

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR TRAVELLERS

YF-VAX® – Yellow Fever Vaccine

Discuss with your healthcare provider whether this vaccine is appropriate for you.

What is yellow fever?

Yellow fever is a potentially fatal disease that is widespread in certain parts of Africa and South America. Symptoms appear 3 to 6 days after infection and can include nausea, vomiting, fever, headache, chills and muscle pain. After a few days, people appear to recover, but some will develop more serious symptoms, including bleeding, jaundice (a yellowing of the eyes and skin) and organ failure.

How is yellow fever spread?

You can get the virus from the bite of an infected mosquito.

How can I protect myself?

Vaccination with YF-VAX® reduces your risk of becoming ill with yellow fever.

You will receive 1 injection.

Immunization is an important measure in preventing yellow fever, but it is not 100% protective. Travellers are advised to use insect repellent, wear protective clothing and use other protective measures. Ask your healthcare provider about ways to protect yourself from exposure to diseases transmitted by insects.

Who should be vaccinated?

Individuals travelling to a yellow fever risk area should receive YF-VAX®. Yellow fever vaccination may be required for entry if you are travelling to, or transiting through, a country where the disease may exist. If vaccination is required, your doctor or nurse will immunize you and then put an official stamp in your International Vaccination Certificate, which proves that you have been vaccinated. This Certificate should be carried with your passport at all times. Your Certificate is

valid for the remainder of your life, beginning 10 days after you are vaccinated. Yellow fever vaccine is available only at designated Yellow Fever Vaccination Centre clinics.



■ Risk Area

Who should not be vaccinated with YF-VAX®?

- children under 9 months of age;
- anyone with a known allergy to the vaccine or any of its components, including allergy to eggs or chicken protein;
- anyone with a weakened immune system due to HIV/AIDS infection, leukemia, lymphoma, generalized malignancy (e.g., cancer) or anyone whose immune response is suppressed by drug therapy (e.g., corticosteroids, chemotherapy or radiation);
- anyone who has had their thymus gland removed or has a history of problems with the thymus;
- anyone who has had certain vaccines within the past month (discuss with your healthcare provider whether this applies to you);

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- anyone ill with an infection or fever. Wait until you are well before receiving the vaccine. A minor illness with no fever, such as a mild upper respiratory infection, is not usually a reason to defer immunization;
- pregnant and nursing women should discuss the risks and benefits of YF-VAX® vaccination with their healthcare provider;
- persons over 60 years of age should discuss the risks and benefits of YF-VAX® vaccination with their healthcare provider.

Are there any side effects?

Some people who receive YF-VAX® may have mild side effects such as soreness, redness or swelling at the site of the injection. The side effects usually go away within a few days. Serious side effects are very rare. A vaccine, like any medicine, may cause serious problems, such as severe allergic reactions. The risk of YF-VAX® causing serious harm is extremely small. The small risks associated with YF-VAX® are much less than the risks of getting the disease against which it protects. *If you have a troublesome symptom or side effect that is not listed here or becomes bad enough to interfere with your daily activities, talk to your healthcare provider. Tell your doctor or nurse as soon as possible if you do not feel well after receiving YF-VAX®.*

Will I ever need another YF-VAX® vaccination?

Booster doses are recommended for certain situations as per CATMAT recommendations. Please contact your health care provider for more information.

NOTE: Disease risk areas change over time. Ask your healthcare provider for the most current disease information for your destination.

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