FAQ About Becoming a Yellow Fever Vaccine Provider in Iowa

What is required to become a Yellow Fever (YF) vaccine provider in Iowa?
To administer YF vaccine in Iowa, you must apply to become a YF Certified Uniform Stamp Holder. Certified uniform stamp holders have been granted the authority by the State of Iowa to administer yellow fever vaccine to the public. Every certified uniform stamp holder is issued a unique stamp that is used for international verification that a traveler has been vaccinated against yellow fever. The unique stamp is property of the State of Iowa, Department of Public Health, and is subject to recall at the discretion of the Department. Sanofi Pasteur, the only yellow fever vaccine manufacturer in the US, will only ship yellow fever vaccine to a designated center associated with an active certified uniform stamp holder.

Who can apply to become a YF Certified Uniform Stamp Holder?
Applicants must be a physician (medical doctor or doctor of osteopathic medicine) with a current Iowa medical license.

How do I apply to become a YF Certified Uniform Stamp Holder?

1. A letter should be written to the Iowa Department of Public Health, by the physician, on office letterhead stating that he/she would like to become a site for the yellow fever vaccine administration. The following information should be included in the letter:
    a. A statement saying the physician will maintain at least five doses of the vaccine on the shelf at all times;
    b. Medical license number;
    c. Exact facility address (must match what is given to Sanofi Pasteur as a shipping address);
    d. Email address;
    e. And a check for $11.25 (made out to the Iowa Department of Public Health) for the stamp.

2. Submit completion of online CDC Yellow Fever course. Visit www.cdc.gov/travel-training to register for the course.

Stamp Transfer & International Certificates of Vaccination

1. If the certified physician leaves the state or is no longer practicing, the stamp must be returned to the Iowa Department of Public Health. The stamp cannot be transferred to another physician at the facility.

2. IDPH does not provide the International Certificates of Vaccination. International Certificates of Vaccination or Prophylaxis (ICVP) are available for purchase in quantity from the Government Printing Office bookstore.

Travel Resources and Vaccine Information

CDC Travel Notices - Updates on current disease outbreaks around the world, including disease news.

Yellow Fever Vaccine Requirements - A CDC page with a table showing the vaccine requirements by country, in alphabetical order.

ACIP Yellow Fever Recommendations - Provisional Recommendations for the Use of Yellow Fever Vaccine.

Transfusion-Related Transmission of Yellow Fever Vaccine Virus - The American Red Cross recommends that recipients of YF vaccine defer blood product donation for 2 weeks because of the theoretical risk for transmission from a viremic donor.

Questions?

Contact the Iowa Department of Public Health at 515-242-5935.