

Missionary Immunization Guidelines

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Please discard ALL previous Immunization Guidelines

ALL Countries: Each prospective missionary must have completed the following basic immunizations **BEFORE** entering an MTC. Vaccines must be approved by the ACIP (Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices) in the United States or by approved government agency internationally.

- **Tetanus–Diphtheria–Pertussis:** TDP in childhood, with booster doses within 5 years of Tdap or Td vaccines.
- **Measles–Mumps–Rubella (MMR):** Not needed in those born before 1957.
- **Hepatitis A and B:** Those from developing countries may not need Hepatitis A vaccine.
- **Influenza:** Missionaries need to be vaccinated, to prevent influenza epidemics, **BEFORE** entering MTC dormitories. This vaccine is best given 2-3 weeks **BEFORE** entering the MTC during September - March in the northern hemisphere and during March - August in the southern hemisphere.

Should these basic immunizations not be available in a missionary's home country, they will be given during the MTC training, for which service an appropriate fee may be charged.

These immunizations are recommended but not required, unless specified in the country table below:

- **Meningitis:** All young adult missionaries should receive meningococcal meningitis vaccine. In some areas this vaccine is required. See the following table.
- **Pneumonia:** Senior missionaries age 65 and older; those with chronic heart or lung disease, diabetes, sickle cell disease, or other immune challenged conditions should receive this vaccine.
- **Chickenpox:** If one has not had the disease or received the vaccine, immunization with a total of two doses, each one month apart, is advised.
- **Shingles (Herpes Zoster):** Senior missionaries over age 50 may reduce risks of shingles and neuralgia with a single dose of this live virus vaccine (Zostavax).

Additional immunizations and malaria prevention are required for those missionaries serving in the following countries as listed in this table. Those countries not listed require the basic immunizations as specified above in paragraph one.

LEGEND:

- X** Immunization required.
- TY** Typhoid: Sometimes not available in developing countries. The vaccine should be given when a missionary from a developed country goes to a developing country.
- P** Polio
- YF** Yellow Fever: Risk of adverse reaction if person is over 60 years and has never received YF vaccine. If YF risk is low, a waiver may be advisable.
- Men** Meningitis
- JE** Japanese Encephalitis: Two (2) injections are necessary, given four (4) weeks apart; the second injection should be given at least seven (7) days before travelling to country of risk.
- Mal** Malaria prevention, including medication, insecticide, and repellent use needed.
- Mp** Parts of country may need preventive antimalaria medication. Check with Area Medical Advisor and/or public health committee.

Immunizations checked with X are REQUIRED in those countries.

COUNTRY	TY	P	YF	Men	JE	Mal
Afghanistan	x	x				x
Albania	x					
Algeria	x					
Angola	x	x	x	x		x
Anguilla	x					
Antigua and Barbuda	x					
Argentina (MTC)	x		X only Resistencia & Salta Miss.			
Armenia	x					
Azerbaijan	x					
Azores (Portugal)	x					
Bahamas, The	x					
Bahrain	x	x				
Bangladesh	x	x			x	x
Barbados	x					
Belarus	x					
Belize	x					Mp
Benin (Africa)	x	x	x	x		x
Bhutan	x	x			x	Mp
Bolivia	x		x			Mp
Bosnia-Herzegovina	x					
Botswana (malaria in north only)	x	x		x		Mp
Brazil (MTC)	x		x			Mp
Brunei	x				x	
Bulgaria	x					
Burkina Faso	x	x	x	x		x
Burma (Myanmar)	x	x			x	x
Burundi	x	x	x	x		x
Cambodia	x				x	Mp
Cameroon	x	x	x	x		x
Cape Verde (Praia mission)	x	x		x		Mp
Cayman Islands (U.K.)	x					
Central African Republic	x	x	x	x		x
Chad	x	x	x	x		x
Chile (MTC)	x					
China	x					Mp
Christmas Island (Australia)	x					
Colombia (MTC)	x		x			Mp
Comoros	x			x		x
Congo	x	x	x	x		x
Cook Islands (New Zealand)	x					
Costa Rica	x					Mp
Côte d'Ivoire (formerly Ivory Coast)	x	x	x	x		x
Croatia Zagreb (sub-mission, Slovenia)	x					
Cuba	x					
Cyprus	x					
Czech Republic	x					
Democratic Republic of Congo (formerly-Zaire)	x	x	x	x		x
Djibouti	x	x		x		x
Dominica	x					
Dominican Republic (MTC)	x					Mp

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East Timor (Indonesia)	x				x	x
Ecuador – (YF only in Quito Mission)	x		x-2			Mp
Egypt	x	x				
El Salvador	x					Mp
Equatorial Guinea	x	x	x	x		x
Eritrea	x	x	x	x		x
Estonia	x					
Ethiopia	x	x	x	x		x
Falkland Islands (U.K.)	x					
Faroe Islands (Denmark)	x					
Fiji (Suva)	x					
Fiji (Kiribati only)	x					x
French Guiana	x		x			Mp
French Polynesia (incl. Island groups)	x					
Gabon	x	x	x	x		x
Gambia, The	x	x	x	x		x
Georgia	x					Mp
Ghana (MTC)	x	x	x	x		X
Grenada	x					
Guadeloupe (France)	x					
Guam (U.S.)	X					
Guatemala (MTC)	x					Mp
Guinea	x	x	x	x		x
Guinea-Bissau	x	x	x	x		x
Guyana	x		x			Mp
Haiti	x					x
Honduras	x					Mp
Hungary	x					
India	x				x	x
Indonesia	x	x			x	Mp
Iran	x	x				Mp
Iraq	x	x				
Jamaica	x					
Jordan	x					
Kazakhstan	x					
Kenya	x	x	x	x		x
Kiribati (formerly Gilbert Islands)	x					
Korea, North	x					
Korea, South	x					
Kosovo	x					
Kuwait	x					
Kyrgyzstan	x					Mp
Laos	x	x			x	x
Latvia	x					
Lebanon	x					
Lesotho	x	x				
Liberia	x	x	x	x		x
Libya	x					
Lithuania	x					
Macau	x					

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Macedonia, (former Republic of)	x					
Madagascar (Antananarivo mission)	x	x		x		x
Madeira (Portugal)	x					
Malawi	x	x		x		x
Malaysia (malaria in rural areas)	x	x			x	x
Maldives	x	x				
Mali	x	x	x	x		x
Marshall Islands	x					
Martinique (France)	x					
Mauritania	x	x	x	x		x
Mauritius	X					
Mayetta (French territorial collectivity)	x					x
Mexico (MTC)	x					
Micronesia (Federated States of)	x					
Moldova	x					
Mongolia	x			x		
Montenegro	x					
Montserrat (U.K.)	x					
Morocco	x					
Mozambique	x	x	*1	x		x
Namibia	x	x		x		Mp
Nauru	x					
Nepal	x	x			x	Mp
Netherlands Antilles	x					
New Caledonia (France)	x					
Nicaragua	x					Mp
Niger	x	x	x	x		x
Nigeria	x	x	x	x		x
Niue (New Zealand)	x					
Northern Mariana Islands	x					
Oman	x					
Pacific Islands	x					
Pakistan	x	x				x
Palau	x					
Panama (S. Panama, YF prevent. as needed)	x		x			Mp
Papua New Guinea	x				x	x
Paraguay	x		x			Mp
Peru (Lima North, East, Cusco & Piura(MTC)	x		x-2			Mp
Peru (Trujillo, Lima South, West. and Central, and Arequipa missions) - (MTC)	x					
Philippines (MTC)	x					Mp
Pitcairn Islands (U.K.)	x					
Poland	x					
Qatar	x					
Réunion (France)	x					
Romania	x					
Russia	x					
Rwanda	x	x	x	x		x
St. Croix	x					
St. Helena (U.K.)	x					
St. Kitts (St. Christopher) and Nevis (U.K.)	x					
St. Lucia	X					

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St. Pierre and Miquelon (France)	x					
St. Thomas	x					
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	X					
Samoa (formerly Western Samoa)	x					
Samoa, America (U.S.)	x					
São Tome & Príncipe	x	x	x			x
Saudi Arabia	x	x		x		Mp
Senegal	x	x	x	x		x
Seychelles	x					
Sierra Leone	x	x	x	x		x
Singapore	x				x-*5	Mp
Slovakia	x					
Solomon Islands	x					x
Somalia	x	x	x	x		x
South Africa (MTC)	x	x				Mp
Sri Lanka	x	x			x	x
Sudan	x	x	x	x		x
Suriname	x		x			Mp
Swaziland	x	x		x		x
Syria	x	x				Mp
Tahiti	x					
Taiwan	x					
Tajikistan	x					Mp
Tanzania	x	x	x	x		x
Thailand	x				x	Mp
Togo	x	x	x	x		x
Tokelau (New Zealand)	x					
Tonga	x					
Trinidad and Tobago	x		x			
Tunisia	x					
Turkey	x					Mp
Turkmenistan	x					Mp
Tuvalu	x					
Uganda	x	x	x	x		x
Ukraine	x					
United Arab Emirates	x					
Uruguay	X					
Uzbekistan	x					Mp
Vanuatu	x					x-*3
Venezuela	x		x			Mp
Vietnam	x				x	x
Virgin Islands (British and U.S.)	x					
West Indies	x		x			
Western Sahara	x	x				
Yemen	x	x				x
Yugoslavia	x					
Zambia	x	x	x-*4	x		x
Zimbabwe	x	x		x		x

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