

# Immunization and the Traveler



## Hall County Health Department

### International Travel Clinic



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## When Should I Start My Vaccinations?

The Hall County Health Department International Travel Clinic operates by appointment only. Travelers should call the clinic as soon as they know that they will be taking a trip. While most travelers need only one visit to prepare for their journey, others may require multiple visits to complete a vaccine series. Ideally, travelers should make an appointment 6 to 8 weeks ahead of departure. However, it is never too late to get pre-travel advice. Call 770-531-5600 ext 5657 or 5658 to schedule an appointment. We accept cash, MasterCard, Visa, Discover and debit cards imprinted with MC or Visa logos.

## What Should I Expect When I Come to the Clinic?

Pre-travel preparation is more than just immunizations. Your clinic visit will include sufficient time to address other issues related to international travel such as jet lag, food, water, insect precautions, environmental exposures and traveler's thrombosis. Be sure to bring your shot records and a list of any medicines that you are currently taking for the clinical staff to review. Some immunizations may be required and/or recommended for your health protection, depending on your itinerary and possible disease exposure.



## What Are Some Recommended Immunizations?

- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Pneumonia
- Meningitis
- Influenza (flu)
- Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)
- Tetanus / Diphtheria (TD)
- Japanese Encephalitis
- Varicella (chickenpox)
- Polio
- Yellow Fever
- Typhoid
- Rabies



## Why Are Immunizations Important?

Immunizations are one of the most important medical precautions a person can take when traveling. Diseases and infections are more common in developing countries where routine immunization may not exist. In the past, travelers were required to have certification that they had received certain immunizations. Today, immunization is less formal but travelers are no less at risk. This can be confusing. The Hall County Health Department International Travel Clinic staff can guide you through the immunization process and help you understand the importance of protecting yourself.



We use specific software that is updated weekly to determine immunizations that are needed for specific countries and regions.

Additionally, we maintain the latest information for medication regimens and provide travelers with specific instructions for the medicine that they need for protection. We are a one-stop clinic; we can administer all immunizations and medications that may be necessary for travel. As an added service, our staff will inform you of health and safety tips to follow while traveling internationally.



# DIRECTIONS TO THE TRAVEL CLINIC

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