



SPECIAL TRAVEL ADVICE FOR TRAVELERS ENTERING SAMOA

Samoa on the 19th of April 2024 declared a Dengue Fever Outbreak. While the threat has been assessed as low, the Ministry continues to closely monitor the situation and will make changes to this advice accordingly.

The Ministry of Health advises that all travelers to Samoa are strongly encouraged to take precautionary and preventative measures upon arrival and throughout the duration of stay. Dengue Fever is an infectious disease spread to humans by the bite of an infected mosquito.

a. Preventative measures include:

- Wear appropriate clothing to minimize skin exposure
- Use mosquito nets and repellents such as lotion and sprays
- Dengue fever vaccines are also available at travel clinics in some countries however this vaccine is not available in Samoa

b. If you are experiencing any signs and symptoms such as:

- Acute onset of fever $\geq 38.0^{\circ}\text{C}$ for at least 2 days, AND two or more of the following:
 - Anorexia and nausea
 - Aches and pains
 - Rash

c. Travellers with the above signs and symptoms must present to a nearest health facility immediately for testing and medical advice.

The Ministry of Health appreciates your full cooperation and patience as we work together in preventing the spread of and minimizing the impact of infectious diseases in Samoa. We pray for your safe travel to Samoa.

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