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Updated guidelines for malaria prevention in travellers from the UK

UK Health Security Agency Advisory Committee on Malaria Prevention publish updated malaria guidelines

On 16 January 2024, UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) Advisory Committee on Malaria Prevention (ACMP) published updated <u>malaria prevention guidelines for travellers from the UK</u>.

The main changes to the previous guidelines are highlighted in the executive summary pages 7-8 and will be reflected in the information provided on TravelHealthPro in due course.

Other updates include:

- Edits to the wording on factors affecting the risk of exposure to malaria and measures to prevent mosquito bites.
- New wording on standby treatment recommendations during pregnancy (Table 7).
- Information on breaking tablets and administration for children.

Updates to country recommendations which have affected TravelHealthPro Country Information pages include:

- Cape Verde: declared malaria free by World Health Organization.
- Haiti: chloroquine has been added in as an antimalarial tablet option.
- **Pakistan**: to clarify the temporary recommendations for the 2022 flood affected areas continue until end of November 2024.
- **Zimbabwe**: new map available to show very low risk areas Harare and Bulawayo.

The malaria guidelines are a practical resource for health professionals advising travellers. They may also be of interest to travellers interested in further information about malaria, including different antimalarial options.

The document contains country recommendations, advice for travellers with special risks such as pregnant women and a frequently asked questions section. All the country-specific information is also available on our individual Country Information pages.

Resources

- UKHSA ACMP: Malaria guidelines for travellers from the UK
- Malaria in brief