

IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION FOR IRELAND

Recommended Vaccinations

As with *any* medical recommendation, we strongly suggest you consult your physician to make final decisions about immunizations.

General Vaccinations

All routine vaccines (such as DTP or Td, Hib, MMR, polio, varicella, influenza and pneumococcal) should be kept up-to-date as a matter of good health practice.

Hepatitis A

We recommend **active immunization** with Hepatitis A vaccine, such as Havrix, VAQTA or passive immunization with Immune Globulin (IG). The active immunization is preferred, and is usually good for several years. **The CDC states that travelers are considered 'protected' four weeks after receiving the initial vaccine dose.** *Immune Globulin* should be given if the vaccine is administered ***less than four weeks before travel.*** This is important, for we will be traveling to some rural areas, and we cannot control *all* aspects of food preparation. **PLEASE DO NOT DELAY.**

For more information check out the CDC website:
<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/hepatitis/a/faq.htm>