

Recommended Travel Immunizations

CompassionLink: HealthCare recommends travel vaccines (marked (X) below) for your outreach overseas. These vaccines are recommended but not required. If a vaccine is required for entry into the country, you will be notified in a separate letter. These recommendations are based on planned itinerary and the assumption that adults have received standard US childhood vaccines of DPT (Diphtheria/Pertussis/Tetanus) and Polio. Vaccines do not need to be repeated unless expired or a booster is necessary.

These vaccine recommendations are generic and need to be tailored to your personal health history. Please take these recommendations to a **travel clinic** or your personal physician to receive the vaccines. A directory of travel clinics in your area may be accessed at web site: www.istm.org/clinidir.html. More information about vaccines may be obtained from the Centers for Disease Control web site: www.cdc.gov.

| Need (X) | Immunization | No.of Doses | Good For | Comments |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|------------|--|
| | Cholera | 2 | 6 months | Not usually available in USA |
| X | dT (Diphtheria/Tetanus) | 1 | 5-10 years | Boost every 10 years regardless of travel. |
| X | Hepatitis A | 2 | Life | 2 doses over 6-month period. |
| X | Hepatitis B | 3 | Life | 3 doses over 6-month period. Booster may be required |
| Alt to Hep A | IG (Immune Globulin) | 1 | 3-6 months | Alternative to Hepatitis A vaccine. |
| | Japanese Encephalitis | 2 | 3 years | 2 doses over a 28 day period. Travelers to Asia |
| X | MMR (Mumps/Measles/Rubella) | 1 | Life | One-time only supplementary dose if born in or after 1957 and do not already have 2 documented doses of MMR. |
| | Meningococcal | 1 | 3-5 years | |
| X | Polio | 1 | Life | One-time only only booster dose for international travel |
| | Rabies | 3 | 2 years | 3 doses over 3 to 4-week period. |
| X | Typhoid, Oral | 4 | 5 years | 4 doses over 8-day period. |
| X | Varicella | 1 or 2 | Life | If you haven't had chickenpox disease. |
| | Yellow Fever | 1 | 10 years | Depends on international destination |

Additional Health Recommendations for Travel to Less-Developed Countries

- 1) Eat only cooked foods hot to the touch. Avoid eating at street vendors.
- 2) Eat only vegetables and fruits you peel, pare or cut yourself.
- 3) Drink only bottled water with seal intact produced by a reputable company, or boiled and filtered water, or carbonated beverages, or tea and coffee made with boiled water.
- 4) Do not accept ice in beverages if the source of the water is unknown.
- 5) Do not swim in fresh water.
- 6) Protect yourself from mosquito, fly, tick and other insect bites.
- 7) Bring a supply from the US of your regular medicines to last for your entire stay.
- 8) Use seat belts when riding in the car; use helmets when riding motorcycles or bicycles.

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