

**GUIDELINES FOR ASSISTANCE TO PREVENT ENTRY OF PASSENGERS
WITHOUT YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION CERTIFICATE FROM 42 YF
ENDEMIC COUNTRIES/ COUNTRIES AT RISK OF YELLOW FEVER
TRANSMISSION THROUGH, MEA**

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A. Introduction

Yellow Fever (YF) is an acute viral hemorrhagic disease, with a high mortality rate (40-60%) among severe cases, transmitted by infected *Aedes* mosquito in tropical regions of South America and Africa. Currently, 29 countries in African and 13 countries in South American Continent are endemic for YF disease. While India is not endemic to YF and has no local transmission, the country remains at risk of importation due to its favorable climate, presence of similar mosquito species (*Aedes*) and circulation of related viruses like Dengue.

To mitigate this risk, India enforces strict Yellow Fever vaccination requirement under the International Health Regulations (IHR) 2005. Travelers aged ≥ 9 months arriving from any of the 42 YF-endemic countries (list available at <https://www.ihpoe.mohfw.gov.in/vaccination.php>) must present a valid Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate (YFVC) issued by authorized centers. The certificate is valid 10 days post-vaccination; hence, travelers must be vaccinated at least 10 days before departure from country. Non-compliance or invalid certificates result in quarantine for up to 6 days at designated facilities.

The virus can be introduced into India either through unvaccinated travelers or adult mosquitoes transported via conveyances, which are already being closely monitored at all entry points by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW). To prevent the importation of infective adult vector mosquitoes, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) has implemented Aircraft Disinsection (insecticide spraying) inside international flights arriving in India to prevent vector entry. The transmission of Yellow Fever virus from infected female mosquito to their offspring through eggs/ovaries has been reported, posing a potential risk of Yellow Fever disease transmission within our country.

A highly effective vaccine for humans is available for the prevention of this disease, offering lifelong immunity. However, unvaccinated travelers pose a significant risk to the country and such passengers are quarantined before entering the country.

B. Situation Analysis

Travellers to/from 42 YF endemic counties/countries with risk of yellow fever disease transmission can be categorised into following categories.

a. Indians travelling to these countries & returning back.

Indians traveling for long-term purposes such as employment, education, projects, or family visits, as well as for short-term purposes like business or tourism, are required to take the Yellow Fever (YF) vaccination at least 10 days prior to travel for visa purposes. Compliance varies depending on destination requirements.

b. NRIs traveling from these countries & returning to India.

NRIs in these countries as they are local may have undergone this vaccination. However as they are also OCI Card holders they may not be required to apply for eVisa or Regular Visa and can be missed in the compliance. **This group has to be informed by the local Indian Embassies through the Indian diaspora associations on having YFV Card 10 days before travel.**

c. Foreigners travelling from these countries.

Foreigners of these 42 countries (as updated by MoHFW) may have got the vaccination but as they have to take eVisa or Regular Visa they can be easily made compliant by ensuring their vaccination 10 days before arrival to India.

d. Indians and Foreigners traveling in transit through these countries on short visit planned for a break in journey or due to any travel delay leading to break in journey.

Indians/NRIs and Foreigners of other countries may be travelling to/from all these 42 countries (as updated by MoHFW) must possess YFV Card 10 days before arrival in India.

e. **Medical Value Travel (MVT) for treatment purposes in Indian Hospitals.**

Passengers travelling for Medical Value Travel for treatment in India on Medical Visa and Attendant Visa are the high risk passengers who are sick and there is challenge for APHO (Airport Health Organisation) at Airports to quarantine them due to their sickness or Medical treatment plans. YFV cards should be mandatory for visa issuance.

f. **Seafarers, Airline crew, Oil Rigs crew to these countries.**

Seafarers, Airlines Crew are travelling to all these countries due to their job and hence they are generally advised by their recruiting companies to take the vaccination.

C. Action Plan

In order to prevent entry of unvaccinated Passengers coming from 42 countries (as updated by MoHFW) at risk of Yellow Fever Disease transmission, either as residents or on short visits the following measures can be adopted by the Embassies from all these countries.

- a. Mandatory checklist point for documentary proof of valid YF Vaccination card taken 10 days before the travel date to India, for eVisa and Regular visa approval.
- b. All the 42 embassies may be sent a note verbale to issue visa to Indian travellers only after a documentary proof of valid YF Vaccination card taken 10 days before their travel to their countries.
- c. All the Medical Visa and the Attendant visa to have a mandatory checklist point for documentation proof of valid YF Vaccination card taken 10 days before the travel date to India.
- d. All Foreigners coming into India with history of travel to these countries within six days of arrival to India must be issued eVisa or Regular Visa only with mandatory checklist point of YF Vaccination card taken 10 days before their travel to India. So for all eVisa and Regular Visa applications for all Nationals a mandatory column to be added for the traveller history of visit to any of these 42 countries within 6 days of

arrival to India, if yes they are to attach YF Vaccination card taken 10 days before their arrival to India.

- e. The OCI card holders if they don't have to apply for eVisa or Regular Visa for coming to India will be a challenge if they travel to these countries and then come to India. If these 42 endemic countries are sent a note verbale that all the NRIs and OCI card holders who are visiting their countries are to have a valid YF Vaccination card 10 days before their actual arrival to their country can solve this problem.
- f. Foreign Nationals who are having the facilities to have visa on arrival are to be advised through their embassies to ensure if they have travel history to any of these 42 Countries (as updated by MoHFW) with risk of yellow fever disease transmission within last 6 days must have a valid YF Vaccination card obtained at least 10 days before their arrival to India.
- g. The YF Vaccination card has to be issued as per the format of the International Health Regulations 2005, 3RD Edition as per Annex 6, 7. (as per copy attached and a model filled card format as an example)
- h. The Yellow Fever Vaccination certificate/card must be presented in its original form for verification upon arrival in India. Soft copies, photocopies, QR code certificates, or any other formats will not be accepted as valid proof. Passengers failing to produce a valid original certificate will be subject to quarantine procedures.

Sample Filled- Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate

- यह प्रमाण-पत्र तभी वैध होगा जब प्रयुक्त टीका अथवा रोगनिरोधन का विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन द्वारा अनुमोदन किया गया हो।
- This certificate is valid only if the vaccine or prophylaxis used has been approved by the World Health Organisation.
- Ce certificat n'est valable que si le vaccin ou l'agent prophylactique utilise a été approuvé par l'Organisation mondiale de la Santé.
- यह प्रमाण-पत्र उसी चिकित्सक द्वारा हस्ताक्षरित किया जाना आवश्यक है जिसने टीका/रोगनिरोधन स्वयं लगाया हो अथवा जिसने यह टीकाकरण/रोगनिरोधन अपनी निगरानी में अन्य स्वास्थ्य कर्मचारी द्वारा करवाया हो। प्रमाण-पत्र पर टीकाकरण केंद्र की मोहर लगाना आवश्यक है, किन्तु यह मोहर हस्ताक्षर के बदले लगाना स्वीकार्य नहीं है।
- This certificate must be signed in the hand of the clinician, who shall be a medical practitioner or other authorized health worker, supervising the administration of the vaccine or prophylaxis. The certificate must also bear the official stamp of the administering centre; however, this shall not be an accepted substitute for the signature.
- Ce certificat doit être signé de la main du clinicien médecin ou autre agent de santé agréé-qui supervise l'administration du vaccin ou de l'agent prophylactique; il doit aussi porter le cachet officiel du centre habilité qui ne peut, toutefois être considéré comme tenant lieu de signature.
- इस प्रमाण-पत्र में किसी प्रकार का संशोधन करने, मिटाने अथवा इसके किसी भाग को पूरा न भरने पर यह प्रमाण-पत्र रद्द किया जा सकता है।
- Any amendment of this certificate, or erasure, or failure to complete any part of it, may render it invalid.
- Toute correction ou rature sur le certificat ou l'omission d'une quelconque des informations demandées peut entraîner sa nullité.
- इस प्रमाण-पत्र की वैधता दिये गये टीका/रोगनिरोधन के लिए निविष्टि तारीख तक रहेंगी। प्रमाण-पत्र अंग्रेजी अथवा फ्रान्सीसी भाषा में ही पूरा भरा जाना चाहिए। अन्य भाषा का प्रयोग उसी प्रमाण-पत्र में अंग्रेजी अथवा फ्रान्सीसी के साथ किया जा सकता है।
- The validity of this certificate shall extend until the date indicated for the particular vaccination or prophylaxis. The certificate shall be fully completed in English or in French. The certificate may also be completed in another language on the same document, in addition to either English or French.
- Ce certificat est valable jusqu'à la date indiquée pour le vaccin ou l'agent prophylactique administré. Il doit être établi intégralement en anglais ou en français i.e. même certificat peut aussi être établi dans une autre langue en plus de l'anglais ou du français.



सत्यमेव जयते

भारत सरकार

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
GOUVERNEMENT D'INDE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
MINISTÈRE DE LA SANTÉ ET DE LA FAMILLE

पीत ज्वर टीकाकरण केंद्र का नाम
Yellow Fever Vaccination Centre

Name of the Yellow Fever Vaccination Centre
CENTRE DE VACCINATION CONTRE LA FIEVRE JAUNE
NOM DU CENTRE DE VACCINATION CONTRE LA FIEVRE JAUNE

टीके का अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय प्रमाण पत्र
INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION
CERTIFICAT INTERNATIONAL DE VACCINATION

व्यक्ति का नाम } Name of Vaccinee as per passport
Issued to }
Délivré a }

पार पत्र संख्या अथवा }
यात्रा पत्र संख्या } Passport No.
Passport No. or }
Travel Document No. }
Numero de passport }
Ou numero de }
document de voyage }

Sr. No. Sl. No of Vaccinee as per
vaccination records

टीके अथवा रोगनिरोधन का अंतरराष्ट्रीय प्रमाण - पत्र
INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION OR PROPHYLAXIS
CERTIFICATE INTERNATIONAL DE VACCINATION OU DE PROPHYLAXIE

यह प्रमाणित किया जाता है कि (नाम) **Name of Vaccinee as per Passport** जन्म तिथि **DD-MMM-YYYY** लिंग **M/F**
 This is to certify that [name] _____ date of birth _____ (as per Passport) _____ sex _____
 Nous certifions que (nom) _____ ne(e) _____ de sexe _____

राष्ट्रीयता **Nationality as per passport** राष्ट्रीय पहचान पत्र, यदि आवश्यक हो **Passport No.**
 nationality _____ national identification document, if applicable _____
 et de nationalite _____ document d'identification national, le cas échéant _____

तथा जिसके हस्ताक्षर यहाँ दिए गए हैं **Signature of Vaccinee as per Passport**
 whose signature follows _____
 dont la signature suit _____

को निर्दिष्ट तारीख को अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य विनियम के अनुसार टीकाकरण किया गया है (बिमारी का नाम) **पीत ज्वर**
 has on the date indicated been vaccinated or received prophylaxis against: (name of disease or condition) **YELLOW FEVER**
 in accordance with the International Health Regulations.
 a ete vaccine(e) ou a recu des agents prophylactiques a la date indiquee (nom de la maladie ou de l'affection) _____
 LA FIEVRE JAUNE conformant au Reglement sanitaire international.

टीके/रोगनिरोधन का नाम Vaccine or prophylaxis, Vaccin ou agent Prophylactique	तारीख Date	टीका लगाने वाले के हस्ताक्षर और उसका व्यावसायिक पद Signature and Professional status of supervising clinician. Signature et titre du clinician responsible.	टीके/रोगनिरोधन का निर्माता और उसकी बैच संख्या Manufacturer and batch no of vaccine or prophylaxis Fabricant du vaccin ou de l' agent prophylactique et numero du lot.	प्रमाण पत्र की वैधता से:----- तक----- Certificate valid from: until: Certificate valable à partir du : jusqu' au :	टीका लगाने वाले केंद्र की सरकारी मोहर Official stamp of the administering centre Cachet officiel du centre habilité.
पीत ज्वर का टीका YELLOW FEVER VACCINE Name of Vaccine	 Date of Vaccination (DD-MMM-YYYY)	Signature and Stamp of attending Physician	Lot. No. & Batch No.	Valid for life long after 10 days of vaccination. 10th Day from the Date of vaccination. (DD-MMM-YYYY) vaccination.	Stamp of the place where Vaccine is given