



Travel Medicine FAQ

<p>Why should I schedule a Travel Medicine consultation?</p>	<p>Each traveler receives a comprehensive, destination-specific consultation that covers everything from avoiding and protecting yourself from contaminated food and water, to properly guarding against mosquitos that carry diseases like yellow fever, malaria, and dengue fever, as well as information about necessary vaccinations.</p>
<p>Why do I have to give so much detail about my trip before my appointment?</p>	<p>We use the information you provide to look at all places you or your child will be and how long you will be there. Different areas and duration of visits require different precautions so we can provide the best possible protections for your trip.</p>
<p>If my family lives there or I used to live there does my child need vaccines or medications? I have visited my destination before and did not need anything. Why would I now?</p>	<p>Yes, your child might need vaccines and/or medications. Recommendations and requirements change frequently, so it is important that you are using the most up to date information.</p>
<p>Why are some vaccines required and some are optional or recommended?</p>	<p>Required vaccines are those that a government entity insists your child has (either the visiting country or US). Optional/recommended vaccines are those that may prevent your child from becoming ill while away but no government checks to see that they have had them.</p>
<p>Will I need to come back for additional vaccines?</p>	<p>Before your child's appointment you will receive information about what vaccines are recommended, the cost, and if more than one vaccine is required to be fully effective. Some vaccines require spacing between two or more doses and for these your child will need to return to the office.</p>
<p>What happens if I choose not to get any vaccines you recommend?</p>	<p>Your child's health care is a collaboration between you and us. The choice is ultimately yours. We will make recommendations and recognize that you will make the decision that you believe is best for your child and family, keeping in mind that some vaccines may be required for entry.</p>



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Why do I need a visit if you may not be able to provide the vaccines needed?

We are providing vaccines and possibly prescription medications as well as other information about where your child is traveling and how to stay healthy while there. You will receive information about the area and what things to be aware and cautious of while there. If there is a vaccine needed that we cannot give, we will provide you with a prescription and information about where you can get the needed vaccine. This will save you time and the visit charge elsewhere. The visit with us will be billed to your insurance and is probably less expensive than other travel medicine services which are many times self-pay.

Why are you not able to give my child the yellow fever vaccine?

The yellow fever vaccine has been in short supply since 2015. Because of this shortage, the CDC has established specific clinics that can administer the yellow fever vaccine to ensure it is used appropriately.

Why is it important to plan so far ahead for my child's travel needs

Some travel vaccines require multiple doses spaced up to 6 months apart. To be sure your child has the highest level of protection available, we ask that you give us at least 6 months' notice before traveling. Of course, if this is not possible, we will do all we can to get the highest level of protection for the time we have.

Why do I have to pay for vaccines at the time of the visit?

Unlike routine vaccines, health insurance usually does not cover travel vaccines. Because of this, we cannot bill your insurance for the vaccines and will provide you with cost info at the time we schedule your consult.

What if I have questions after my visit?

After your visit you will receive an email with your travel report and vaccine information. Most, if not all, info will be discussed at the visit. If you do think of something that you are not sure of, please call us and we will try to answer your questions.



Travel Intake Form

Patient(s) Name(s): _____ Date(s) of Birth: _____

Travel Plans

Be as specific as possible, include an itinerary if available.

Travel Destination(s): _____ Date of Departure: _____ Date of Return: _____

Who will you be traveling with? _____

Reason for travel: _____

Any planned activities during travel we should know about (ex: swimming in lakes, interacting with wildlife, etc.)? _____

Current Medical Condition(s): _____

Allergies: _____

Current Medications: _____

Any specific questions or concerns you would like to discuss? _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Completed form can be returned to Travel@CincinnatiPediatrics.com