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**Introduction**

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In January 2010, mandatory HIV testing was removed as part of the pre-departure medical screening for U.S.-bound refugees and immigrants. The lack of overseas HIV testing highlights the importance of the current CDC domestic guidelines for HIV testing in refugees, which recommend voluntary testing and the initiation of early treatment for those who are infected.

Currently, there is no national comprehensive information on the implications of this change among newly arriving refugees. This data collection's findings will be used to identify best practices and challenges, provide more effective support for your efforts, and advance evidence-based public health policy and practice.

Your participation is voluntary, and there is no penalty if you choose not to participate. Only one completed data collection by the State Refugee Health Coordinator (RHC) or designee will be accepted from each state and the District of Columbia. The RHC can consult with local health providing agencies to obtain some information needed to complete the assessment. All responses to questions will be kept in secure manner. No personal identifiers will be recorded.

The data collection form can be accessed for any changes until **<Month, Day, Year >**. You may use the PDF copy of the data collection form we sent you to collect needed information prior to completing the online assessment. This will facilitate having all the necessary information to complete the online data collection in one session.

For questions and/or comments, please feel free to contact Deborah Lee, [DLee1@cdc.gov](mailto:DLee1@cdc.gov), 404-639-0439.

The questions should take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Thank you for your assistance and participation.

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Section 1. Facilities for Domestic Medical Screening of Newly Arriving Refugees

\* 1. For what state do you serve as refugee health coordinator?

**State:**

2. Of the 7 highest volume facilities that newly arriving refugees complete their domestic medical screening in your state, what are the facility types and percentage of newly arriving refugees who complete their domestic medical screening in these facilities?

	Facility Type	Percentage
Facility #1	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Facility #3	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Facility #5	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Facility #6	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Facility #7	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

\*\*Explain the 'other' facility types selected above:

3. Do any facilities provide HIV testing for newly arriving refugees?

Yes (This selection goes to Section 2. Domestic Guidelines for HIV Testing )

No (This selection skips to the end.)

Don't know (This selection skips to the end. )

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**Section 2. Domestic Guidelines for HIV Testing**

**4. For newly arriving refugees-- indicate if these facilities:**

- a) Provide HIV testing during domestic medical screening,
- b) What **month** and **year** the facility began HIV testing,
- c) What is the average timeframe from arrival into the US to HIV test (e.g. HIV test is provided to refugee on average 1 month to 2 months post arrival into the U.S. in this facility),
- d) Also, indicate if facility is opt-in, opt-out, don't know or not applicable.

Note: Opt-in is testing offered and the patient is required to actively give permission before it is performed.  
Opt-out is notifying the patient that the test is normally ordered and performing the test unless the patient declines or defers testing.

	Provides HIV testing?	HIV testing began?	HIV Test is provided on average timeframe post arrival?	Is HIV testing Opt-in, Opt-out, don't know, or not applicable?
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**\*\*Provide reasons for those facilities not providing HIV testing:**

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5. In the facilities where HIV testing is conducted, indicate the facility's adherence to each guidelines listed:

	A) Provides HIV screening for refugees in these <b>age groups</b> unless they decline (opt-out)	B) Provides <b>repeat screening 3-6 months</b> following resettlement for refugees with a recent exposure or high-risk activity	C) Provides specific testing for <b>HIV-2</b> for refugees who screen positive and are native to or have transited through West Africa	D) Documents HIV test <b>decline/refusal</b> in medical record	E) Provides <b>culturally sensitive and appropriate counseling</b> in their primary spoken language	F) Provides <b>referral for care, treatment and preventive services</b> for all individuals confirmed to be HIV-infected
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**\*\*Please comment on any facilities, the reasons for not implementing the guideline.**

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6. In facilities that provide HIV testing with culturally sensitive and appropriate counseling in their primary spoken language, how is the culturally sensitive and counseling provided? (Check all that apply.)

- Interpreter present in-person
- Interpreter present via phone
- Written materials
- Video

\*\*Other (please specify)

7. In facilities that provide HIV testing with referral to care, treatment and preventive services for all individuals confirmed to be HIV-infected, where are the refugees referred? (Check all that apply.)

- Private Physician
- Health Department
- Designated public health outreach worker who is responsible for finding and counseling people with sexually transmitted diseases and their contacts such as *Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS)*.

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Section 3. Challenges and Best Practices

8. What **challenges**, if any, has the refugee resettlement community in your state had with implementing and adhering to the CDC HIV screening guidelines for resettling refugees? (Check all that apply.)

- Limited staff
- Language barriers
- Refugees refuse testing
- Unable to follow-up with refugees due to missing or incorrect contact information
- Refugees not reporting for domestic medical screening
- Lack of effective culturally relevant intervention which promote prevention, testing and linkage to care
- None

\*\*Other (please specify) and expand on challenges mark above

9. What **successes or best practices**, if any, has the refugee resettlement community in your state had as a result of implementing/adhering to the CDC HIV screening guidelines for resettling refugees? (Check all that apply.)

- Increased number (percentage) of HIV testing among newly arriving refugees compared to years before January 2010
- Success in testing partners of persons who are HIV-infected
- Stronger services and expedited access to treatment and counseling
- Stronger alliance with refugee communities including development and dissemination of culturally appropriate education
- Development of education programs focused on heterosexual transmission and among women

\*\*Other (please specify) and expand on successes checked above that can be shared with public health partners. *Provide references such as publications or website links where possible.*

10. How has the removal of HIV from the CDC list of communicable diseases of public health significance impacted refugees in your state? Please provide any information not provided in previous sections.

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**Assessment of Domestic Guidelines for HIV Testing**

**Section 4. HIV Testing Data**

11. Does your state health department currently collect any data related to HIV screening among resettling refugees?

Yes

No *(This selection skips to end.)*

12. What type of HIV-related screening data is currently collected among resettling refugees? (Check all that apply.)

Individual-level testing

Individual-level results

Aggregate-level testing

Aggregate-level results

**\*\*Other (please specify)**

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**Section 5A. 2010 Aggregate HIV Testing Results (if available)**

If your state health department collects any data related to HIV testing among newly arriving refugees and are able to share any aggregate-level testing results with CDC, please provide values for calendar year **2010** where possible.

13. HIV Testing and Results in calendar year 2010

Total # of refugee arrivals in your state

.....# of refugees offered HIV testing

.....# of refugees screened for HIV testing

.....# of refugees who declined or refused HIV testing

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# of refugees who had positive HIV test result

.....# of refugees with positive HIV test results who were referred to care & treatment

.....# of refugees with HIV-positive test results prior to U.S. arrival

.....Females who were HIV positive

.....Males who were HIV positive

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Refugees age <15 years who were HIV positive

Refugees age 15-19 years who were HIV positive

Refugees age 20-64 years who were HIV positive

Refugees age > 65 years who were HIV positive

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HIV positive refugees born in Africa (Sub-Sahara) region (e.g., Somalia, Ethiopia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, etc.)

HIV positive refugees born in East Asia and Pacific region (e.g., Burma, Thailand, Malaysia, etc.)

HIV positive refugees born in Europe and Eurasia region (e.g., Ukraine, Moldova, Russia, Turkey, etc.)

HIV positive refugees born in Near East (North Africa and Middle East) region (e.g., Iraq, Iran, Jordan, Syria, etc.)

HIV positive refugees born in South and Central Asia region (e.g., Bhutan, Nepal, Afghanistan, Pakistan, etc.)

HIV positive refugees born in Western Hemisphere region (e.g., Cuba, Colombia, etc.)

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**Section 5B. 2011 Aggregate HIV Testing Results (if available)**

If your state health department collects any data related to HIV testing among newly arriving refugees and are able to share any aggregate-level testing results with CDC, please provide values for calendar year **2011** where possible.

14. HIV Testing and Results in calendar year 2011

Total # of refugee arrivals in your state

.....# of refugees offered HIV testing

.....# of refugees screened for HIV testing

.....# of refugees who declined or refused HIV testing

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# of refugees who had positive HIV test result

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**Section 5C. 2012 Aggregate HIV Testing Results (if available)**

If your state health department collects any data related to HIV testing among newly arriving refugees and are able to share any aggregate-level testing results with CDC, please provide values for calendar year **2012** where possible.

15. HIV Testing and Result in calendar year 2012

Total # of refugee arrivals in your state

.....# of refugees offered HIV testing

.....# of refugees screened for HIV testing

.....# of refugees who declined or refused HIV testing

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# of refugees who had positive HIV test result

.....# of refugees with positive HIV test results who were referred to care & treatment

.....# of refugees with HIV-positive test results prior to U.S. arrival

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