

INFORMATION BULLETIN

For foreign citizens who is interested in entering the Russian Federation for treatment purposes.

ATTENTION!

1) It is advisable to consider the treatment purpose of foreign citizens who want to enter medical organizations (hospital) in the Russian Federation. Their care **should be urgent and requires highly qualified medical care** due to the conditions of restriction and the current epidemiological situation. This information bulletin is valid only under the conditions associated with the current epidemiological situation on and the novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19).

2) If the foreign citizen provides **false information** to obtain a permission to enter the territory of the Russian Federation for treatment purposes, as well as presents **forged invitation documents** for treatment in medical organizations of the Russian Federation while crossing the Russian Federation state border, **criminal liability** is provided in accordance with the Article 322 “Illegal Crossing of the State Border of the Russian Federation” of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation.

Recommendations:

1. To obtain medical services, a foreign citizen has to choose a hospital. Foreign citizens may choose either public or private hospitals. On the web-site **<https://russiamedtravel.ru/>** foreign citizen can find a list of some hospitals.

2. Once you have chosen a medical organization, you should contact the hospital staff who provides all necessary information for foreign patients. The medical organization may request the information from you to clarify the possibility of providing medical services, as well as making decisions on issuing documents for invitations.

3a. For citizens of foreign countries, where there is a **visa-free regime**, in conditions complicated by the present epidemic of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), according to the Government Resolution 1511-r dated June 6, 2020 a foreign citizen may enter the Russian Federation for treatment purposes if a foreigner has valid documents: ID-documents, the invitation for treatment given by the hospital and other documents (copies of documents), issued by the Ministry of Health of Russia.

- the invitation for treatment issued by a medical organization should include treatment purpose (copies of documents), ID-information, date of arrival and departure, diagnosis. Please, be ready, that all the documents should also be presented when crossing the border of the Russian Federation.

3b. In relation to citizens of foreign countries for whom the **visa is needed for entering the Russian Federation**, they should obtain the invitation letter for treatment from the medical organization and then the medical organization applies to the territorial unit of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation at the regional level with an application for the petition form Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation for the subsequent registration of an ordinary business visas for the purpose of "treatment".

- a list of documents to be submitted with the petition, procedure and terms for issuing an invitation are available in points 24, 27, 62-82 and 122-131 of the Administrative Regulations of the Ministry of Internal affairs of the Russian Federation on the provision of State services for the registration and issuance of invitations for foreigners to enter to the Russian Federation, approved by the order of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation September 21, 2017 No. 735 (Information posted on the official website of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation (**мвд.рф**) in the subsection "Legal information" section "For citizens");

- the invitation can be issued on paper or in an electronic document;

- the issued invitation is sent to a foreign citizen to apply a special visa "treatment" in the embassy, where on the basis of these proposals visa issuance is considered;

- ID-documents, visa and documents issued by the medical organization confirming the invitation for treatment must be presented when crossing the border of the Russian Federation.

4. Additionally, when planning arrival at the subject of the Russian Federation where foreign citizen come for medical treatment, the foreigner should be aware of current information on the epidemiological regime. This information can be found on the Rospotrebnadzor website

<https://www.rospotrebnadzor.ru/about/info/news/>.