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Yellow Fever Travel, Testing, and Reporting Guidance

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The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health (DBCH) would like to highlight key points in the recent Informational Message regarding Yellow Fever issued by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

- The CDC has issued a Level 2 Travel Alert due to the ongoing yellow fever outbreak in Brazil. Detailed information is available at <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/alert/yellow-fever-brazil>
- Yellow fever vaccine should be recommended for anyone nine months or older prior to travel to Brazil or other high-risk areas. Detailed information on yellow fever vaccination recommendations can be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/yellowfever/vaccine/>
- Recent manufacturing problems have resulted in a shortage of yellow fever vaccine (YF-VAX) in the United States. YF-VAX is not currently available through the DBCH Health Clinic. The FDA has approved an application for importation of an alternative vaccine (Stamaril) that will only be available at limited locations. Stamaril vaccination clinic locations can be found at: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/yellow-fever-vaccination-clinics/search>
- Healthcare providers should consider yellow fever in the differential diagnosis for patients experiencing fever, nausea, vomiting, epigastric pain, jaundice, renal insufficiency, and cardiovascular instability who have a history of recent travel to Brazil or another area with risk of yellow fever virus transmission. A map of these areas can be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/yellowfever/maps/index.html>
- Testing for yellow fever is only available at the NYSDOH Wadsworth Center and a limited number of specialized laboratories nationally. Healthcare providers should immediately report suspected cases of yellow fever to the Local Health Department where the patient resides to arrange for testing at the Wadsworth Center.

To report suspected cases of yellow fever for Dutchess County residents, please call the Department's Communicable Disease Control Division at (845) 486-3402. For additional questions, please visit us online at DutchessNY.gov/Providers.

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