

Guidance on the admission of children arriving from Ukraine to childcare facilities up to three years of age

The Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic, in cooperation with Dr. Elena Prokopová, Chief Expert for General Care of Children and Adolescents of the Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic, has developed the following guideline concerning the admission of children arriving from Ukraine to childcare facilities for children up to the age of three years during the declared emergency situation in connection with the mass influx of foreigners to the territory of the Slovak Republic caused by the armed conflict in the territory of Ukraine (hereinafter referred to as the "child").

In order to minimize the risk of introducing diseases into children's groups, it is desirable that all children newly arriving at this social services facility be properly examined by a general practitioner for children and adolescents, who will assess their medical fitness to stay in a group of children in this facility.

On the basis of suggestions from practice concerning problems in obtaining ***certificates of medical fitness to stay in a collective facility for children*** from a general practitioner for children and adolescents, we provide the following information:

TO A CHILDCARE FACILITY WILL BE ADMITTED CHILDREN OF THE PARENTS:

- ❖ Applying for asylum/temporary refuge/granting subsidiary protection for themselves and the child
- ❖ Who, together with the child, is a person granted temporary refuge
- ❖ Who, together with the child, is a person granted subsidiary protection in the territory of the Slovak Republic
- ❖ Who, together with the child, has been granted asylum,

provided that a social service is provided to the parent (or the natural person to whom the child has been entrusted for personal care), in particular to support the reconciliation of family and working life if the parent is working, studying or preparing for the labour market. A parent of a child up to three years of age who is employed in the territory of the Slovak Republic will be allowed to apply to the competent labour, social affairs and family office for a childcare allowance, which is used to reimburse the expenses incurred in providing care for the child. The childcare allowance is granted up to a maximum of EUR 280.

BEFORE BEING ADMITTED TO A CHILDCARE FACILITY FOR CHILDREN UP TO THREE YEARS OF AGE, THE CHILD UNDERGOES A MEDICAL EXAMINATION BY A GENERAL PRACTITIONER FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS IN VIEW OF THEIR MEDICAL FITNESS TO STAY IN A COLLECTIVE FACILITY FOR CHILDREN, AND THE GENERAL PRACTITIONER SHALL ISSUE THE NECESSARY CERTIFICATE TO THE CHILD:

- ❖ Examination of the child for this purpose will be performed by a general practitioner for children and adolescents as agreed with the applicant (parent/natural person to whom the child has been entrusted for personal care).
- ❖ The obligation to perform an examination of the child for this purpose rests with the general practitioner for children and adolescents, in whose medical district the applicant has a residence address specified in the certificate of legal residence in the territory of the Slovak Republic (see the above definition of parents of children for the purpose of admission to the facility).
- ❖ The general practitioner for children and adolescents, in whose medical district there is a facility that the child will attend, can also perform an examination of the child for this purpose.
- ❖ The date of the examination is determined by the general practitioner for children and adolescents.

THE COURSE OF THE EXAMINATION:

- ❖ The applicant (parent/natural person to whom the child has been entrusted for personal care) shall submit to the general practitioner for children and adolescents at the time of the child's examination the form provided by the childcare facility for children up to the age of three, by means of which the doctor shall certify the child's medical fitness to stay in a collective facility for children.
- ❖ The applicant completes an admission questionnaire provided by the general practitioner for children and adolescents.
- ❖ The child undergoes a paediatric physical examination.
- ❖ The child's vaccination status is assessed.
- ❖ If necessary, the child will undergo additional ancillary examinations (blood tests, lung x-rays, etc.).
- ❖ If necessary, the child will be vaccinated in accordance with the vaccination calendar valid in the Slovak Republic (in accordance with the Decree of the Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic No. 442/2019 Coll. and No. 585/2008 Coll. - Annex No. 2).

- ❖ After the examination, the general practitioner for children and adolescents shall certify the child's medical fitness to stay in a collective facility for children.
- ❖ The general practitioner for children and adolescents shall keep for reference the completed admission questionnaire, the record of the examination and the conclusion of the examination with an opinion on the child's medical fitness to stay in a collective facility for children.