

Southern Hemisphere's Summer Lures Travelers *Tropical Outbreaks Warrant Vaccinations*

BALTIMORE, MD— 1/6/2011—When temperatures drop in the northern hemisphere, travelers tend to escape to warmer destinations. Tropical climates harbor mosquitoes which may carry deadly diseases like [Yellow fever](#). A current outbreak of [Yellow Fever in Uganda](#) is of utmost concern to travelers heading to that region, but travelers are cautioned to receive counseling and proper [immunizations and travel vaccinations](#) before traveling—not just to Uganda.

“U.S. travelers frequent European destinations during our summer months,” said Fran Lessans, CEO of Passport Health (www.passporthealthusa.com), the largest private provider of travel medicine services/immunizations in the United States. “But during our winter we see a shift away from Europe and towards tropical regions like the Caribbean, Africa and South America where 80 to 90 degree temperatures lure travelers away from the Nordic freeze.”

The situation in Uganda is all too familiar to Passport Health's [Travel Medicine Specialists](#). They administer and prescribe vaccinations and medications recommended by the CDC, WHO, and other world surveillance organizations that constantly monitor outbreaks and other health hazards that affect travelers when they arrive at their destination. “[The Vaccine Specialists](#)”, which counsel 20,000 clients each month through [170 locations](#) provide country-specific information, immunizations, malaria prophylaxes and a suite of [specialty travel products](#) like protection kits for malaria, diarrhea, and water purification.

“The right information can prove critical when traveling abroad,” added Lessans. “Whether you are [traveling for business, pleasure](#), or for an [intercountry adoption or mission trip](#), there are some things you need to know to ensure you stay safe and healthy. We spend about one hour with each client,” added Lessans. “We cover everything from travel insurance to diseases which cannot be prevented with vaccinations. Our clients also watch an informational video and receive a personalized travel-health booklet. Passport Health's clients include major corporations, universities and NGO's.

There are [Yellow Fever cases](#) in The Congo DR, Cameroon and Côte d'Ivoire as well as [Dengue Fever](#) (another potentially deadly disease transmitted by mosquitoes) cases in South America, Central America, Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, and the Middle East. Dengue Fever recently took the life of three-time world surf champion [Andy Irons](#).

Passport Health offices carry a variety of immunizations to protect against diseases like [Polio](#), [Yellow Fever](#), [Hepatitis A and B](#), [Meningitis](#), [Rabies](#), [Typhoid Fever](#), [Japanese Encephalitis](#), [Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis](#), [Shingles](#), [Pneumococcal](#) and [Human Papilloma Virus](#).

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