

Dear applicant,

Here is some additional information regarding your immigration medical exam.

You will receive an **Information Sheet** from the panel physician

- You have to upload a copy of the information sheet your IRCC profile
- Uploading the information sheet links your medical exam to your IRCC application

At the end of your medical exam today, we would **not yet have submitted your case** to the IRCC as you still have complete the chest x-ray and blood work investigations:

- All of the results will come to the panel physician electronically ***in about 5-7 days***
- ***You do not need to send the panel physician any of the results***
- Once the results are received, the panel physician will send it directly to the IRCC which will then generate a final report
- The final report will contain the results of your investigations, as well as the date that the report was submitted to the IRCC and the grading of the exam. It is typically about 6 pages long

You will notice in the Information Sheet that the vaccination section is finalized incomplete. This is because you are completing the medical in Canada; ***we do not need to upload any vaccine information.***

The IRCC is concerned about three scenarios:

1. *Infections* that can be passed along to other people
2. Medical conditions that can be a *burden on the healthcare system*
3. An applicant who may be a *danger to themselves or others*

For infections, we screen for **tuberculosis, HIV, and syphilis.**

A **chest x-ray exam** is required for **tuberculosis** testing:

- The chest x-ray will be completed at Nanaimo Hospital
- You will be provided with a map for instructions of how to get there from our office
- You will need to go to the Main Entrance of the hospital
- You will notice there is a coffee shop, and just past the coffee shop is the x-ray department; you have to take a number and then wait in the waiting area
- The chest x-ray examination takes approximately 30-45 minutes to complete

Blood work is required for **HIV** and **syphilis** testing:

- None of the blood tests require any fasting, and you are welcome to eat and drink what you like
- We also screen for kidney disease with a blood test called creatinine

Tuberculosis, HIV, and syphilis are reportable conditions. This means that if an applicant tests positive, we do notify Public Health for the purposes of offering treatment.

The panel physician will inform you of any abnormal results via email and provide instructions about what to expect next.