WHAT IS YELLOW FEVER?

YELLOW FEVER is a serious, potentially deadly flu-like disease spread by mosquitoes. It’s characterized by a high fever and jaundice. Jaundice is yellowing of the skin and eyes, which is why this disease is called yellow fever. This disease is most prevalent in certain parts of Africa and South America. It isn’t curable, but you can prevent it with the yellow fever vaccine.

YELLOW FEVER VACCINE SHORTAGE

Sanofi Pasteur, the manufacturer of the only yellow fever vaccine (YF-Vax) licensed in the United States, has announced that YF-Vax will be unavailable until mid-2018 because of delays in the production process.

Sanofi Pasteur applied and received approval from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to make another yellow fever vaccine available in the United States under an investigational new drug (IND) program. Manufactured by Sanofi Pasteur in France, this vaccine, Stamaril, is registered and distributed in more than 70 countries. It is comparable in safety and efficacy to YF-Vax.

Sanofi Pasteur can provide Stamaril to only a limited number of clinics. The Ashe Center cannot provide this vaccine.

Travelers can find locations that can administer Stamaril by visiting the yellow fever vaccination clinic search page. For information about which countries require yellow fever vaccination for entry and which countries the CDC recommends yellow fever vaccination, visit the CDC Travelers’ Health website (www.cdc.gov/travel).

For those with UCSHIP, you will need to see a travel RN to obtain a referral for insurance coverage.

The Travel Clinic is a service offered by The Ashe Center to complete evaluations customized to your health status and travel plans, provide advice, immunizations, and prescriptions as needed. Please call 310-825-4073 to schedule, or book your appointment online with the Patient Portal.

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