



Immunizations

Listed below are the mandatory immunizations required prior to arrival onboard!

Once approved for service, you will be sent a proof of immunization checklist to complete. The Immunization Checklist must be returned, no later than four weeks prior to your arrival.

The following are mandatory for ALL adult crew:	
Yellow Fever	Single does during lifetime (Yellow WHO card must be presented on arrival to the ship).
Hepatitis B	Series of 3
MMR – Measles, Mumps, Rubella	Series of 2
Tetanus/Diphtheria	Within last 10 years (Tdap preferred)
Tuberculosis Test:	At least 12 months prior to arrival
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TB Skin Test (PPD) OR • Chest x-ray 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results in millimeters (mm) • Negative or positive? (if positive, a chest x-ray is required) • Date of chest x-ray • Chest x-ray report (please attach a copy)
<i>Notes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skin testing is not required if there is a history of prior positive skin test (which is defined as >10 mm in duration, not simply redness). However, we do require a chest x-ray. • TB testing is required even if you have received a previous BCG vaccine. A TB screening blood test can be done (Interferon-Gamma Release Assay (IGRA) such as the QuantiFERON-TB Gold or T-spot TB test) in the place of a PPD skin test. The test should be performed within 12 months prior to boarding the ship. 	

The following are mandatory for those working in the Hospital, Dental, and Engineering Departments:	
Typhoid	Either oral (within last five years) or injection (within last two years)
Hepatitis A	Series of 2
Tetanus/Diphtheria	Within last 10 years (Tdap preferred)

The following are highly recommended for all adult crew:	
Typhoid	Either oral (within last five years) or injection (within last two years)
Hepatitis A	Series of 2
Pertussis (Whooping cough)	
Polio booster	Within last 10 years
HIB (Haemophilus Influenza type B):	Booster
Meningitis ACWY	Within last 5 years
Rabies	Series of 3

Children: Parents are required to ensure that their children are up to date with their childhood vaccinations. They should also seek advice from a Travel Clinic about additional vaccinations that the children may require before joining the *Africa Mercy*. Please bring all vaccination documentation and a copy of the childhood vaccination schedule to the *Africa Mercy*. Yellow Fever vaccination is a mandatory requirement for all children over nine months of age.