



THE TRAVEL CLINIC

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Care and Feeding of your Yellow Fever Certificate

(also known as the Yellow Card or the International Certificate of Vaccination)

You should know that yellow fever vaccine dose is now one dose per lifetime. You should never need a booster as long as you have your Certificate. You may need re-vaccination if you plan travel to a YF area and don't have a valid YF certificate on the WHO yellow card..

When we gave you yellow fever vaccine, you received this printed instruction:

Instructions to complete your part of the International Certificate of Vaccination

1. On page 1, print your name exactly as it appears on your passport, and complete the rest.
2. On the yellow fever certificate (the page with the stamps), print your name as it is on your passport, date of birth (format 15 Jan 2001), sex (m or f) and nationality. On the next line print "passport" and your passport number. Sign where indicated, the same as your passport signature. Print "yellow fever" on the next blank if it is not already filled in.
3. Turn the card over to see vaccines we gave besides YF.
4. There are sections where you may record your allergies, eyeglasses prescription, medical history and medications you take.
5. Make 2 copies of this card and your passport. Bury one copy of each deep in your luggage. Then, as this is your chance to take lifetime responsibility for your own shot record, so there will never be confusion about which vaccines you have had, keep the other copy in a permanently safe place.
6. Keep this card with your passport together on your person for your travels and in a safe place when you return.
7. Remove this tag and the staple after completion.

Should you misplace either your passport or your YF certificate (or if either is stolen), either may be replaced. Passport may be replaced during your trip at a US embassy or consulate if you have your passport number. So record your passport number separately in case you need it. Having a paper copy (or a picture on your phone) of your lost or stolen YF certificate will not get you across borders

Domestically, your yellow fever certificate may be duplicated at a Yellow Fever Vaccination Center listed on the CDC website <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/search-for-stamaril-clinics> as long as you can produce a copy of your original yellow fever certificate. The information the YF clinic will need to see to meet your need are the date and the lot number of your previous vaccination. In the past I have suggested a paper copy. Some people are putting it in their phones. Seems to me a paper copy is more credible.

Yellow fever vaccination and documentation have been in flux due to a shortage of the US YF vaccine (YF-VAX) beginning in 2017. Stamaril, the French YF vaccine, (both are manufactured and marketed by Sanofi) was imported. YF-VAX and Stamaril have the same effectiveness and side effect profile though the vaccines have slight differences. Importing Stamaril was supposed to be a temporary situation. The Travel Clinic was a Stamaril center until I retired in July 2019. The CDC website currently lists only Stamaril centers as of March, 2021, and no YF-VAX centers. This information may help you in your search for your replacement YF card should I be unable to help you.