



Epidemiological Alert:

Information for Persons Intending to Travel to South Africa to Attend the FIFA World Cup

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The purpose of this alert is to inform those intending to travel to South Africa for the upcoming World Cup as to health recommendations or other useful information from the World Health Organization, the Pan American Health Organization, and the Department of Health of South Africa.

Please consult the links below:

1. World Health Organization (WHO)

- a. **International Travel and Health:** <http://www.who.int/ith/ITH2010countrylist.pdf>

Travelers' Information for South Africa	
Yellow Fever Country requirement: a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers over 1 year of age coming from countries with risk of Bellow fever transmission. Yellow fever vaccine recommendation: None	Malaria Malaria risk due predominantly to <i>P. falciparum</i> exists throughout the year in the low-altitude areas of Mpumalanga Province (including the Kruger National Park), Northern Province and north-eastern KwaZulu-Natal as far south as the Tugela River. Risk is highest from October to May. Resistance to chloroquine and sulfadoxine-pyrimethamine reported.

- b. **Update on Rift Valley Fever in South Africa:**
http://www.who.int/csr/don/2010_05_12/en/index.html

2. Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)

- **2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa and Risk of Measles/Rubella Virus Importation into the Americas**
http://new.paho.org/hq/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2768&Itemid=1711&lang=en

3. South Africa Department of Health

- **Public Health Surveillance System for 2010 World Cup:** <http://www.doh.gov.za/>