

Message to U.S. Citizens in Ecuador

Measles Outbreak in Local News

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Measles remains a common communicable respiratory disease in many regions of the world. Recently the local news reported a few cases of measles in Ecuador. We wish to remind you of the recommended measles immunization schedule for children traveling abroad:

All children who are 6 months to 11 months of age traveling outside of the U.S. should receive one dose of the MMR vaccine, regardless of a country/region's epidemic/endemic setting. This does not count as their first MMR dose which needs to be given on or after 12-15 months of age with a second dose given at age 4; however in areas of outbreaks, a second dose can be administered as early as 28 days after the first MMR is given (12 month dose).

Adults born in the US before 1957 are considered immune, except for health care workers and pregnant women. However, even personnel born before 1957 (1970 in Canada) whose job puts them at increased risk for exposure, e.g., certain humanitarian personnel or others who visit refugee camps or other high risk areas, should be considered for a 2 dose regimen if they do not have evidence of immunity. Also, in the US, adults born after 1957 routinely need only one dose of vaccine, but our population of international travelers should receive two doses.

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Americans living or traveling in Ecuador are encouraged to enroll with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate in order to obtain updated information on travel and security within Ecuador through the [Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#).

U.S. citizens should consult the [Country Specific Information](#) for Ecuador and the latest Travel Alerts and Warnings and Worldwide Caution at the [Department's website](#). Updated information on travel and security in Ecuador may also be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States or by calling 1-202-501-4444 outside the United States.

The U.S. Embassy in Quito is located at Avigiras E12-170 y Eloy Alfaro. The telephone number for American Citizen Service (ACS) inquiries is (011 593-2) 398-5000. Within the same city use the last seven digits. Add the city code for intercity telephone calls. Public call-in hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. and Friday 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. For after-hours emergencies, contact the Embassy at (011 593-2) 398-5200. Appointments for ACS are available through our [website](#).

The [U.S. Consulate General in Guayaquil](#) is located at the corner of Avenida 9 de Octubre and Garcia Moreno (near the Hotel Oro Verde); telephone (011-593-4) 232-3570 during business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or 232-1152 for after-hours emergencies.

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