



Country Health Advice Jamaica

Required Vaccinations: Yellow Fever

A Yellow Fever vaccination certificate is only required for travellers coming from – or who are in airport transit for more than 12 hours within – a country with risk of Yellow Fever transmission. The vaccination requirement is imposed by this country for protection against Yellow Fever since the principal mosquito vector *Aedes aegypti* is present in its territory.

Children: A vaccination certificate is required for children over 1 year of age.

Risk of Yellow Fever transmission exists in these countries:

AFRICA - Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Republic of the Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Sudan, Togo, Uganda.

AMERICAS - Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela.

Validity of certificate

A Yellow Fever certificate is valid 10 days after vaccination.

The World Health Organization announced that as of 11 July 2016, **existing and new Yellow Fever vaccination certificates are valid for life.** Countries can no longer require travellers to show proof of re-vaccination or a booster dose as a condition of entry. Travellers should note that this new regulation may not be honoured by all border authorities during the transition phase.

Note: A vaccination waiver can be issued by your medical practitioner if the Yellow Fever vaccine is contraindicated for medical reasons. Be aware that problems may arise when crossing borders and the vaccination waiver may not be honoured. Take meticulous anti-mosquito bite measures during the daytime in Yellow Fever risk areas. More details on [insect bite prevention](https://www.iamat.org/insect-bite-prevention) (<https://www.iamat.org/insect-bite-prevention>).

- [Sample Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate \(https://www.iamat.org/images/Yellow_Fever_Certificate.jpg\)](https://www.iamat.org/images/Yellow_Fever_Certificate.jpg)
- [Sample Yellow Fever Vaccination Waiver \(https://www.iamat.org/images/Yellow_Fever_Waiver.jpg\)](https://www.iamat.org/images/Yellow_Fever_Waiver.jpg)

[Yellow Fever symptoms, prevention, and vaccine contraindications \(http://iamat.org/risks/yellow-fever\)](http://iamat.org/risks/yellow-fever)