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Subject: Requirement for polio vaccination of International travelers between India and polio infected countries (Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nigeria, Somalia, Kenya, Syria and Ethiopia) – regarding

Madam/Sir,

On the above subject, kindly note that MOHFW has issued an Advisory on the measures to be taken in order to contain possibility of importation of the polio virus in India by the travelers especially from above countries. In this connection, it has been decided by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare in consultation with Ministry of External Affairs, to provide OPV vaccination to all travelers flying between India and any of these seven countries to minimize the risk of polio virus importation to India (Guidelines – enclosed). International Travelers need to get OPV vaccination 4 weeks prior to entry in India or departure from India. The travelers who miss the planned vaccination may be vaccinated at the time of departure at the International Airports by the OPV polio booth set up by the State / District EPI department.

Further, all 27 Yellow Fever Vaccination Centers (as per attached list) have also been designated to give OPV vaccination. The Yellow Fever Vaccination Centre will provide OPV also (in addition to providing YFV) during the allocated timing for Yellow Fever Vaccination to the Travelers going to these 7 Countries with the existing manpower and issue the

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prescribed certificate. The logistic support (Polio Vaccine-OPV & Cold Chain, etc.) may be obtained from the state DHS (EPI Offices) of their respective States.

An action taken report in this regard may please be endorsed to Dte.GHS.

Yours Sincerely,



~~(Prabha Arora)~~

27 Yellow Fever Vaccination Centres
(List attached)

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India

Requirements of polio vaccination for
International travellers between India and polio infected countries

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India has put in place, the requirement of a dose of oral polio vaccine (OPV) for all travellers to India from polio endemic countries and countries with poliovirus circulation following importation.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India has also put in place, the requirement of a dose of OPV for travellers from India going to polio endemic countries and countries with poliovirus circulation following importation.

Polio infected countries:

- a) Polio endemic countries: Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan
- b) Countries with poliovirus circulation following importation: Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia and Syria

The list of polio infected countries may be amended from time to time by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, depending on poliovirus detection.

These mandatory requirements will be effective for travels from 1 March 2014 to mitigate the risk of importation of poliovirus to India from these seven polio infected countries namely Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Somalia and Syria.

OPV vaccination certificate will be issued after this additional dose which shall remain valid for a period of one year.

1. Vaccination requirements for *inbound travellers* to India from countries with ongoing poliovirus transmission

Resident nationals of the seven polio infected countries (Afghanistan, Nigeria, Pakistan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia and Syria) are required to receive a dose of OPV, regardless of age and vaccination status, **at least four weeks prior to departure to India**. A certificate of vaccination with OPV is required for resident nationals of these countries while applying for entry visa to India (copy of certificate uploaded).

It is not mandatory for foreign nationals residing in the seven polio infected countries to receive vaccination with OPV before travel to India.

Travellers to India should contact the local health authorities in their respective countries for vaccination with OPV and certificate of OPV vaccination. The certificate of vaccination should accompany other documents when applying for visa for India and during the travel.

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2. Vaccination requirements for *outbound travellers* from India to countries with ongoing poliovirus transmission

Indian residents travelling from India to the seven polio infected countries are required to receive a dose of OPV **at least four weeks prior to departure**, regardless of age and vaccination status.

Each district in India has designated at least one center where vaccination with OPV will be provided to travellers and OPV vaccination certificate will be issued. The District Immunization Officer is the designated official for issuance of OPV vaccination certificate to travellers.

It is not mandatory for foreign nationals residing in India to receive vaccination with OPV before travelling to the seven polio infected countries. However, they are advised to receive a dose of OPV four weeks prior to travel in their own interest.

List of 27 Designated Yellow Fever Vaccination Centres in India

| S. No. | Name of the Yellow Fever Vaccination Centre | Address of Vaccination Centre |
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| 1 | Airport Health Organization | Airport Health Officer Airport Health Organization IGI Airport, Opp. Radisson Hotel Near New Toll Barrier, MahipalPur New Delhi-110037 |
| 2 | Port Health Organization | Port Health Organization RajajiSalai, Chennai-600001 |
| 3 | Port Health Organization | Port Health Officer Port Health Organisation Willingdon Island Cochin-682009, Kerala |
| 4 | Port Health Organization | Port Health Officer Port Health Organization Port Area, Visakhapatnam-35 Andhra Pradesh |
| 5 | Port Health Organization | Port Health Officer Port Health Organization Kandla, P.O. Kandla Port-370210 (Kachchh), Gujarat |
| 6 | Port Health Organization | Port Health Officer Port Health Organization Marine House, Kolkata-700022 |
| 7 | Airport Health Organization | Airport Health Organization, NSCBI Airport, Kolkata-700052 |
| 8 | Airport Health Organization | Airport Health Officer Incharge Airport Health Organization C.S.I. Airport, Next to Ambassador Sky Chef, SaharMumbai-400099 |
| 9 | Port Health Organization | Port Health Officer Port Health Organisation Marmagoa Harbour, Goa-403803 |
| 10 | Port Health Organization | Seamens Medical Examination Organisation & Yellow Fever Vaccination Centre, NavBhavan Building, Ground Floor RamjibhaiKamani Marg, Ballard Estate, Mumbai-400001 |
| 11 | General Hospital | General Hospital, Oppt. S.T. Depot, Sector No. 12, Gandhinagar, Gujarat |
| 12 | Bhavsinhji General Hospital | Bhavsinhji General Hospital, Near Railway Station, Porbandar, Gujarat |
| 13 | Armed Force Clinic | Armed Force Clinic, Dalhousie Road, New Delhi- 110011 |
| 14 | Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation | Yellow Fever Vaccination Center, Sardar Patel Bhavan, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation Head Office, Ground Floor, Danapith, Ahmedabad-1 |

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| S. No. | Name of the Yellow Fever Vaccination Centre | Address of Vaccination Centre |
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| 15 | Municipal Corporation of Delhi | Municipal Corporation of Delhi Public Health Department 19th Floor, Dr. S.P. Mukerjee Civic Centre, J.L. Nehru Marg, Minto Road, New Delhi-02 |
| 16 | Urban Health Centre | Urban Health Centre, Behind National Theatre Panaji, Goa |
| 17 | Public Health Institute | Joint Director (Labs), Public Health Institute, Sheshadri Road, Opp. To S.J. Polytechnic, Bengalure- 560001 |
| 18 | Dr. RML Hospital | Yellow Fever Vaccination Centre, Room No. 2, Old College of Nursing, RML Hospital, New Delhi-110001 |
| 19 | All India Institute Of Hygiene & Public Health | Department of Microbiology All India Institute Of Hygiene & Public Health Bidhannagar Campus 27 & 27B J.C. Block, Sector III Salt Lake-700098 (Near Tank No.14) Kolkata |
| 20 | Central Research Institute | Treatment Centre, Central Research Institute Kasauli, Himachal Pradesh-173204 |
| 21 | International Inoculation Centre | International Inoculation Centre, Near St. Thomas School, Mandir Marg, New Delhi-110001 |
| 22 | Base Hospital | Commandant, Base Hospital, Delhi Cantt., Delhi-10 |
| 23 | King Institute of Preventive Medicine and Research | King Institute of Preventive Medicine and Research, Guindy, Chennai-600032 |
| 24 | Balrampur Hospital | Balrampur Hospital, GolaGanj, Lucknow (U.P.) |
| 25 | Institute of Preventive Medicine | Institute of Preventive Medicine, Public Health Labs and Food (Health) Admn., Narayanaguda, Hyderabad-29 |
| 26 | Guru Gobind Singh Govt. Hospital | Guru Gobind Singh Govt. Hospital Pandit Nehru Marg Jamnagar-361008, Gujarat |
| 27 | Station Health Organisation (Navy) | Station Health Organisation (Navy), Old Navy Nagar, Colaba, Mumbai-400005 |