BC Centre for Disease Control

Provincial Health Services Authority

Travelers

Advise individuals considering international travel to make an appointment for a full consultation with a travel medicine professional. Refer clients to their local travel clinic.

Prior to travel, individuals should ensure that they are up-to-date for routine immunizations. For more information, see Part 1 – Immunization Schedules and Part 4 – Biological Products.

Measles is endemic in many parts of the world and localized outbreaks may be occurring in other travel destinations. Individuals contemplating travel should be aware of measles activity in their planned destination and ensure they are adequately immunized. In addition to routine measles immunization recommendations, please note the following:

- Infants 6 to 11 months of age: provide one dose of MMR to infants traveling to locations experiencing measles outbreaks or traveling outside of Canada where the disease is of concern. These infants would still require two doses of MMR vaccine after 12 months of age.
- Children under 4 years of age who have received one dose of MMR vaccine and will be travelling to
 locations experiencing measles outbreaks or traveling outside of Canada where the disease is of
 concern: provide a second dose of MMR at any time as long as 4 weeks have passed since receipt
 of the first dose.
- For individuals who are up-to-date for measles immunization, regardless of when these vaccines were received, no further doses are required.

For information on measles activity, see the World Health Organization (WHO) <u>Provisional Measles and Rubella Data</u> and the Government of Canada <u>Measles and Rubella Weekly Monitoring Reports</u>, which include measles activity across Canada.

For additional travel health information and country-specific recommendations, see:

- The <u>Public Health Agency of Canada, Travel Health Notices</u> includes information related to communicable disease outbreaks in countries around the world, including outbreaks in the United States.
- CDC travel page, customizable by country: <u>U.S. Centers for Disease Control, Travelers' Health</u>
- World Health Organization, Travel Advice

Additional information is available in the <u>Canadian Immunization Guide: Part 3 – Vaccination of Specific</u> Populations, Immunization of Travellers