

# What's New

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## Nicaragua: Consular Travel Warning

What's New > Consular Travel Warnings

Posted Apr 23, 2018

Due to civil unrest, U.S. (DOS) and U.K. (FCO) advise reconsidering travel (or avoiding nonessential travel) to this country. Canada (GAC) and Australia (DFAT) have no current warnings.

- **See countries:** Nicaragua

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## United States: Severe Flooding on Kauai Island, Hawaii

What's New > Current Safety Bulletins

Posted Apr 20, 2018

Since April 13, 2018, heavy rains have caused widespread, severe flooding on Kauai Island, Hawaii. Significant disruptions to transportation (road and air travel) should be expected, including to and from Lihue Airport (Kuhio Highway is impassible between Waikoko and Wainiha). Ha'ena State Park and Napali Coast State Wilderness Park (including the Kalalau Trail) are closed indefinitely. Travelers should avoid the affected areas and monitor the situation through local media and embassy communications.

- **See countries:** United States

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## United States: Ixiaro Booster Dose Age Range Expanded

What's New > Vaccine and Medication Bulletins

Posted Apr 20, 2018

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.

- **See countries:** United States
  - **See topics:** Japanese Encephalitis
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## Nicaragua: Violent Protests in Cities, Including Managua and León

What's New > Current Safety Bulletins

Posted Apr 20, 2018

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.

- **See countries:** Nicaragua

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## United States: Shiga Toxin-Producing *E. coli* and Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome in 16 States

What's New > Current Health Bulletins

Posted Apr 19, 2018

According to CDC, more than 50 cases of bloody diarrhea caused by Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* (STEC) O157:H7 strain (including 5 cases with hemolytic uremic syndrome [HUS]) have been reported since mid-March 2018 in 16 of 50 states, mainly in Idaho (12 cases) and Pennsylvania (10 cases). Symptom onset dates range from March 13 through April 6, 2018. The outbreak appears to have peaked. Infection has been linked to the consumption of chopped romaine lettuce from southwestern Arizona. Travelers should avoid the consumption of all romaine lettuce throughout the country. Any returning traveler from the U.S. with severe stomach cramps, bloody diarrhea, and vomiting should seek immediate medical care and inform the provider of his or her travel history. Antibiotics are not routinely recommended until STEC infection is ruled out because they may increase the risk of developing HUS in STEC patients.

- **See countries:** United States
  - **See topics:** Travelers' Diarrhea
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## Taiwan: Measles in Taipei and Surrounding Areas (Including Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport)

What's New > Current Health Bulletins

Posted Apr 19, 2018

According to Taiwan's Ministry of Health, 12 locally acquired, confirmed cases of measles have occurred since March 19, 2018, in Taipei and the special municipalities of New Taipei and Taoyuan (including in employees of Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport). An infected international traveler is likely the index case for this outbreak. The outbreak has yet to peak. Shoreland continues to make the following recommendations for travelers: All individuals  $\geq$  12 months of age born in 1957 or later (1970 or later in Canada and the U.K.; 1966 or later in Australia) without history of disease or of 2 countable doses of live vaccine at any time during their lives should complete a lifetime total of 2 doses of MMR vaccine (spaced by at least 28 days). All infants aged 6-11 months should receive 1 dose of MMR vaccine. All those born before 1970 (in Canada) without evidence of immunity or previous vaccination with 1 countable dose of measles-containing vaccine need 1 dose of MMR vaccine.

- **See countries:** Taiwan
- **See topics:** Measles, Mumps, Rubella

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## Japan: Measles in Okinawa Prefecture Yet to Peak

What's New > Current Health Bulletins

Posted Apr 18, 2018

According to Japan's Ministry of Health, more than 15 laboratory-confirmed cases of measles per week are occurring in Okinawa Prefecture, mainly in the city of Naha. More than 60 laboratory-confirmed cases, a significant increase over average incidence, have occurred since March 14, 2018. The outbreak has yet to peak. Measles was not reported in Okinawa from 2012 through 2017. Shoreland continues to make the following recommendations for travelers: All individuals  $\geq$  12 months of age born in 1957 or later (1970 or later in Canada and the U.K.; 1966 or later in Australia) without history of disease or of 2 countable doses of live vaccine at any time during their lives should complete a lifetime total of 2 doses of MMR vaccine (spaced by at least 28 days). All infants aged 6-11 months should receive 1 dose of MMR vaccine. All those born before 1970 (in Canada) without evidence of immunity or previous vaccination with 1 countable dose of measles-containing vaccine need 1 dose of MMR vaccine.

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- **See topics:** Measles, Mumps, Rubella

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

What's New > Current Health Bulletins

Updated Apr 18, 2018 (Posted Apr 18, 2018)

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.

- **See countries:** Canada
- **See topics:** Travelers' Diarrhea

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## Canada: Human Papillomavirus Vaccines Availability

What's New > Vaccine and Medication Bulletins

Posted Apr 17, 2018

Cervarix (human papillomavirus 2-valent vaccine; GSK) in single-dose, prefilled syringes is in short supply; the anticipated resupply date is unknown. Gardasil (human papillomavirus 4-valent vaccine; Merck) in single-dose vials and Gardasil 9 (human papillomavirus 9-valent vaccine; Merck) in single-dose vials and single-dose, prefilled syringes remain available.

- **See countries:** Canada
- **See topics:** Human Papillomavirus

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## Belarus: Measles, Mainly in Grodno Province, Yet to Peak

What's New > Current Health Bulletins

Posted Apr 17, 2018

According to Belarus' Ministry of Health, more than 30 confirmed cases of measles per month, a significant increase over average incidence, are occurring in Brest, Gomel, and Grodno provinces. More than 40 cases have been reported since February 2018, mainly in Grodno Province (70% of cases). The outbreak has yet to peak. Shoreland continues to make the

following recommendations for travelers: All individuals  $\geq$  12 months of age born in 1957 or later (1970 or later in Canada and the U.K.; 1966 or later in Australia) without history of disease or of 2 countable doses of live vaccine at any time during their lives should complete a lifetime total of 2 doses of MMR vaccine (spaced by at least 28 days). All infants aged 6-11 months should receive 1 dose of MMR vaccine. All those born before 1970 (in Canada) without evidence of immunity or previous vaccination with 1 countable dose of measles-containing vaccine need 1 dose of MMR vaccine.

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