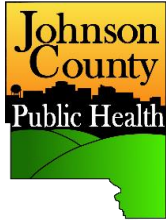


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Johnson County to Provide Immunization Audits for Refugees

In 1998 the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), gave a blanket designation to all state and local health departments to act as civil surgeons. Health departments may only use this blanket civil surgeon designation to complete the vaccination assessments for refugees seeking adjustment of status. Through a collaborative agreement, Iowa City Free Medical Clinic Director, Dr. Cecilia Norris, will be acting as Johnson County Public Health's (JCPH) supervising physician for this service.

Beginning on June 21st, JCPH will begin aiding refugees by administering necessary immunizations, and completing the required I-693 form. A flat fee of \$15 will be charged for this service, in addition to the cost of any necessary immunizations not covered by insurance.

To take advantage of this service individuals must be:

- A Refugee
- Applying for their 1 year adjustment of status
- Only required to submit the vaccination portion of the I-693

“By providing this service locally, we can eliminate the transportation barrier this requirement places on refugees and their families who previously had to travel to other counties for this service.” says Jake Riley, Disease Prevention Specialist.

Refugees seeking immunization audits for compliance with the I-693 form are welcome to call Johnson County Public Health at 319-356-6042 to schedule an appointment. Appointments will be scheduled for Wednesdays only.

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