

YELLOW FEVER ENTRY REQUIREMENTS IN TANZANIA MAINLAND

Yellow fever is a serious disease that is monitored internationally and therefore classified by the International Health Regulations (IHR), 2005 as a Public Health Emergence of International Concern (PHEIC). All PHEIC require specific monitoring procedures and measures that commensurate with and restricted to public health measures to meet the IHR, 2005 purpose.

Tanzania is mapped by the World Health Organization as a low risk country because no Yellow fever virus has been isolated in the country. However, the abundance of Yellow fever vector and other favorable ecological conditions pose potential risk for Yellow fever if the virus is introduced into the country. Furthermore, being bordered with Yellow fever endemic countries has also increased the vulnerability of Tanzania being infected with the virus.

In order to conform to IHR, 2005 requirements and safeguard public health security in Tanzania, Yellow fever vaccination is mandatory to travellers arriving from Yellow fever endemic countries. This condition also applies to travellers subjected to long flight connection (transit) in Yellow fever endemic country for twelve hours (12hrs) or more.

Yellow fever vaccination which is given as a single dose should be administered ten (10) days before entering the country. A single dose is capable of providing a life protection against the virus. Exempted people due to medical reasons and age (above 60 and below 1 year) should seek medical attention in case of fever, headache, muscle and joint aches. Failure to produce a valid certificate of vaccination against Yellow fever to those eligible may lead to refusal of entry or vaccinated upon arrival and kept under close public health observation for not more than 10 days.

The cost of Yellow fever vaccination is 50 USD for foreigners and 30,000 Tsh for residents and East Africa Community members. Government receipt shall be issued for any vaccination charges paid.

The following are endemic countries for which a valid certificate of vaccination against Yellow fever is a requirement for entry into Tanzania;

Countries from Africa	Countries from South America
Angola	Argentina
Benin	Plurinational State of Bolivia
Burkina Faso	Brazil
Burundi	Colombia
Cameroon	Ecuador
Central Africa Republic	French Guiana
Chad	Guyana
Congo	Panama
Cote d'Ivoire	Paraguay
Democratic Republic of Congo	Peru
Equatorial Guinea	Suriname
Ethiopia	Trinidad and Tobago
Gabon	Venezuela (Republic of Bolivarian)

Gambia	
Ghana	
Guinea	
Guinea Bissau	
Kenya	
Liberia	
Mali	
Mauritania	
Niger	
Nigeria	
Rwanda	
Senegal	
Sierra Leone	
South Sudan	
Sudan	
Togo	
Uganda	

Source WHO, *International Health and Travel, Annex 1 Update as of Feb, 2017*

Note:

- Travellers coming from countries which are **NOT IN THE LIST ABOVE** will not be subjected to Yellow fever screening and vaccination at points of entry upon arrival.
- Travellers coming from Yellow fever endemic countries who will not produce a proof of Yellow fever vaccination may lead to refusal of entry or vaccinated and kept under close public health observation for not more than 10 days.
- For **TANZANIANS** travelling to Yellow fever endemic countries (See list above) **ARE RECOMMENDED TO BE VACCINATED** 10 days before travel.
- For **TANZANIANS** coming from Yellow fever endemic countries who will not produce a valid certificate of vaccination against Yellow fever will be vaccinated upon arrival and kept under close public health observation for not more than 10 days.