG

Services include:

- Comprehensive Health Assessments
- Primary Health Care Support & Referrals
- Health and Social Service Patient Education & Navigation
- Medical & Mental Health Interpretation
- Referrals & Support for "Green Card" Medical Requirements



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## From a TB standpoint

- Refugees receive overseas health screening
- Asylees, Humanitarian Parolee no overseas screening for TB is conducted prior to US arrival
- program is being overseen by US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
- A partnership between the TB Clinic and the Newcomers Health Program to quickly screen Humanitarian Parolees from various countries for TB and refer for additional health services



# Building on the parolee TB screening program

- November 2022 USCIS implemented a humanitarian parole program for Venezuelans
- January 2023- USCIS added a parolee program for Nicaraguans, Cubans and Haitians
- SFDPH TB Clinic is also screening these populations with both IGRA and chest X-ray





#### DETECCIÓN DE TUBERCULOSIS (TB) PARA PERSONAS EN PROCESO HUMANITARIO ESPECIAL PARA RECIÉN LLEGADAS DE VENEZUELA

Exámenes de detección de TB para todas las edades serán proporcionados en la Clínica de Tuberculosis ubicada en el Hospital General Zuckerberg de San Francisco

Requisito para recibir estos servicios es residir en el condado de San Francisco

Los servicios son gratuitos e incluyen:

- Pruebas de laboratorio que incluyen detección de tuberculosis y seguimiento
- Medicamentos para el tratamiento de la tuberculosis en caso de que fuera necesario
- Referencias para vacunas y otras condiciones de salud identificadas
- La atención está disponible en su idioma preferido
- Asistencia para acceder a la cobertura de salud temporal

Para un servicio más rápido, llama o envía un SMS para programar una cita

Llama al 628-206-8524

Texto SMS 415-606-0261

La prueba de detección de tuberculosis sin cita previa está disponible

de 8:30 a.m. a 3:30 p.m. de lunes a viernes

¡Lleve este folleto con usted a La Clínica de Tuberculosis!

TB Clinic at ZSFGH | 2460  $22^{nd}$  Street, building 90, 4th floor | San Francisco, CA 94110



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## Asylum Seekers Health Services Program (ASHS)



#### **Eligibility:**

• Asylum seekers interested in applying or in the process of applying within the last year.

#### Caveat:

 Includes parolees from Venezuela and Nicaragua not currently eligible for Newcomers Health services.

### Services Include:

- Information on the asylum-seeking process
- Guidance on how to apply for health benefits i.e. MediCal/Healthy San Francisco
- Health Screening that includes a QFT



## SF TB Clinic / Newcomers Health Partnership





- Screening results to date are reassuring that the rate of TB in parolees is not high compared to many other newcomer/immigrant populations
- Parolees with LTBI (~ 10%) are promptly offered treatment
- All eligible parolees seeking asylum are referred to ASHS program for connection to available services and benefits



## Thank you!



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