

INFORMATION MEMO for foreign citizens wishing to enter the Russian Federation for treatment

ATTENTION!

1) Arrival of a foreign citizen in the Russian Federation for the purpose of treatment under conditions of the restrictions adopted by the Russian Federation, taking into account the current epidemiological situation, it is reasonable to consider it as an emergency need for delivery of highly qualified assistance by the medical personnel of the medical institutions of the Russian Federation.

2) Criminal liability is incurred in accordance with Rule 322 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation "Illegal crossing of the State border of the Russian Federation" in case of provision of the false information by a foreign citizen for obtaining a permit to enter the territory of the Russian Federation for the purpose of treatment and also in case of provision of falsified documents confirming an invitation for treatment in the medical organizations of the Russian Federation when crossing the state border of the Russian Federation.

The given information memo is valid under conditions of the restrictions associated with the current epidemiological situation concerning coronavirus infection (COVID-19).

Recommendations:

1. To receive the medical services, a foreign citizen should choose a medical organization. Please note that a form of ownership of a medical organization is irrelevant. A foreign citizen has the right to apply both to the medical organizations of the state health care system and to the private one.

A list of some medical organizations can be found on the website <https://russiamedtravel.ru/>;

2. After choosing a medical organization, it is necessary to contact its representatives. A medical organization may request a foreign patient to provide information which is necessary to clarify the possibility of providing the medical services requested by a foreign citizen and also to make a decision about issue of the documents for an invitation.

3. At present the following order of paperwork applies for entry into the territory of the Russian Federation:

a) for citizens of the foreign countries for which a visa-free regime is in effect, in conditions complicated by the present epidemiological situation associated with a new coronavirus infection (COVID-19), in accordance with paragraph 1 of the Executive Order of the Government of the Russian Federation "On Amendments to the Executive Order of the Government of the Russian Federation of March 16, 2020 №635-p; of March 27, 2020 №763-p and of March 23, 2021 №737-p "of June 6, 2020 №1511-p, a foreign citizen has the right to enter the Russian Federation for the purpose of treatment if he provides the valid documents certifying his identity and recognized by the Russian Federation in this quality and a visa or visa-free procedure in cases stipulated by international agreements of the Russian Federation, as well as the documents (copies of the documents), information about which was sent to the medical organization in accordance with the algorithm of filing of applications for entry into the Russian Federation of foreign citizens, including the purpose of receiving the medical services approved by the emergency response team to prevent import and spread of a new coronavirus infection in the Russian Federation, using the federal state information system "Public Services Portal of the Russian Federation" in the departmental segment of the Ministry of Digital Industry of Russia of the state system of migration and registration, and also the production, release and control of the identity documents circulation for their subsequent sending to the departmental segment of the Russian Federal Security Service of the specified state system.

So when crossing the border of the Russian Federation, together with identity documents, and before crossing the border of the Russian Federation, foreign citizens must check the availability of their data in the lists for admission at the border using the service of checking the availability of their data on «Public Services Portal of the Russian Federation».

b) In reference to the citizens of foreign countries **who are not subject to the visa-free procedure** for entry into the Russian Federation, in case of a positive decision of the medical organization regarding the possibility of providing the medical services to a foreign citizen in this medical organization, such a medical organization should contact the migration department of the territorial body of the Ministry of the Interior of the Russian Federation at the regional level with a petition for issue an invitation to enter the Russian Federation of a foreign citizen or a person without citizenship for the subsequent processing of an ordinary business visa for the "treatment" purpose.

Additionally we note that the list of the documents provided with the petition, the procedure and periods for issuing the invitation are determined by paragraphs 24, 27, 62-82 and 122-131 of the Administrative procedure of the Ministry of the Interior of the Russian Federation for the provision of public service for executing and issuing invitations to enter the Russian Federation of foreign citizens and persons without citizenship, approved by Order of the Ministry of the Interior of the Russian Federation dated September 21, 2017 №735 (this information is posted on the official website of the Ministry of the Interior of the Russian Federation (**мвд.рф**) in the subsection "Legal information" of the section "For citizens");

- at the applicant's option, the invitation can be issued in a paper medium or in the form of the electronic document;

- the executed invitation is sent to a foreign citizen to apply to the diplomatic mission or to the consular foreign establishment, where on the basis of this invitation, a question concerning issuing a visa is considered.

Thus, foreign citizens crossing the border of the Russian Federation and before crossing the border of the Russian Federation besides the identity document and the visa must check their data in the lists for admission at the border using the data validation service on «Public Services Portal of the Russian Federation».

4. Please additionally note that at present, when planning arrival at the territory of the Russian Federation, the current information about the

epidemiological regime of the state of the Russian Federation, in which the foreign citizen is sent, should be taken into account. This information can be found on the website of Rospotrebnadzor: <https://www.rospotrebnadzor.ru/about/info/news/>.