

**U.S. Embassy Lusaka, Zambia**  
**Message for U.S. Citizens**  
**September 15, 2011**  
**Yellow Fever Vaccinations**

Effective October 1, 2011, Zambia is being added to South Africa's list of countries from which they require travelers to have yellow fever vaccinations. For clarification, Zambia is on the WHO's list of "low risk" yellow fever countries. Generally, when people refer to "the list" of yellow fever countries, they mean the list of "high risk" yellow fever countries. South Africa has begun more strictly enforcing its requirement of vaccination cards of travelers from these countries, AND is requiring vaccination cards of travelers from some of the low risk yellow fever countries, such as Zambia.

It is important to know that if a traveler of any nationality is arriving from, or has traveled through a high risk yellow fever country, OR Zambia, South Africa may require the yellow fever vaccination card. While the authorities are not doing 100% checks, they can and will refuse entry to travelers who do not meet this requirement.

There has been no change in the need for yellow fever vaccination nor a risk of becoming sick from yellow fever while living in South Africa. No action is necessary unless travel is planned through one of the at risk countries and then entry into South Africa. As always, please check your immunization requirements and recommendations before embarking on international travel.

U.S. citizens can obtain Embassy updates by checking the [U.S. Embassy, Zambia web site](http://zambia.usembassy.gov) (<http://zambia.usembassy.gov>). You can also obtain global updates at the U.S. Department of State's [Bureau of Consular Affairs website](#) where you can find the current [Worldwide Caution](#), Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts and [Country Specific Information for Zambia](#). If you do not have Internet access, you may contact the call center for updates--1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except federal holidays).

If your contact information has changed, please update your information with the Embassy via the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#) (STEP) (<http://travel.state.gov/step>) – formerly known as the Internet Based Registration

Service (IBRS). It is important to include your current phone number and current email address where you can be reached in case of an emergency.

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