

## **EMERGENCY APPOINTMENTS**

### **How to Obtain an Emergency Interview for an NIV**

If you can meet the requirements listed in one of the categories listed below, you may be eligible for an emergency appointment.

As with routine appointments, you must complete a DS-160 application form online, found here: <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv>. Completed forms will be transmitted electronically to the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy Dakar. We cannot accept prior versions of the NIV application form. Applicants must present the one-page confirmation sheet from the DS-160 form when submitting their application to the consular section.

### **Immediate Family Member in the U.S. is Critical Ill**

You must present a letter on hospital letterhead (letter faxed to you will be sufficient) signed by the attending physician explaining the nature of the immediate family member's illness and why you must urgently travel to the United States. An immediate family is defined as a mother, father, sister, brother, son, daughter or spouse. The applicant can submit the visa application at the U.S. Embassy consular section on Monday through Thursday from 14:00 to 16:00.

### **Death of an Immediate Family Member in the U.S.**

You must present a letter from the relevant funeral home on letterhead (letter faxed to you will be sufficient) specifying the date your immediate family member died and the date of the funeral or memorial service. An immediate family is defined as a mother, father, sister, brother, son, daughter or spouse. The applicant can submit the visa application at the U.S. Embassy consular section on Monday through Thursday from 14:00 to 16:00.

### **Urgent Medical Treatment in U.S.**

You must present an original letter from a treating physician in Senegal explaining the nature of your illness and why urgent treatment in the U.S. is required. See information about visas for medical treatment for more information about demonstrating your eligibility for a visa. The applicant can submit the visa application at the U.S. Embassy consular section on Monday through Thursday from 14:00 to 16:00.

### **Urgent travel for business, educational or exchange or a cultural event**

If the regular appointment date is not early enough to accommodate the applicant's urgent and unanticipated travel plans, the applicant may contact [DakarVisa@state.gov](mailto:DakarVisa@state.gov) to briefly describe the reason for the travel and to request an emergency appointment.

**To ensure a prompt reply, please include this subject line in the email: EXPEDITED APPOINTMENT REQUEST – URGENT TRAVEL FOR** *purpose of travel and traveler's full name* (For example: EXPEDITED APPOINTMENT REQUEST –

URGENT TRAVEL FOR MUSICAL AUDITION NDIAYE, Mamadou). You must bring documentation to the interview that substantiates the emergency, in addition to those forms and supporting documents normally required. If the applicant fails to provide the supporting documents, he/she will not be interviewed and will be required to reschedule for the next available appointment.