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Yellow Fever vaccine temporarily unavailable

(Lawrence, KS) – Due to a temporary shortage, the vaccine administered for yellow fever (YF-VAX) is currently unavailable at the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department.

An announcement made Thursday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that several factors have slowed YF-VAX's production – including increased demand and a change in suppliers of equipment used to insert the vaccine into vials.

The Health Department's supply of YF-VAX ran out in mid-December, and since that time, the department has referred clients to other clinics in the area who may still have the vaccine available. A complete list of providers can be found on the Health Department's Web site at www.ldchealth.org.

The Health Department expects to have the vaccine back in stock by the end of March.

Many countries in South America, Africa and Asia require travelers to be immunized against yellow fever, a viral disease transmitted through the bite of infected mosquitoes. The illness can range in severity from an influenza-like syndrome to severe hepatitis and hemorrhagic fever.

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