



## Information on your health check-up



All asylum seekers will be medically examined for potential communicable diseases and treated if applicable.

These examinations are mandatorily required by law (Section 62 German Asylum Law) and free of charge.

If an asylum seeker refuses these examinations in accordance with Section 62 of the German Asylum Law, the competent accommodating authority is entitled to enforce the examination by coercive means if necessary.

Specific health data will be collected from you within the scope of the examination (results of pulmonary and blood examinations and if applicable stool tests). This data is required to quickly detect and – if applicable – treat communicable diseases and to protect other people from becoming infected.

The examination results will be communicated to the authority competent for your accommodation. If an infectious disease is detected, you will be informed and – if required – treated. In addition, the public health office responsible for your place of residence will be informed (Section 62 German Asylum Law and Sections 25, 28 German Infection Protection Law). You also have the option of inspecting the results and requesting a copy.

### Pulmonary examination (X-ray)

(For people from the age of 15, test for communicable diseases of the lungs)

- ▶ Tuberculosis is a communicable infection of the lungs, which when left untreated will destroy the lungs and may lead to death. The disease often begins without complaints; at a later stage the patient will then suffer from a cough, weight reduction or excessive sweating. Tuberculosis of the lungs can be detected by X-ray and then healed. When undetected, tuberculosis can spread to and permanently damage other parts of the body. This makes an early diagnosis so important.
- ▶ On children and pregnant women a blood test will be conducted instead of X-raying the lungs (IGRA test).

### Blood test

(Test for infectious diseases in the blood and the liver)

- ▶ Hepatitis B: A communicable virus infection, transmitted by blood or sexual intercourse. It causes infections of the liver.
- ▶ HIV I and II: A communicable virus infection, transmitted by blood or sexual intercourse, causing AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome). If left untreated the disease will lead to death.

### Incident-based stool test

(If applicable, checking for communicable bowel infections), for example if you, or persons with whom you were in contact, suffer from diarrhoea.

- ▶ Typhoid, paratyphoid, enteritis, dysentery group test for bacteria causing diarrhoea.
- ▶ Intestinal parasites (for example worms).

### Vaccination

Vaccinations are one of the most effective medical prevention measures.

They keep you safe from communicable infectious diseases.

- ▶ To protect yourself and your family from communicable diseases – for example the measles – please contact the medical services of your accommodation facility or a medical practice. The vaccination is free of charge for you.



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### **Pulmonary examination (X-ray)**

X-ray of the lungs  
from the age of 15  
(blood test for children and pregnant women)



### **Blood test**

from the age of 15: Hepatitis B, HIV I and II  
for children and pregnant women: tuberculosis test



### **Incident-based stool test**

Incident-based test for intestinal pathogens and –if required–  
intestinal parasites, for example for people suffering from diarrhoea



### **Vaccination**

Vaccinations are free of charge for all asylum seekers

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