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The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has updated the COVID-19 vaccination requirements for beneficiaries paroled into the United States under *Uniting for Ukraine*. Effective immediately, all beneficiaries aged 6 months and older must have an attestation submitted attesting that they received COVID-19 vaccinations both before traveling to the United States and after arrival in the United States, unless they are eligible for an exception. Previously, beneficiaries younger than 5 years old qualified for an exception to the COVID-19 vaccination requirement because the vaccine was not approved or licensed for use in that age group.

Before Traveling to the United States

To receive travel authorization under *Uniting for Ukraine*, all beneficiaries aged 6 months and older must have an attestation submitted attesting that they received at least 1 dose of a <u>COVID-19 vaccine approved or authorized by the Food and Drug Administration</u> or a <u>COVID-19 vaccine listed for emergency use by the World Health Organization</u> unless they are eligible for an exception.

After Arrival in the United States

After being paroled into the United States, all beneficiaries aged 6 months and older must have an attestation submitted attesting that they completed or will complete their COVID-19 vaccination series (in other words, they will be fully vaccinated) within 90 days of arrival or within 90 days of reaching the eligible age for vaccination according to the current <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</u> guidelines, unless they are eligible for an exception.

The attestation is a condition of parole and must be completed in the beneficiary's USCIS online account. See our <u>Uniting for Ukraine Vaccine Attestation</u> webpage for more information. Beneficiaries are responsible for arranging their vaccinations.

Uniting for Ukraine provides a pathway for Ukrainian citizens and their immediate family members who are outside the United States to come to the United States and stay temporarily in a 2-year period of parole. Individuals participating in *Uniting for Ukraine* must have a supporter in the United States who agrees to provide them with financial support for the duration of their stay in the United States. Additional

information is available on the <u>USCIS Uniting for Ukraine</u> webpage and the <u>DHS Uniting for Ukraine</u> webpage.

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