

Yellow Fever Information Sheet

What is Yellow Fever?

Yellow fever is a disease that is transmitted by the bite of a mosquito known as **Aedes aegypti**, as well as other kinds of mosquitoes in the forests of South America. It occurs only in certain regions of the globe. Yellow fever affects humans as well as monkeys.

How do I get Yellow Fever?

If you are planning a trip to a yellow fever endemic area, you will need to be vaccinated against yellow fever. Without the vaccination, you may get yellow fever if bitten by the mosquito that transmits yellow fever. In Australia all travellers must be vaccinated against yellow fever, if going to an endemic area. The phase one symptoms of yellow fever include; muscular pain, headaches, chills and fever, nausea and vomiting. WHO says approximately 15% of people in stage one will progress to phase two. The symptoms of yellow fever with phase two appear within a few days. The might include: fever, jaundice, vomiting, abdominal pains. WHO states that half of these patients will die within 14 days of the onset of phase one symptoms.

Where is Yellow Fever endemic?

Yellow Fever has spread to many tropical areas of Africa and South America. It is imperative for travellers to consult with a travel health expert prior to travel to areas where yellow fever may be endemic. In some countries it is mandatory to be vaccinated against yellow fever.

Special requirements for Yellow Fever vaccination

There are special requirements for travellers to yellow fever endemic areas. You should see a doctor at least six weeks prior to travel. Travel Clinics Matraville prefer to give the yellow fever injection at least 10 days prior to travel to an endemic area, in accordance with the manufacturers guidelines. After receiving your yellow fever injection you must also receive an international certificate of vaccination. Without this certificate you may not be allowed to get off the aeroplane at your destination, or to cross borders in accordance with your travel plans.

Where can I get the vaccination against Yellow Fever?

You can only have the vaccination against yellow fever at Australian Government approved vaccination centres. Travel Clinics Matraville is an approved yellow fever vaccination centre.

How much does the vaccine cost?

The cost of the vaccine is \$50.00 (incl GST). The immunity period is 10 years.