

## IMMUNIZATIONS FOR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

No immunizations are required. The following immunizations are recommended:

If you have not had Hepatitis A and B, there is now a combination drug for both Hepatitis A&B. The first two shots are given one month apart, with the last shot given six months after that. In order for this to be effective, you have to receive two doses, so there is plenty of time for that if it's done soon. If you only need Hepatitis A, this is given now and will receive a booster in 6 months and this confers life long immunity.

If you do not know your status regarding Polio, you will need a booster on Polio since there was an outbreak of Polio in Haiti and Dominican Republic in 2003 or 2004. A booster confers lifelong immunity.

The Typhoid can be given either orally or by injection. The oral Typhoid confers immunity for 5 years. The injectable Typhoid confers immunity for two years. The Health Department does not have the oral Typhoid.

For Measles, if you were born before 1957 you have HERD immunity "a great phrase." If you were born after 1957, you would need to discuss whether you need the Measles vaccination or not with the health department

Tetanus Diphtheria is good for 10 years. If you know when your last shot was and it was within 10 years, you do not need another shot.

Malaria-Chloroquine prophylaxes is recommended. One 500 mg capsule a week for 1-2 weeks before the trip; one capsule while there and one capsule for four weeks after the trip. Malaria can be latent 6 months to one year before onset of diagnosis. Malaria organisms are not Chloroquine sensitive below Panama Canal but are in Haiti and Dominican Republic. Malaria occurs in the Dominican Republic.

Local Immunization Offices:

Passport Health ...Travel Clinic, 1040 E.86<sup>th</sup>, Suite 42A, 317-844-2990 (note:also Greenwood SE St.)  
<http://www.passporthealthusa.com/locations/in/indianapolis/>

Travel Clinic.....Dr. Kelton, IUMC, 1520 N. Senate.....317-962-8893

Call Marion County Health Dept. if want to ck. availability of these services.

Health Ins. will be billed....ck. your own coverage policy.