

YELLOW FEVER FACTSHEET

SYMPTOMS

The symptoms range from a mild influenza-like syndrome to a severe hemorrhagic fever with liver failure. Between 20%-50% of people who have a severe case of yellow fever die from the disease.

TRANSMISSION

Yellow fever is a viral disease that occurs in parts of Africa and South America. It is transmitted by mosquitos.

RECOMMENDATIONS

There is no specific treatment for the disease.

Vaccination is recommended to the known risk areas. Travelers visiting an area at risk of yellow fever should be vaccinated against the disease. Yellow fever certificates are valid 10 days after the vaccine is given and last for life. People who have not been vaccinated against yellow fever should avoid risk areas. In addition, some travellers to and from endemic area are required to show proof of vaccination to gain entry.

The vaccination its recommended for everyone > 9 months of age who will visit any risk areas. People who have not been vaccinated against yellow fever should avoid risk areas.

- Prevent mosquito bites
- Use an effective insect repellent that contains DEET, Picaridin, PMD, or IR3535
- Ensure windows are covered with fly-wire. Use "knock-down" insect spray to kill mosquitoes in your room
- Choose air-conditioned accommodation if possible
- Wear protective clothing (long pants and sleeves, socks) as weather permits.