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Guidelines for Pharmacy Certification as an Arizona Yellow Fever Vaccine Center

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Introduction

Yellow Fever vaccine is required by International Health Regulations to be administered only in a certified Yellow Fever Vaccination Center (YFVC). The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), Bureau of Immunization Services (BIZS) is the entity that certifies YFVCs in Arizona. ADHS reports their current YFVCs to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) who maintain a national registry of these centers. Pharmacies can apply to request certification as a YFVC.

How an Arizona Pharmacy Can Become a Certified Yellow Fever Vaccination Center

- The pharmacy must have a supervising physician or nurse practitioner with training and experience in providing yellow fever vaccinations.
- Fill out the online Yellow Fever Program Application.
    - The online application will prompt users to complete provider information and attach relevant documents to become a yellow fever vaccine center.
- Each pharmacy location will need to be certified individually with its own Uniform Stamp, but a pharmacy chain with multiple locations can make a single application by listing the required information of all of the individual pharmacy locations in the application.
- As part of the application, the pharmacy must submit its yellow fever vaccination protocol on the Yellow Fever Program online application. The protocol should describe how the pharmacy assures proper patient screening, patient education, vaccine administration, and a process for medical referral for evaluation of adverse events after vaccination according to CDC guidelines as set forth in "Yellow Fever Vaccine," *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* (MMWR), July 30, 2010 http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/rr5907.pdf, "Yellow Fever Vaccine Booster Doses," MMWR, June 19, 2015 https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/wk/mm6423.pdf, and the Yellow Fever chapter of the most recent "CDC Health Information for International Travel" (also known as the *Yellow Book*) http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/yellowbook-home.
- If it is determined that a patient has a medical contraindication to the yellow fever vaccine, the pharmacy must arrange for the patient to obtain a waiver letter from a duly licensed physician or nurse practitioner. In addition, the patient must be given education about the risks of yellow fever and ways to minimize the risk of acquiring yellow fever according to CDC guidelines of *CDC Health Information for International Travel*. http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/yellowbook-home.
- Obtain a Uniform Stamp (described below) for each pharmacy location.

- Submit a copy of the imprint of the Uniform Stamp on the Yellow Fever Program online application.
- Ensure that the pharmacists who give yellow fever vaccines have been appropriately trained to give vaccinations under the supervision of the Arizona Board of Pharmacy as per Arizona Revised Statutes 32-1974 at http://www.azleg.gov/viewdocument/?docName=http://www.azleg.gov/ars/32/01974.htm) and Arizona Administrative Code R4-23-411 at http://apps.azsos.gov/public_services/Title_04/4-23.pdf.
- Pharmacists and staff involved in yellow fever vaccine screening, vaccine administration, and patient education must take the online CDC Yellow Fever Vaccine Course at www.train.org/cdctrain/course/1111879/compilation and repeat it every two years. The pharmacy must attest to ADHS that the pharmacists and staff participating in providing yellow fever vaccine at each certified location have completed this CDC training at least every two years.
- Once ADHS certifies a pharmacy as a YFVC, yellow fever vaccine can be ordered from Sanofi Pasteur at 1-800-822-2463. Each individual pharmacy location will be listed as a Certified Yellow Fever Vaccination Center on the CDC website at http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/yellow-fever-vaccination-clinics/state/arizona.htm.
- As per Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-1301, it is required that in order for a pharmacist to administer a yellow fever vaccine, there must be a prescription from a physician or a nurse practitioner. http://apps.azsos.gov/public_services/Title_09/9-06.pdf.
- Before pharmacists administer a yellow fever vaccine, they must provide the patient with the most updated copy of the CDC's Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) which can be found at https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/current-vis/yellow-fever.html?CDC_AAref_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/yf.html, and educate patients how to seek medical care for any serious reactions or illness after vaccination.
- The pharmacists who administer yellow fever vaccine will need to use the Uniform Stamp of their individual pharmacy location, and complete the International Certificate of Vaccination and Prophylaxis (ICVP) according to the instructions of the "CDC Health Information for International Travel." http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/yellowbook-home. Providers may purchase ICVPs (form CDC 731 [formerly PHS 731]) from the U.S. Government Printing Office (http://bookstore.gpo.gov/catalog/health-benefits/immunization-vaccination), 866-512-1800). The stock number is 017-001-00567-3 for 25 copies.
- ADHS does not furnish the Uniform Stamp. Pharmacies can have one made by a commercial vendor as long as the formatting specifications conform to those described in the guidelines.
- Once ADHS has approved an online application, ADHS will notify Sanofi Pasteur that the specific pharmacy locations are certified YFVCs, and the pharmacy will be able to order yellow fever vaccines from Sanofi Pasteur.

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Uniform Stamp Precautions

As certified YFVCs and holders of a Uniform Stamp, pharmacies must follow these guidelines:

- The pharmacists in a pharmacy which holds a Uniform Stamp for validation of ICVPs against yellow fever should be fully knowledgeable concerning the necessary procedures for issuing a valid ICVP.Instructions as to how to complete the ICVP are included in *CDC Health Information for International Travel* (also known as the Yellow Book) which is published and updated regularly by the CDC.
- The Uniform Stamp should be kept in a safe place when not in use and must not be loaned.
    - If there were to be a question about a yellow fever stamp on the WHO International Certificate of Vaccination, we would use the medical license number on the stamp to identify the provider. Therefore, providers who will no longer be using their yellow fever stamp will want to make sure that other people do not have access to it. As a result, they should dispose of it in such a way that no one else will have access to it to be able to use it. For example, bagging it and putting it in one's personal garbage to which no one else has access to would be one way of disposing of it.
- Loss or theft of a Uniform Stamp must be reported immediately to the Arizona Department of Health Services, Bureau of Immunization Services at (602) 364-3630.
- The CDC Division of Quarantine may sample travelers' ICVPs periodically at ports of entry. Information regarding improperly prepared IVCPs bearing a Uniform Stamp from Arizona will be returned to the Bureau of Immunization Services who will assess whether to continue YFVC certification for the pharmacy.

Format of the Stamp

The size of the Uniform Stamp face should **not exceed 5/8 inch by 1 1/4 inch** due to the limitation of space provided for validation in the ICVP. The stamp should have four lines of information. Each separate pharmacy location must have its own Uniform Stamp and distinct license number (which is the Arizona State Pharmacy License Number for that pharmacy's location).

Line 1: OFFICIAL VACCINATION
Line 2: ARIZONA
Line 3: Arizona State Pharmacy License Number
Line 4: U.S.A.

Recertification

- A pharmacy that is designated as a certified YFVC can renew every two years at no cost by completing recertification. The renewal application is found on the Yellow Fever Program Application.

- ADHS will send a renewal reminder email to the pharmacy contact approximately one month before the renewal date. The renewal application is found on the Yellow Fever Program Application.
- Any pharmacy locations that will no longer be administering yellow fever vaccine will be removed from CDC's registry of Certified Yellow Fever Vaccination Centers. http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/yellow-fever-vaccination-clinics/state/arizona.htm

If you have any questions, please contact the Yellow Fever Vaccine Coordinator at the Bureau of Immunization Services at 150 N. 18th Ave, #310A, Phoenix AZ, 85007, phone (602) 364-3630, Fax (602) 364-3285, Email: yellow.fever.vaccine@azdhs.gov.