

Wheeling-Ohio County
Health Department



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Travel Vaccination Clinic

The Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department's Travel Vaccination Clinic offers vaccinations to assist travelers during international travel.

Although most travel vaccines are ordered per traveler, we stock some vaccines throughout the year. The health department also receives updates about the health climate worldwide from the World Health Organization and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Yellow Fever is the only vaccine currently required for international travel, but there may be other immunizations that are recommended. We review your health and immunization history, as well as your travel plans, and assess your risk for acquiring vaccine-preventable diseases and administer the vaccines needed to protect you from these diseases.

We can help you have a safer and more enjoyable trip. Travel immunizations and health information for foreign travel are available by appointment only through the travel clinic. Charges for immunizations vary and are subject to change. Large groups who are traveling together or to the same destination (such as church groups, clubs or schools) can schedule an appointment together and receive a reduced fee for sharing vaccine costs (applies to specific vaccines). For information or appointments please call (304) 234-3682.

Vaccinate Before You Go!

To help prevent illness while away, the health department recommends that visitors to foreign countries check to see what vaccines or preventatives are required before traveling.

The Travel Vaccination Clinic is by appointment and many vaccination series take several weeks to complete for full efficacy. Call 4-6 weeks prior to your trip to make an appointment with the Travel Clinic.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggests that some travelers consider being vaccinated against the flu. The following vaccines are commonly recommended for travelers to certain areas: **Tetanus/Diphtheria (Td), Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap), Typhoid, Yellow Fever, Meningococcal, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR), Japanese Encephalitis and Polio.** The health department is a designated Yellow Fever Vaccination Center.

When you come to the clinic:

Bring with you each visit to the clinic:

- Complete and current vaccine record, if available.
- Parent/guardian if individual is under 18 years of age.
- Provide translator if needed.
- Payments are made by check or cash only. We do not accept debit/credit or insurance cards.
- Fees are based on vaccines given and subject to change.
- Plan weeks ahead for your trip by allowing enough time for your immunization requirements
- Advise the nurse of any known allergies, previous reactions, pregnancy or breast feeding status

Helpful informational for travelers

- CDC Travel Information
 - Summary of Health Information for International
 - Travel Vaccine Recommendations for Infants and Children
- West Virginia Bureau for Public Health
 - The Division of Surveillance & Disease Control provides information on immunizations and infectious diseases.
- International Travel and Health (World Health Organization)
 - The WHO offers vaccination requirements and health advice for travelers.

Vaccinations for International Travel (*vaccine costs vary*)

Administration & Consultation: \$30

Staff will address and respond to destination specific travelers' disease, epidemics and vaccination issues; along with providing immunizations that may be required or recommended for safe travel abroad.

Hepatitis A (2 shot series)

Hepatitis is the most common vaccine-preventable disease in travelers. Recommended for people traveling to or working in countries with a high risk of Hepatitis A infections. Transmitted through contaminated water, ice, fruit, vegetables, shellfish harvested from sewage contaminated water or other foods that are eaten uncooked. Symptoms include fever, anorexia, abdominal discomfort, malaise, followed in a few days by jaundice.

Hepatitis B (3 shot series)

Hepatitis B vaccine is the only vaccine known to help prevent liver cancer. Recommended for travelers in countries with a high risk of Hepatitis B infection. Transmitted by contact with infected blood or blood derived fluids. Symptoms include anorexia, abdominal discomfort, nausea, vomiting, and often progresses to jaundice.

Twinrix: Hepatitis A & Hepatitis B Combination Vaccine (3 shot series)

Typhoid (Typhoid vaccination effective for 2 years)

Typhoid vaccination or medication will provide protection against the salmonella typhi bacteria. Transmitted through exposure to contaminated food and water. Symptoms include fever, headache, loss of appetite, enlarged spleen. ***An oral form (capsules) of this vaccine can be obtained through a prescription. Protection lasts 5 years.***

Yellow Fever (Yellow Fever vaccination certification good for 10 yrs)

Only vaccine that may be required for entry into some countries. Fatal cases of yellow fever have occurred in some unvaccinated travelers visiting areas within a yellow fever endemic zone. Transmitted by a bite of a yellow fever infected mosquito. Symptoms vary from flu-like symptoms to severe hepatitis.

Meningococcal Meningitis (1 shot series)

Provides protection for 2 or more years depending on which vaccination is received (two types of vaccine available). Recommended for students living in dorms or group settings and for travelers entering an area where the disease is prevalent. Transmitted by a bacteria that is spread through respiratory contact with an infected person. Symptoms include sudden onset of fever, intense headache, nausea, vomiting, stiff neck, and rash.

Polio (series of 3 or 1 adult booster)

Recommended for adult travelers who will be traveling to an area where the wild polio virus exists or for individuals who have not completed the polio series.

Tetanus/Diphtheria (Td, 1 vaccination)

Recommended for individuals who have not received a TD vaccination in the past 10 years.

Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap, 1 time booster for teens and adults)

Recommended for all adults to substitute Tdap for one dose of Td. Td should be used for all later doses. Provides protection for 10 years.

Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR series of 2 shots plus one as an adult)

Recommended for individuals who have not received a MMR vaccination in the past 5 years

Japanese Encephalitis (JE series of 2 shots 28 days apart)

Series should be completed 1 week before potential exposure to JE virus.

Influenza "Flu" Vaccine (recommended yearly)

Recommended for individuals yearly.

Malaria

There is no vaccine against malaria. Travelers can be educated on the risks and a prescription for malaria will be given by the health officer or travel medicine physician. Prescription can be filled at the traveler's choice of pharmacy.

Cholera

There is no Cholera vaccine available in the United States.

Other Information

Other public health CDC authorized U.S. yellow fever vaccine centers in West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania:

WV

- Beckley Beckley-Raleigh County Health Department
- Charleston Kanawha-Charleston Health Department
- Clarksburg Harrison-Clarksburg Health Department
- Fairmont Marion County Health Department
- Huntington Cabell-Huntington Health Department
- Kearneysville Jefferson County Health Department
- Martinsburg Berkeley County Health Department
- Morgantown West Virginia University International Travel Clinic
- Morgantown Monongalia County Health Department
- Parkersburg Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department-Wood County
- **Wheeling Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department**
- Winfield Putnam County Health Department

PA

- Pittsburgh Allegheny County Health Department

OH

- Carroll Carroll County Health Department
- Marietta Washington County Health Department
- Marietta Marietta City Health Department
- Mahoning Mahoning County District Board of Health
- Zanesville Zanesville-Muskingum County Health Department

More locations at:

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/yellow-fever-vaccination-clinics/search>