

Welcoming New Arrivals Script

Welcome to the United States! You have had a long and difficult journey and we are so glad you are here. Here's what you should know about COVID-19 in the US.

- *While the COVID-19 situation has generally improved, it is still infecting thousands of people every day including the elderly, adults, teens and children.*
- *Currently a version of COVID-19 called the Delta variant is common in the United States. The Delta variant spreads more easily and might even cause more severe illness.*
- *The best way to protect yourself, your family, and your community is to get vaccinated and wear a mask in public, especially indoors.*

The good news is that the COVID-19 vaccine is free and currently available to everyone ages 12 and up in the US.

- *If you are fully vaccinated you are unlikely to get infected with COVID-19 and spread it to loved ones*
- *Even if you are infected with COVID-19, the vaccine helps prevent you from getting seriously ill or dying.*

There are several ways that you can get reliable information in Dari and Pashto so that you can make the best decision for you and your family.

- *You can go to this website <https://nrcrim.org/covid-19-resources-afghan-new-arrivals>,*
- *you can discuss your family's options with a doctor or other trusted medical providers, or*
- *you can reach out to your resettlement caseworker.*



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