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### **Shoreland's *Travax News Alert Service***

#### **United States: Ixiaro Booster Dose Age Range Expanded**

Ixiaro (Japanese encephalitis vaccine; Valneva), already approved for use in persons aged  $\geq 2$  months, now has FDA approval for use as a booster dose in persons aged  $\geq 14$  months (previously  $\geq 17$  years) to be given at least 11 months (previously more than 1 year) after completion of the primary 2-dose series, only if ongoing exposure or re-exposure to Japanese encephalitis virus is expected.

#### **Canada: Norovirus Due to Raw Oysters from the West Coast**

According to Public Health Agency of Canada, more than 120 cases of acute gastrointestinal illness caused by norovirus have been reported since mid-March 2018 on Vancouver Island and in other areas of British Columbia Province ( $> 90$  cases) and in Ontario (25 cases) and Alberta (9 cases) provinces. Infection has been linked to the consumption of raw or lightly cooked oysters from British Columbia. Travelers should avoid consumption of improperly cooked oysters originating from the West Coast or if the origin is unknown. Travelers are also advised to exercise particular care in hygiene habits, including frequent handwashing.

#### **Russia: 2018 FIFA World Cup**

Russia will host the 2018 World Cup from June 14 through July 15, 2018. Events will take place in 11 cities (Moscow, St. Petersburg, Kaliningrad, Kazan, Nizhny Novgorod, Rostov-on-Don, Samara, Saransk, Sochi, Volgograd, and Yekaterinburg). Travelers should maintain a high level of security awareness due to petty crime (mostly pickpocketing) in areas frequented by tourists, including Moscow and St. Petersburg. In 2017, isolated terrorist attacks occurred in St. Petersburg. Travelers should also be alert to ticket scams, corrupt officials, criminals posing as police officers, and the intentional drugging of food and drink to facilitate robbery or assault. For complete information, see Russia: Consular Advice.

#### **Nicaragua: Violent Protests in Cities, Including Managua and León**

Widespread, violent protests and civil unrest in response to social security reform have been reported since April 18, 2018, in Managua, León, and other major cities. Further unrest is likely. Road closures and transportation delays should be expected. Disruption to mobile and internet services should be expected. Extreme vigilance is recommended; bystanders are at risk of harm from violence or from the response by authorities. Travelers should avoid demonstrations, follow the advice of local authorities, and monitor the situation through local media and embassy communications.

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