

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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Yellow Fever Information

The Foreign Travel Clinic of Alachua County Health Department is authorized to provide the Yellow Fever vaccination and to validate the required International Certificate of Vaccination or Prophylaxis. This vaccine is a live virus vaccine which does replicate and grow in the vaccinated person but does not cause disease because it has been attenuated or weakened in the laboratory. Some people are at an increased risk for side effects, which are rare, but have included death. **Persons over the age of sixty (60), persons that do not have a healthy immune system, or persons that are receiving medications or treatments that impair the immune system, have cancer, or have a history of allergy to eggs, chicken, or gelatin must discuss the risks of taking the live virus vaccine with their physician prior to the consult at Alachua County Health Dept. In order for any such person to receive a Yellow Fever vaccination, their physician must provide the traveler a prescription identifying the patient (“Name and DOB”) and stating that he/she “is immune competent enough to receive the live virus vaccine for Yellow Fever.”** This prescription must be brought to the consult appointment if you wish to have the Yellow Fever vaccine given at the time of the visit. If there is a medical reason for **avoiding** a yellow fever vaccine, the physician needs to give the patient/traveler a signed and dated exemption letter identifying the patient and clearly stating the contraindications to the vaccine. If you will be getting this exemption letter, please call the Foreign Travel Clinic for more details (352) 334-8849.

The countries of the world where there is a known risk of Yellow Fever and countries where travelers are required to have the Yellow Fever vaccine prior to entering the country are listed below. All countries listed in **bold print require** the vaccination. See also: www.cdc.gov/travel/yellowbook/2020

Angola	Ethiopia	Peru
Argentina	French Guiana	Rwanda
Benin	Gabon	Sao Tome and Principe
Bolivia	The Gambia	Senegal
Brazil	Ghana	Sierra Leone
Burkina Faso	Guinea	Somalia
Burundi	Guinea-Bissau	South Sudan
Cameroon	Guyana	Suriname
Central African Republic	Kenya	Tanzania
Chad	Liberia	Togo
Colombia	Mali	Trinidad and Tobago
Cote D’Ivoire	Mauritania	Uganda
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Niger	Venezuela
Ecuador	Nigeria	Zambia
Equatorial Guinea	Panama	
Eritrea	Paraguay	

The countries in **bold print require** a completed International Certificate of Vaccination (ICV) for Yellow Fever prior to entry in that country. The International Certificate of Vaccination for Yellow Fever completed by Alachua County Health Department will certify Yellow Fever immunization for the ten (10) years, after which you will need a booster dose. While there is recent data suggesting immunization may last for the life of the vaccinated person, many countries still require a booster dose after ten (10) years. Other countries may also require this certificate if you have traveled through or stopped in a country that has the Yellow Fever virus. Country requirements for the Yellow Fever vaccination may change at any time; therefore, CDC encourages travelers to check with the destination country’s embassy or consulate before departure. The destination country is not required to accept a medical exemption letter. The International Health Regulations allow any country to require proof of vaccination for entry from travelers arriving from any of the above countries. **Proof of vaccination is not valid until 10 days after you get the vaccine.** If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Foreign Travel Clinic at (352) 334-8849. (ACHD 09/2021) jmb