

Immunizations / Malaria Prophylaxis

Dominican Republic 2BC Mission – 2008

1. **Tetanus immunization must be up to date**
2. **Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B**
 - ~ The Center for Disease Control considers the Dominican Republic to be of “**intermediate** risk” for both **Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B**.
 - ~ **Medical** team members should have Hepatitis **B** immunization; for other team members immunization is recommended but not required.
 - ~ For all team members, Hepatitis **A** immunization is recommended but not required.
3. **Malaria prophylaxis**
 - ~ The CDC recommends prophylaxis in high risk areas “near to Haiti” (we are not there), and “La Altagracia Province” (this borders La Romana).
 - ~ **Chloroquine** prophylaxis recommended but not required.
(Chloroquine is a medication requiring a prescription from your personal physician. The first dose is taken one week before arrival, then weekly while in country, and then weekly for four weeks after leaving the risk area – all doses taken on the same day of the week)
All Plasmodium falciparum malaria in the DR is chloroquine sensitive.
4. **Mosquito repellent**
 - ~ Mosquitos carry diseases other than malaria, diseases against which there is no prophylaxis, e.g. Dengue fever.
 - ~ The CDC recommends **DEET 30-50%**

<http://www.cdc.gov/travel/destinationDominicanRepublic.aspx>