

Dear Colleague,

Subject: Report on unauthorized administration of Yellow Fever Vaccine by certain centres - reg.

As you are aware Yellow Fever (YF) is an acute viral hemorrhagic disease with 40-60% mortality, transmitted by infected mosquitoes primarily in tropical areas of South America and Africa. India is not endemic to the disease with no established transmission of the virus within the country. The risk of yellow fever importation into India is considered high if there is laxity in the strict implementation of the vaccination measures taken for the travelers.

2. In India, all travelers over 9 months of age traveling to and from YF endemic countries (42 countries where Yellow Fever disease is persisting) are required to be in possession of a "VALID YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION CERTIFICATE" issued by authorized and designated vaccination centres on arrival in India. Those found not in possession of such valid certificate or defective certificate are quarantined for a period of six days. The YF vaccination certificate becomes valid on the 10th day following the vaccination and it's important that passengers who travel to YF Endemic countries get the vaccination 10 days before their travel.

3. The Central International Health Division (CIHD), Directorate General of Health Services (Dte. GHS) under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) is the nodal office for administrating the Yellow Fever Vaccination and issuance of "VALID YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION CERTIFICATE" for the passengers traveling to and from YF endemic countries through its authorized vaccination centres which are both Central and State Health Institutions. List of Dte. GHS authorized Yellow Fever Vaccination Centres as of date are available at the CIHD website (<https://ihpoe.mohfw.gov.in/>).

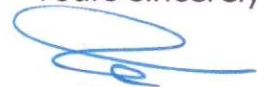
4. Following reports that certain unauthorized centres are administering vaccination and issuing invalid/ fraudulent YFV certificates, resulting in the quarantine of passengers, MoHFW reiterates taking extreme caution to the invalid vaccination certificates issued from these unauthorized centers. Fake vaccination certificates not only have a negative impact on public health but also, are against the law by misrepresenting as vaccinated personnel. We have also increased our enforcement at Points of Entry to ensure that travelers with fraudulent certificates do not enter the

country through our borders and are quarantined as mandated under the International Health Regulations (IHR) 2005.

5. It is requested that the State/UT Government may probe into the reports of such non-authorized vaccination centres at your states/UTs and initiate necessary corrective measure to ensure strict compliance to the national policies and guidelines. Action initiated on such centres may also be reported to the Central International Health Division (Email: ddg.cihd-mohfw@gov.in, adg.cihd-mohfw@gov.in, cihd.dghs-mohfw@gov.in).

Warm Regards.

Yours sincerely,



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