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## Canada: Chikungunya Vaccine Approved

What's New > Vaccine and Medication Bulletins

Updated Jul 1, 2024 (Posted Jul 1, 2024)

Ixchiq (chikungunya vaccine, live; Valneva) is now approved by Health Canada as a single intramuscular dose (0.5 mL) for the prevention of disease caused by chikungunya virus (CHIKV) in persons aged  $\geq 18$  years who are at increased risk of exposure to CHIKV. US FDA issued a similar approval in November 2023 and US CDC issued recommendations for use in February 2024; Canada's recommendations for use are pending.

- **See countries:** Canada
- **See topics:** Chikungunya

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## Europe: Chikungunya Vaccine Approved

What's New > Vaccine and Medication Bulletins

Posted Jul 1, 2024

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- **See topics:** Chikungunya

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## Hungary: Significant Pertussis Increase

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According to Hungary's Ministry of Health, approximately 15 cases of pertussis per week are being reported. Approximately 100 cases, a significant increase over average incidence, have been reported since mid-February 2024 throughout most of the country, including Budapest. The outbreak has yet to peak. All adult travelers should receive 1 dose of Tdap (adult acellular pertussis-containing vaccine) every 10 years, assuming they previously received an adequate primary series. A booster dose (for protection against pertussis) should be considered if it has been at least 3 years since the last acellular pertussis-containing vaccine (e.g., Tdap) dose for persons aged  $> 65$  years or those with immunocompromising conditions or underlying lung disease (off-label). Those who received Td or TT for their most recent dose should receive an immediate dose of Tdap, regardless of the interval since the last tetanus dose. Parents of infants who have not yet completed a 3-dose series of a pertussis-containing vaccine may want to consider postponing travel until the infant has received the third dose.

- **See countries:** Hungary
  - **See topics:** Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (0-6 Years), Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (7 Years and Older)
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## Canada: Rabies Vaccine Availability

What's New > Current Health Bulletins

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RabAvert (purified chick embryo cell rabies vaccine; Bavarian Nordic) and Imovax Rabies (human diploid cell rabies vaccine; Sanofi Pasteur) are in short supply due to shipping delays. The anticipated resupply dates are August 15, 2024, and September 30, 2024, respectively.

- **See countries:** Canada
- **See topics:** Rabies

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## Caribbean (Windward Islands): Hurricane Beryl

What's New > Current Safety Bulletins

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Since July 1, 2024, Category 4 Hurricane Beryl has been approaching the Windward Islands of the Caribbean. Hurricane warnings were issued for Barbados, Grenada, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Tobago. A tropical storm warning was issued for Martinique and Trinidad. In Barbados, Grantley Adams International Airport is closed until further notice. Grenada is under a state of emergency. Maurice Bishop International Airport is closed until 10:00 a.m. on July 2, 2024. Saint Lucia is under a "national shutdown," with schools and businesses ordered to remain closed. Hewanorra International Airport and George F. L. Charles Airport have suspended operations. Tobago was placed under the highest level of public alert (a red-level warning). Significant infrastructure damage is possible due to high winds and potential flooding, mudslides, and landslides. Travelers should contact their airline to confirm flights. Disruption to travel by road and sea is possible. Travelers should avoid the affected areas and monitor the situation through local media and embassy communications.

- **See countries:** Barbados, Grenada, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago

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## Vietnam: Malaria Information

What's New > Announcements

Malaria Information

Posted Jun 28, 2024

A minor editorial change was made to the malaria map for Vietnam. Map shading and recommendations are unaffected.

- **See countries:** Vietnam
- **See topics:** Malaria

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## US Virgin Islands: Significant Dengue Increase

What's New > Current Health Bulletins

Posted Jun 27, 2024

According to US Virgin Islands' Department of Health, 10 cases of dengue fever have been reported since late March 2024 on Saint Thomas (8 cases), Saint Croix (1 case), and Saint John (1 case) islands. Travelers should observe insect

precautions; mosquitoes that transmit dengue can bite throughout the day but have peak activity in the early morning, late afternoon, and evening.

- **See countries:** US Virgin Islands
  - **See topics:** Dengue
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## United States: Isolated Locally Acquired Dengue in Florida

What's New > Current Health Bulletins

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According to Florida's Department of Health, 1 locally acquired, laboratory-confirmed case of dengue fever (serotype 1) occurred in June 2024 in Hillsborough County. Additionally, 5 locally acquired, laboratory-confirmed cases of dengue fever (serotype 3) occurred from January through April 2024 in Miami-Dade (4 cases) and Pasco (1 case) counties. Locally acquired cases of dengue fever had not been reported in Hillsborough County since 2019. Sporadic cases without sustained transmission are reported in central and southern Florida in most years. Risk to travelers is minimal.

- **See countries:** United States
  - **See topics:** Dengue
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## Italy: Significant Measles Increase, Mainly in Lazio Region

What's New > Current Health Bulletins

Posted Jun 27, 2024

According to Italy's National Institute of Health, more than 560 cases of measles (including 480 laboratory-confirmed), a significant increase over average incidence, have been reported since January 2024 (primarily in unvaccinated children aged  $\leq 4$  years) throughout the country, mainly in Lazio and Emilia-Romagna regions and Sicily Autonomous Region. The outbreak appears to have peaked. Shoreland continues to make the following recommendations for travelers: All persons aged  $\geq 12$  months born in 1957 or later (1970 or later in Canada and the UK; 1966 or later in Australia) without history of disease or of 2 countable doses of live vaccine at any time during their lives should complete a lifetime total of 2 doses of MMR vaccine (spaced by at least 28 days). All infants aged 6-11 months should receive 1 dose of MMR vaccine. All those born before 1970 (in Canada) without evidence of immunity or previous vaccination with 1 countable dose of measles-containing vaccine need 1 dose of MMR vaccine.

- **See countries:** Italy
  - **See topics:** Measles, Mumps, Rubella
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## Central African Republic: Hepatitis E Increase in Vakaga Prefecture

What's New > Current Health Bulletins

Posted Jun 27, 2024

According to international health authorities, 27 laboratory-confirmed cases of hepatitis E (including 3 deaths), a significant increase over average incidence, have occurred since April 2024 (primarily among displaced persons), mainly in Vakaga Prefecture. Infection is likely linked to a contaminated water supply. No hepatitis E vaccine is approved outside of China and immune globulin is not protective; however, WHO recommends considering use of the

vaccine during outbreaks. Pregnant women should not travel to affected areas of this country. Travelers should observe food and beverage precautions and hand hygiene (frequent, thorough handwashing).

- **See countries:** Central African Republic
  - **See topics:** Hepatitis E
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