Frequently Asked Questions

What vaccines will I need?
The vaccines you need will vary, depending upon the particular countries you are visiting. During your consultation, we will review your itinerary, current medical conditions and medications to determine which vaccines are recommended for you.

What are the risks of the vaccines?
Your provider will discuss any vaccine specific risks, however, generally there are possibilities of developing fever, rash at the injection site or an allergic reaction.

Can I get a vaccine for Yellow Fever at Circle Health Urgent Care?
Circle Health Urgent Care will be a designated Yellow Fever site, but we are currently waiting on availability of the vaccine, which is anticipated to be sometime near the end of 2018. Until then, we will direct you to sites in the area that offers the vaccine now.

What are some tips to avoid traveler's diarrhea or infection from mosquitos?
Be very cautious about drinking water in third world countries. Avoid ice cubes, and try not to ingest any water when taking a shower or brushing your teeth – use bottled water instead.

If you are in an area with a risk of malaria, wear clothing with long sleeves, pants and hats, and use netting around your bed. An insect repellent with DEET is the most effective for preventing bites.

Urgent Care Hours
and Locations:

Circle Health Urgent Care
Circle Health Westford
198 Littleton Road, Westford, MA
Monday – Sunday: 8am – 8pm
978-323-0302

Circle Health Urgent Care
Circle Health Billerica
199 Boston Road, North Billerica, MA
Monday – Sunday: 8am – 8pm
978-323-2850

Circle Health Urgent Care is proud to be accredited by the Urgent Care Association of America.

For more information:
www.circle-health.org/urgentcare
Traveling to another country, whether you are visiting family, sightseeing or working, can be an exciting adventure. Part of planning for an international trip includes protecting your health from possible infections that could make you sick, as well as taking precautions against other problems such as traveler’s diarrhea and altitude sickness.

Our medical providers at Circle Health Urgent Care in Billerica and Westford can guide you on how to stay healthy so that you and your family can have an enjoyable trip free of illness. We offer comprehensive medical services for adults and children who are traveling to other countries, including all necessary vaccinations and prescriptions for recommended medications. We also provide education on food and water safety and tips for preventing bites from disease-carrying mosquitos.

Services
We offer the following vaccinations:
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Influenza
- Japanese Encephalitis
- Measles-Mumps-Rubella
- Meningococcus
- Poliomyelitis (Polio)
- Rabies
- Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap)
- Typhoid
- Yellow Fever – not currently available; anticipated availability is Nov.-Dec. 2018

We also offer prescriptions for anti-diarrheal, anti-malarial and altitude sickness medicines.

Appointments
No appointment is necessary. You can walk in to our Westford or Billerica Urgent Care locations from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m., or save time with advance check in by scheduling online at www.lowellgeneral.org/travelmedicine. A travel questionnaire is also available to fill out and bring to your visit. Please remember to bring in your travel itinerary.

When to Schedule Vaccinations
In general, you should get your vaccinations one month in advance of your trip, as it may take several weeks to achieve full immunity. However, some vaccines do require a second dose and need more time for the immunity to take effect. We advise you to get a consultation as soon as possible, once you have made your travel plans.

Costs/Insurance
Travel vaccines are elective and usually not covered by most insurance companies. However, more widely used vaccinations such as Hepatitis A/B or influenza may be covered. Please contact your insurance company to learn about the specifications of your policy. Patients will be required to pay for vaccination services at the time of the visit. We will provide costs for each vaccine.

Learn more at www.lowellgeneral.org/travelmedicine