

Yellow fever: Information for travellers leaflet

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 Yellow fever INFORMATION FOR TRAVELLERS  What is yellow fever? Yellow fever (YF) is a serious illness caused by a virus that can affect monkeys and humans. YF is usually spread by mosquito bites and is not a risk in the United Kingdom (UK) or mainland Europe, but travellers to some tropical countries are at risk. It is very rare in UK travellers, but cases are occasionally reported. Most people who get YF either have no symptoms or a mild illness and fully recover. However, a small number of people develop a serious illness with fever, jaundice (turning yellow), bleeding and organ failure. There is no specific medicine to treat YF. Most people who develop a serious illness will be admitted to hospital, sometimes into intensive care. 30-60% of people with a serious YF illness will die. Each year, it is thought that there are around 200,000 cases of YF among those living in risk areas; it is likely many cases are not reported. Where is yellow fever found? YF is found in parts of Africa, South and Central America and in Trinidad. To prevent YF spread, some countries require proof that you have had a YF vaccine when you arrive. You can check TravelHealthPro (travelhealthpro.org.uk/countries) to find out if there is a risk of YF, or a requirement for proof of YF vaccination at your destination.	 Scan QR code to open on your device	
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