New physical examination services available!

Dr. Francone and Baptist Occupational Health are excited to be offering two new examination services at the Occupational Health clinic at the Baptist Medical Park 9 Mile location. Specifically, these are Federal Aviation Administration Exams (FAA) for Class II and Class III licensure, as well as Immigration Physicals on behalf of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) which is an agency of the Department of Homeland Security.

FAA Physicals

In order to qualify for a Pilot License a prospective or incumbent pilot must meet minimum safety standards in terms of physical and mental conditions as determined by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) by undergoing a physical provided by an approved FAA Physician. This type of physician is known as an Aviation Medical Examiner or AME, and has undergone training specifically to evaluate the physical and mental conditions of pilots to be able to safely operate an aviation vehicle.

There are three classes of FAA Medical Certificates, and a pilot should apply for the one that is most appropriate for the type of flying activity they are performing.

- **Class I** — Commercial airline pilots
- **Class II** — Commercial pilots/business aviation crew, crop dusters, aerial advertising pilots, charter pilots/navigators, and first officers of commercial flights
- **Class III** — Recreational and private pilots

An AME typically starts out performing Class II and Class III physicals for 5 years before being determined to being qualified to perform Class I physicals.

After the physical has been completed, the AME will determine the status of the physical in one of three ways:
- Issue a certificate if you meet the standards for certification
- Deny certification if you have a disqualifying medical condition
- Defer final determination to the Aeronautical Certification Division of the FAA

A physical may also be required of related employment such as Air Traffic Controllers and Drone Pilots. Each certification also has an expiration date as outlined in the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR Pt. 61.23).
Services Provided

**Physical Examinations:**
- Department of Transportation (DOT)
- FAA Physicals
- Immigration Physicals
- Explosive handlers physical
- Fitness for duty/return to work
- Merchant mariner exams
- Respirator clearance exams
- Periodic surveillance exams
- Firefighter annual exams

**Injury Care Treatment:**
- Workers’ compensation initial visit
- Workers’ compensation follow-up
- Blood borne pathogen exposure

**Substance Screening and Tests:**
- Blood alcohol and breath alcohol
- Hair sample collection
- Urine drug screens (5 and 10 panel instant and send out)
- Saliva testing
- Random selection drug screening programs
- Medical review officer services

**OSHA Required Surveillance:**
- Silica respirator exams
- Audiograms/hearing conservation
- Asbestos, benzene, cadmium, lead, mercury, pesticides

**Nursing Services:**
- Back fitness assessment
- Electrocardiogram (EKG)
- Pulmonary function testing (PFT)
- Respirator fit testing, quantitative and qualitative
- Vision screenings
- Lift test/physical agility test
- Blood draws and titers
- Routine immunizations
- Travel immunizations
- Tuberculosis testing PPD and QuantiFERON® Gold

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**Immigration Physicals**

Immigration Physicals are required by the USCIS for any person who is applying for a Green Card or Permanent Residency in the United States. This exam must be done by a physician who is approved by USCIS and has undergone education on performing these exams. These physicians are sometimes referred to as Civil Surgeons. The purpose of these examinations is to ensure that any approved applicant does not pose a potential health threat to the American public.

An Immigration Exam is a one time in-depth physical that allows the physician to review your complete medical history (including vaccinations and immunization history) as well as perform a thorough physical examination. Another key element is testing via lab specimens for communicable diseases such as tuberculosis (TB), syphilis, gonorrhea, and ensuring all vaccinations are up to date and compliant with CDC guidelines at the time of the physical. Upon completion of the examination, the physician will complete Form I-693 and provide the applicant with a sealed envelope of the physical and any test results for the applicant to submit to USCIS for further review. Note the USCIS will not accept any envelope that has been opened or altered, and the physical is only valid for 1 year from date of signature. For more specific and complete information on Immigration Physicals go to my.uscis.gov

As a reminder, Baptist Occupational Health will be closed on Thanksgiving Day Thursday November 26th, and will re-open 7am Friday November 27th.

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