

Japanese Encephalitis

Japanese encephalitis (JE) is a rare disease transmitted by mosquitos which causes death or permanent neurologic complications in up to 50% of people who are diagnosed. The risk of disease is low, but is variable and unpredictable. As of 2009, it has been a mandatory childhood vaccination for the country of Japan. There are cases of JE in Japan every year. In November 2013, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended use of JE vaccine for travelers age 2 months and older who plan to spend a month or longer in endemic areas during the JE virus transmission season. The CDC and World Health Organization describe most of Asia, including the countries of Japan and the Republic of Korea (ROK) as endemic areas. As of 1 February 2015, JE vaccine will be a required immunization for all Airmen assigned to Japan and ROK. Family members and other Tricare beneficiaries who are living in or PCSing to Japan and ROK are encouraged to receive JE vaccine. The vaccine consists of a two shot series separated by at least 28 days with a potential annual booster. Our Immunizations department administers the vaccination.

Further information on JE can be found on the CDC link below.

<http://www.cdc.gov/japaneseencephalitis/>

Immunization office hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday: 08:30a.m. – 3p.m.

Location:

Building 99, first floor

Enter the Medical Group from the main entrance by the coffee bar. Follow the main hallway past OBGYN. The next department on your left is Immunizations and Allergy.

Contact information:

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