

# Afghan Arrivals: Welcoming Our New Neighbors

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# AFGHAN ARRIVALS

- Refugee
- Special Immigrant Visa
- Humanitarian Parole



# FEDERAL RESETTLEMENT

## Department of Homeland Security: U.S. Citizen & Immigration Services

- In country pre-screening

## State Department: Bureau of Population, Refugees & Migration

- Placement allocations through 9 Voluntary Agencies
- Initial Reception & Placement (Resettlement Agencies)

## Department of Health and Human Services: Office of Refugee Resettlement

- Benefits and Integration Services



# Afghan Arrivals

- 100,000 + evacuees
- 50,000 + humanitarian parolees
- Processed in military bases
- California Counties
  - Sacramento
  - San Diego
  - Stanislaus
  - Los Angeles
  - Contra Costa
  - Alameda
  - Santa Clara





### Medical Screening Process US Military Bases

- Basic medical screening (not the CDC U.S. Domestic Medical Examination for Newly Arriving Refugees)
- COVID-19 Testing on arrival, repeated day 3-5 if still on US Military bases
- TB Screening
- Immunizations
  - COVID-19 (Pfizer, J&J)
  - MMR
  - Polio

If did not go to US Military base: within 7 days MMR, polio and 1 dose of COVID-19 vaccine, absent proof of prior vaccination; TB test and treatment if positive; report compliance to USCIS.

### Medical Records

- Overseas medical screening prior to travel – Department of State (DS) forms transmitted through EDN or State ORH
- US medical screening – Civil Surgeon Exam with I-693 transmitted to State ORH
- CDC is developing a platform to distribute US medical screening documents; all arrivals should have copies of I-693 or other medical screening documents

# Refugee Health Assessment Program

## CDC Quarantine Recommendations

**NOT fully vaccinated or <2 weeks since vaccination**

On arrival to the FINAL DESTINATION in CA:

Quarantine for a full 7-days after arrival in the state if tested within 3-5 days after arrival to their final state

Quarantine for a full 10-days after arrival if not tested within 3-5 days after arrival to their final state

**Fully vaccinated and >2 weeks since vaccination**

Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get tested if symptoms develop

## Domestic Medical Screening for Refugee Arrivals

- SIV and SI/SQ parolees are eligible for a domestic medical screening at one of the 10 Refugee Health Assessment Program (RHAP) sites

- Afghan Humanitarian Parole Under 212(d)(5) **NOT** paroled as a refugee, asylee or SI/SQ are not eligible for federally funded domestic screening. Enroll in PRUCOL Medi-Cal and contact RHAP program for local appointment availability or local FQHC when RHAP appointment is not available

# Refugee Health Programs in California



# California's Response

- Temporary expansion of TCVAP
- Legal services
- CalNEW and Refugee School Impact Grant
- Public-Private Partnership – California Dignity for Families Fund



## GAVIN NEWSOM GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

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(916) 445-4571

### **Governor Newsom, Legislative Leadership Take Action to Support Afghan Refugee Arrivals in California**

*The Governor has requested \$16.7 million to support Afghan arrivals*

*California partners with Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees on \$20 million California Dignity For Families Fund, including new philanthropic supports for Afghan arrivals*

SACRAMENTO – Furthering California's long-standing role as a state of inclusion and refuge, Governor Gavin Newsom, along with Senate President pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins (D-San Diego) and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon (D-Lakewood), took action today to assist Afghan arrivals settling in California. The Governor, with support from legislative leaders, is requesting \$16.7 million in general funds, which will be used to provide cash assistance and other services for newly arriving Afghans in the state.



# Public Benefits Eligibility

Immigration Status	RCA/RSS	CalFresh/CFAP	CalWORKs	CAPI	Medi-Cal
Special Immigration Visa – from Iraq and Afghanistan	Yes	Yes CalFresh	Yes	Yes, only if SSA denies SSI app due to immigration status	Yes, Full Scope
Special Immigrant Parole with SI/SQ from Iraq and Afghanistan	Yes	Yes CalFresh	Yes	Yes, only if SSA denies SSI app due to immigration status	Yes, Full Scope
Humanitarian Parole under 212(d)(5) (less than 1 year)	No	No CalFresh No CFAP	Yes (state-funded)	Yes	Yes (Full Scope If PRUCOL is Claimed)
Humanitarian Parole under 212(d)(5) (1 year or longer)	No	Possible CalFresh or CFAP	Yes (state-funded)	Yes	Yes Full Scope



CHHS Departments Support Afghan Arrivals

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Afghan Arrival Response

**Refugee Programs Bureau (RPB)**

**Welcome Message**

The State of California welcomes Afghan newcomers as they resettle and integrate into Californian communities. These resources are intended to help Afghan families build bridges to their new homes and communities across the state.

**Afghans in Need of Assistance**

If seeking assistance to help a family member or friend of someone trying to flee Afghanistan, please see this [list of resources](#) to determine the most appropriate contact for the case or situation. These resources are also translated in [Pashto](#) and [Farsi/Dari](#).

# Resources

- [DHS: Operation Allies Welcome](#)
- [CHHS Departments Support Afghan Arrivals](#)
- [CDSS website](#) (includes)
  - Policy Letters (ACWDLs related to benefits eligibility for SIVs, SQ/SI Parolees and Humanitarian Parolees)
  - List of CA Resettlement Agencies
  - List of Afghan serving organizations
  - Information on how you can help
- [DHCS: Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter No.: I 21-15: Eligibility for New Afghan Arrivals](#)