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## Travel Alert: Brazil Ongoing Yellow Fever Outbreak

The CDC has issued a Level 2 Travel Alert because of an ongoing yellow fever outbreak in Brazil. Brazilian health authorities have recently expanded the list of areas in which yellow fever vaccination is recommended and are recommending enhanced precautions when traveling to Brazil. Additional information is available at <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/alert/yellow-fever-brazil>.

Health care providers should consider yellow fever in the differential diagnosis of any adult or pediatric patient with clinical evidence of fever, nausea, vomiting, epigastric pain, jaundice, renal insufficiency, and cardiovascular instability along with recent travel to Brazil or an area with risk of yellow fever virus transmission. A map of these areas is available at <https://www.cdc.gov/yellowfever/maps/index.html>.

Yellow fever virus is an RNA virus that is transmitted to people primarily through the bite of infected mosquitoes. Mosquitoes acquire the virus by feeding on infected primates (human or non-human) and then can transmit the virus to other primates (human or non-human). People infected with yellow fever virus are infectious to mosquitoes shortly before the onset of fever through several days after onset.

In its mildest form, yellow fever is a self-limited infection characterized by sudden onset of fever and headache without other symptoms. Other patients experience an abrupt onset of a high fever, chills, severe headache, generalized tiredness, lumbosacral pain, anorexia, nausea, vomiting, and dizziness.

Yellow fever vaccine is recommended for anyone nine months or older who travels to high-risk areas. Yellow fever vaccine may be required for entry into certain countries. For most travelers, a single dose of yellow fever vaccine provides long-lasting protection and booster doses are no longer recommended by the CDC.

**Providers whose patients are planning travel to areas with risk of yellow fever virus transmission and to whom vaccination is recommended need to be aware of the yellow fever vaccine shortage in the U.S.**

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Please contact the Oneida County Health Department Clinic if you have any questions: 315. 798. 5747