# Travel to Ghana Tips & Guidelines

How to prepare for your upcoming MPH Program in Ghana

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#### International Travel Clinic

- Schedule a comprehensive clinic visit to:
  - Evaluate health prior to international travel/study abroad
  - Receive necessary vaccinations/prescription medications
  - Learn what to expect regarding life in Ghana and your medical well-being





#### International Travel Clinic

- YELLOW FEVER CARD REQUIRED TO ENTER GHANA
- Antimalarial & Traveler's Diarrhea prescriptions
- Make your appointment soon –
  inform the clinic you need a yellow
  fever card to apply for entry to Ghana
- Medical costs not included in MPH program fees





# Travel Departure Information

Departure & In-Country Information



#### **Immigration Card**

- You may receive an immigration card on the plane shortly before arrival in Accra
- Fill out the required fields and use Day/Month/Year for date of birth, passport expiration date, & date of completion
- Save a copy to your phone
- Have a blue or black non-sharpie
   pen with you



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#### International Travel Health





#### **Travel Precautions**

# Follow all health precautions provided to you by the travel clinic

- Hand washing/hand sanitizer
- Food Safety
- Water
- Anti-malaria medication
- Personal well-being

The CDC's most current information on Ghana can be found here: Ghana - Traveler view |

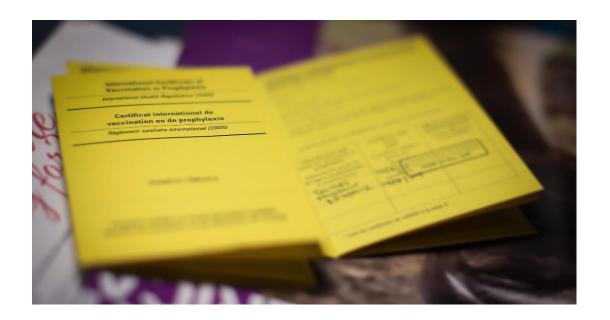
Travelers' Health | CDC





#### Yellow Fever Card

- Required to enter Ghana
- Keep with your passport at all times and have card in safe place
- Remember to travel with card if leaving Ghana and returning during MPH program





#### Malaria Prevention

- Start antimalaria medication 1 2 days before travel
- Use the medication prescribed to you by the travel clinic or your medical provider
- Take malaria prevention medicine with food to prevent an upset stomach



#### Traveler's Diarrhea

- **Pepto-Bismol** chewable tablets as prevention and early symptoms
  - Do not take malaria medication with Pepto-Bismol tablets (wait one hour)
- Imodium have with you
- Antibiotic Fill and bring your Cipro prescription (from travel clinic or medical provider)





# No Swimming in fresh water areas/waterfalls

- No swimming or entering fresh water (Schistosomiasis – Volta region)
- You will have opportunities to swim in the on-campus pools as well as at excursion locations





# Insect Repellant

- 20-50% DEET or 20% Picaridin
- Permethrin for clothing (especially safari clothing)



# Jet Lag

- Exercise
- Sunlight
- Hydration
- Eating and Sleeping Schedule
- OTC sleep-aid (Benadryl or melatonin) to help sleep at destination



#### **Motion Sickness Prevention**

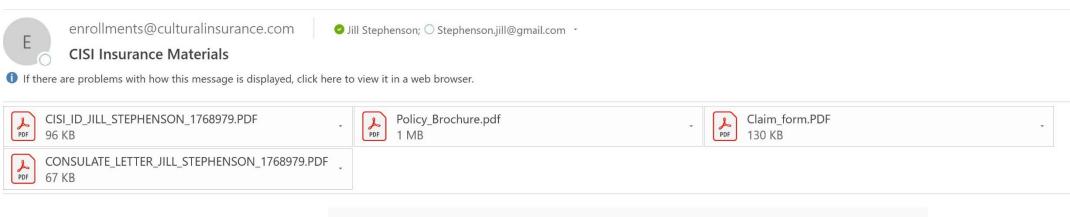
- Dramamine motion sickness prevention
- Long van/bus rides
- Even if you are not prone to motion sickness





### Travel / Health Insurance

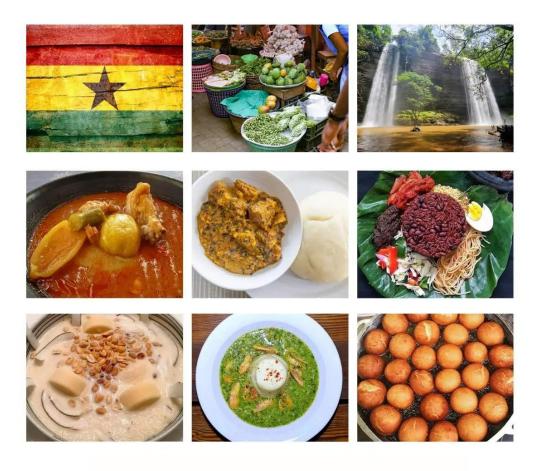
- All students should possess comprehensive health / travel insurance
- A copy of insurance and passport should be on-hand at all times







### Food in Ghana





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#### Do Not:

- Drink anything with ice
- Eat uncooked vegetables
- Eat fruit that does not have a peel
- Drink or brush your teeth with tap water
- Eat street food

#### • Do:

• Follow guidance received at the travel clinic as soon as symptoms begin (Pepto, Cipro, etc).

#### **Travel Precautions**

- Auto accidents and autopedestrian accidents pose one of the largest risks while traveling.
- Please make note that pedestrians do not have the right of way



# **Drug & Alcohol Policy**

The policy on drugs and alcohol is as follows:

- Drug use is strictly prohibited
- No drinking allowed while on designated field study/learning time
- Participation in program activities while intoxicated or suffering from overconsumption is not allowed
- Providing alcohol or drugs to minors is illegal
- Violating the guidelines may result in dismissal from the program.



## **Money Matters**

- Call credit card companies prior to travel to Ghana
- Bring cash to exchange or withdraw from ATM in-country
- Need money for
  - Travel meals at airports, some meals during program excursions
  - Souvenirs
  - Personal shopping items (toiletries, household supplies, snacks...)



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# **Electrical Adapters**

- Plug (computer)/USB
- Type G will work in both Ghana and England
- Blow dryer, curling iron, etc.





# Travel Rules/Safety

Carry your passport with you when off campus





# Etiquette – Attire/Cultural Considerations

- Business casual needed for coursework on campus
- Modesty encouraged avoid tight-fitting clothing, low-cut tops, or midriff shirts during personal time
- Closed-toe shoes best for on and off-campus
- The Climate is tropical; classrooms are air-conditioned
- Ghanaian citizens are outgoing and welcoming of international guests, including MPH students and visiting scholars



# Travel Rules/Safety – Excursion Travel

- Be aware and think about what's best for the group
- Instructions to ensure safety will be given by faculty and staff
- Individual needs can be discussed with faculty and staff
   ESG is happy to accommodate whenever possible
- Culture of fun, respect, inclusion, safety, and health
- Practicum safety guidelines will be provided by individual program hosts



## **Departure Preparation**

- Essential
  - Passport/Visa
  - Yellow Fever Vaccination Card
  - COVID-19 Vaccination Card (optional)
  - Antimalarial medication start first day of travel with food
  - Cipro medication
  - Cash/card for travel meals and personal expenditures







# Questions??

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