

ADVISORY FOR PASSENGERS COMING/RETURNING TO INDIA FROM YELLOW FEVER ENDEMIC COUNTRIES

1. The Government of India reserves the right to consider the whole territory of a country as infected with Yellow fever whenever Yellow fever has been notified under Article 6 of IHR -2005 by the WHO. The list of YF endemic countries as amended by WHO from time to time by GOI (Placed at annex-I)
2. Yellow fever disease is considered as a disease of public health emergency of International concern and all health measures being applied presently like disinfection of conveyances, vaccination requirements and quarantine of passengers and crew (as may be required) will be administered.
3. All the International travelers arriving in India within 6 days of departure from any yellow fever endemic country are required to possess (in original) a valid yellow fever certificate of vaccination or prophylaxis as per the model released by WHO from a Yellow fever vaccination centre designated by the country.
4. Any passenger arriving in India from any yellow fever endemic country without a valid yellow fever vaccination prophylaxis certificate in original, will be treated as suspects of carrying the Yellow fever Virus in their body and are quarantined.
5. The period of quarantine is limited for 6 days and the period is counted from the time of departure of the passenger from the Airport in the endemic country or till the time YF vaccination becomes valid (whichever is less).
6. Exemption from taking YF vaccine on medical grounds/ pregnancy/ sickness etc. does not give immunity for person from quarantine.
7. The Yellow fever certificate of vaccination or prophylaxis should be in the proper format as specified by the WHO.
 - YF vaccination certificate if taken in India is valid only if taken from YF centre designated by GOI. List of functioning YF centres is placed at F/B.
 - All the columns in the vaccination certificate should be filled correctly.
 - All the entries related to passenger's personal information like Name, Date of birth, Sex, Passport number, Nationality should be filled correctly as seen in their passport and the same has to be attested by the passenger himself with his/her Signature.

- The entries related to name of disease, Batch No. of vaccine, date of vaccination, signature and professional status of vaccinator, should be filled correctly and the official seal of vaccination center should be affixed on the vaccination certificate.
- Date of vaccination should be in proper format i.e. Date-Name of Month-Year (23rd September 2012) as advised by WHO.
- The certificate becomes valid only after 10 days of vaccination. The reason being it takes 10 days for the body to develop immunity against Yellow fever after the administration of vaccine. Any passenger arriving in India from a Yellow Fever endemic country within 10 days of vaccination against Yellow Fever will be quarantined for 6 days counting from the date and time of departure from the airport of the endemic country or the time when the certificate becomes valid, whichever is earlier.
- As per WHO's guidelines and International Health Regulations-2005 – any failure to complete any part of the certificate will render the vaccination certificate “INVALID”.
- The signature of the passenger on the certificate will be cross verified with the signature in the passport.

Note: As per rule only the original vaccination certificate is accepted for clearance during the International travels and the fax copy / photocopy / e-mail or certificate in any other form is not accepted as a proof of vaccination.

8. Any illness in the quarantined passengers during the period of their quarantine will be treated by the designated specialist doctors under the supervision of the APHO.
9. **All passengers who wanted to visit Yellow fever endemic countries should be advised to take YF vaccination even though they may return to India within 6 day because they need to produce Yellow fever certificate of vaccination on their arrival in India to avoid enforcement of quarantine procedures/regulations.**

Under any of these quarantine rules, “No diplomatic immunity exists.”