



International Travel Before you Go

As you prepare for international travel this summer...

1. **Learn more** about the country you are visiting: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>
2. **Passports**—Just to double check, make sure your passport has at least **TWO blank pages** and it does not expire until at least **6 months** after your return date to the U.S.
3. **Immunizations:** Above all, ask your supervisor about the immunizations you need to get. There is a difference between required and recommended. Proof of some vaccinations is required to enter certain countries. Your supervisor will help you determine if you need the recommended vaccinations in the particular part of the country you will be visiting. It is always recommended that your regular immunizations be up to date. Check out <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list/> for destination specific immunization information. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO GET IMMUNIZATIONS!!** Some include a series of shots that need to be spaced out over a period of time. You also need time to price the best place to get them. They can be more expensive in some places than others. First, check with your physician to see if any are available through their office and may be covered by insurance. Next, check with your local health department to see if they have a travel clinic.
Remember that the cost of immunizations is yours, not SendMeNow.
The Georgia Baptist Mission Board requires all student volunteers serving internationally through SendMeNow missions to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to their term of service. All volunteers are encouraged to consider being vaccinated, given the risks associated with travel. These requirements are designed to protect not only the volunteer, but also the people and ministries with which students will serve.
4. You need to enroll in **STEP**. The Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) is a free service to allow U.S. citizens and nationals traveling and living abroad to enroll their trip with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. To enroll: <https://step.state.gov/step/>. It is free and easy to enroll.
5. [Mobile Passport Control](#) is another resource you can use traveling back home.



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