Yellow Fever Vaccination Centres

This fact sheet provides a summary of the key responsibilities of an approved Yellow Fever Vaccination Centre (YFVC).

More detailed requirements and procedures are outlined in the [National Guidelines for Yellow Fever Vaccination Centres and Providers](https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/national-guidelines-for-yellow-fever-vaccination-centres-and-providers?language=en) (guidelines).

# Meeting and maintaining the assessed YFVC criteria

To become an approved YFVC, primary care practices must meet the Criteria for Assessing Vaccination Centres (please see [guidelines](https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/national-guidelines-for-yellow-fever-vaccination-centres-and-providers?language=en)), as well as any additional requirements set by their state or territory health authority.

To keep their approval YFVC must maintain these criteria, including having:

* at least one practitioner accredited to prescribe the yellow fever vaccine,
* appropriate [cold chain management](https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/national-vaccine-storage-guidelines-strive-for-5) strategies,
* reliable recordkeeping, and
* capacity to recognise and respond to adverse events, including anaphylaxis.

# Communication with state and territory health authorities

YFVC must update their [state/territory health authority](https://www.health.gov.au/about-us/contact-us/state-and-territory-health-departments) of significant changes to the practice within **7 days**. Significant changes include (but are not limited to), new practitioners, updated contact details or changes of address.

YFVC must nominate a ‘responsible person’ as a point of contact for administrative requirements. This person is responsible for reporting significant changes to the practice, using a form provided by the state or territory health authority.

# Ordering vaccines and vaccination certificates

YFVC are responsible for ordering the approved yellow fever vaccine, Stamaril, through Sanofi-Aventis Australia Pty Ltd. Please note it is the YFVC, **not** the practitioner, which is approved to order yellow fever vaccines.

YFVC are also responsible for ordering booklets of blank International Certificate of Vaccination or Prophylaxis using the [WHO order form](https://extranet.who.int/dataformv6/index.php/551921?lang=en).

# Recording vaccinations and reporting adverse events

YFVC must retain records of all yellow fever vaccinations administered in their practice, including any information required to issue a replacement certificate. Vaccinations should also be registered in the [Australian Immunisation Register](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/australian-immunisation-register).

Adverse events following immunisation must be reported to the [state or territory health authority](https://beta.health.gov.au/health-topics/immunisation/health-professionals/reporting-and-managing-adverse-vaccination-events), or to the [Therapeutic Goods Administration](https://www.tga.gov.au/safety/reporting-problems).