

**From:** "Gottesman, Blake"  
**To:** "Bennett, Melissa S.", "Weinstein, Jared B."  
**Cc:** "Kavanaugh, Brett M.", <thekavanaughs@verizon.net>, "Keller, Karen E.", "Campbell, Sarah"  
**Subject:** RE: SOUTH AMERICA TRAVEL INFO DEADLINE  
**Sent:** Mon, 24 Oct 2005 13:17:22 -0500  
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**From:** Bennett, Melissa S.  
**Sent:** Monday, October 24, 2005 2:16 PM  
**To:** Weinstein, Jared B.; Gottesman, Blake  
**Subject:** FW: SOUTH AMERICA TRAVEL INFO DEADLINE

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**From:** Hervey, Tina  
**Sent:** Monday, October 24, 2005 2:14 PM  
**To:** Taylor, Meghan J.; Wilsbach, Cindy C.; 'AirOps'; Allgood, Lauren K.; Becker, Glynda A.; Bennett, Melissa S.; Burdick, Amanda K.; Campbell, Sarah; Cole, Jessica; Cushman, Cameron; Damas, Raul A.; Danforth, Melissa C.; Daniel, Megan E.; Davidson, Christi K.; Devuono, Amanda B.; DL-NSC-CROSS; Donahue, Maury E.; Donnelly, Diana; Douglas, Penny G.; Draper, Eric; Drouin, Lindsey E.; Eckert, Ellen E.; 'Ellen Eckert'; Gottesman, Blake; Haenle, Paul T.; Hargraves, Catherine M.; Heishman, Jane C.; Hoare, Thomas H.; Holley, William J.; Hollifield, Nathaniel B.; Houser, Molly M.; Hughes, Taylor A.; Jennings, Jeffery S.; Ewell, Joshua; Keenum, Rhonda N.; Keller, Karen E.; Klunk, Kate A.; Kropp, Emily L.; Kyle, Ross M.; Lang, Kimberly C.; Lawrence, Lilian; Litkenhaus, Colleen; MacIntyre, Meredith H.; Mamo, Jeanie S.; Mayol, Annie J.; 'Milaidis'; Millison, Cathy L.; Nagle, Erin C.; North, Gregory J.; 'PPD OPS'; Ralston, Susan B.; Roberts, John S.; Roebke, Heather M.; Sayle, Desiree T.; Simmons, Lee D.; Smith, Heidi M.; Smith, Marty P.; Staff Secretary; Stanley, Laura M.; Suntum, Margaret M.; Sword, Michael; Taylor, Michael J.; Taylor, Sara M.; Teague, Matthew L.; Violette, Aimee E.; Wallace, Charity N.; Watkins, Peter S.; Weinstein, Jared B.; West, Christal R.; 'WH Garage'; 'WHMU'  
**Cc:** Zemp, DeWitt; Atkiss, Steven A.; Beyer, Todd W.; Burch, Therese; Chiarappa, Amanda C.; Edwards, Chris; O'Keefe, James; Pfeifle, Lauren; Reaves, Karen A.; Recher, Jason; Wendel, Matthew L.; Wysocki, Candace M.  
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**From:** Taylor, Meghan J.  
**Sent:** Friday, October 21, 2005 3:34 PM  
**To:** Wilsbach, Cindy C.; AirOps; Allgood, Lauren K.; Becker, Glynda A.; Bennett, Melissa S.; Burdick, Amanda K.; Campbell, Sarah; Cole, Jessica; Cushman, Cameron; Damas, Raul A.; Danforth, Melissa C.; Daniel, Megan E.; Davidson, Christi K.; Devuono, Amanda B.; DL-NSC-CROSS; Donahue, Maury E.; Donnelly, Diana; Douglas, Penny G.; Draper, Eric; Drouin, Lindsey E.; Eckert, Ellen E.; Ellen Eckert; Gottesman, Blake; Haenle, Paul T.; Hargraves, Catherine M.; Heishman, Jane C.; Hervey, Tina; Hoare, Thomas H.; Holley, William J.; Hollifield, Nathaniel B.; Houser, Molly M.; Hughes, Taylor A.;

Jennings, Jeffery S.; Ewell, Joshua; Keenum, Rhonda N.; Keller, Karen E.; Klunk, Kate A.; Kropp, Emily L.; Kyle, Ross M.; Lang, Kimberly C.; Lawrence, Lilian; Litkenhaus, Colleen; MacIntyre, Meredith H.; Mamo, Jeanie S.; Mayol, Annie J.; Milaides; Millison, Cathy L.; Nagle, Erin C.; North, Gregory J.; PPD OPS; Ralston, Susan B.; Roberts, John S.; Roebke, Heather M.; Sayle, Desiree T.; Simmons, Lee D.; Smith, Heidi M.; Smith, Marty P.; Staff Secretary; Stanley, Laura M.; Suntum, Margaret M.; Sword, Michael; Taylor, Michael J.; Taylor, Sara M.; Teague, Matthew L.; Violette, Aimee E.; Wallace, Charity N.; Watkins, Peter S.; Weinstein, Jared B.; West, Christal R.; WH Garage; WHMU

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**Subject:** SOUTH AMERICA TRAVEL INFO DEADLINE

**ALL STAFF MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING TRAVEL INFORMATION BY  
4:00 PM, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2005**

**ANY SUBMISSION AFTER THIS DEADLINE MUST HAVE APPROVAL  
FROM JOE HAGIN**

This notice is in regard to the President and Mrs. Bush's visit to **ARGENTINA,  
BRAZIL AND PANAMA on  
November 3-7, 2005.**

The schedule needs to be completed as soon as possible. Please contact the following individuals about the schedule:

1) **Meghan Taylor (x62386)** should be contacted regarding the plane manifests.

2) **Argentina: The Trip Coordinator is Meghan Taylor (x62386).** She should be contacted for matters pertaining to the motorcade manifests, greeters, and changes or information regarding events.

**Brazil: The Trip Coordinator is Laura Stanley (x62482).** She should be contacted for matters pertaining to the motorcade manifests, greeters, and changes or information regarding events.

**Panama: The Trip Coordinator is Meghan Taylor (x62386).** She should be contacted for matters pertaining to the motorcade manifests, greeters, and changes or information regarding events.

**Note: Traveling Staff needs to submit the following information as soon as possible to Meghan Taylor:**

1. Full Name
2. Picture (jpg file)
3. Date of Birth
4. Place of Birth

***THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!***

Please be advised these are recommended vaccines prior to your travel to South America. Please call with any questions. Thanks!

The White House Medical Unit offers the following information for those traveling in support of The President and First Lady's visit to Argentina, Brazil, and Panama in



November 2005. This advisory is based on the scheduled itinerary as of this date. Travelers deviating from the official itinerary should contact the White House Medical Unit (202.757.2476) for further information.

### **Immunizations:**

#### **Summary of Recommended Vaccines:**

- Routine/childhood vaccines
  - Typhoid
  - Hepatitis A
- Yellow Fever (Brazil)
  - Influenza

**Detailed Vaccination Information.** Routine childhood immunizations include tetanus, diphtheria, polio, measles, and varicella (chicken pox). Frequent travelers should also receive hepatitis A and typhoid vaccinations. Hepatitis A is a viral infection of the liver that is usually transmitted by unclean food handling; the vaccine is a two-shot series, effective for ten years. Typhoid is a bacterial infection also transmitted by unclean food handling; the injected vaccine (available from WHMU) is effective for two-three years, oral vaccine (available by prescription) is effective for five years. Yellow fever vaccination, which is valid for 10 years, is optimally administered 10 or more days prior to entry into an affected area. Additionally, any traveler whose passport reflects travel to yellow fever infected or endemic countries (e.g. Brazil) may be required to demonstrate proof of vaccination before entering certain countries. For travelers to Brazil, it is important to carry your shot record bearing proof of yellow fever vaccination at least 10 days prior to arrival in-country.

Influenza A, the flu, is a contagious respiratory viral illness. Influenza can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can even lead to death. In addition to frequent hand washing and avoidance of ill individuals, the best method of prevention is to obtain an influenza vaccination. The “Flu Season” can range from October to May in the United States. In Argentina it usually ends in November. In the tropics, Brazil and Panama, influenza is transmitted year-round.

To ensure that those who are at highest risk of complications from influenza have access to vaccine this season, CDC recommends that only people in the following priority groups receive inactivated influenza vaccine (i.e., the “flu shot”) before **October 24, 2005:**

- people aged 65 years and older, with and without chronic health conditions
  - residents of long-term care facilities
- people aged 2–64 years with chronic health conditions
  - children aged 6–23 months
  - pregnant women
- health-care personnel who provide direct patient care
- household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children less than 6 months of

age

**Beginning October 24, 2005, all persons may obtain a flu shot.**

It should be noted that vaccination with the **nasal-spray flu vaccine** is an option for healthy persons aged 5-49 years who are not pregnant, immune-compromised, or live with those who are. This vaccine is not subject to prioritization and can be given to healthy persons 5-49 year old. This vaccine is recommended for those traveling in advance of the South America and Asia trips.

Immunizations achieve optimal benefit when administered as soon as possible prior to travel. The recommended vaccinations are offered to pass holders at the White House Medical Office in Room 53 of the EEOB (757.2476). Immunization hours are 9:00 to 11:00 AM and 1:00 to 3:30 PM Monday through Friday. Good medical practice and safety requires that you be monitored in the Medical Office for 15 minutes after receiving any injection. Vaccines also maybe obtained through your personal physician or the U.S. State Department Travel Clinic (202.663.1705).

#### **Dietary Precautions:**

There is a moderate risk of traveler's diarrhea in all countries on this itinerary; in general, we recommend avoiding tap water. Food from reputable restaurants is generally considered safe, but there is a moderate risk of acquiring food-borne illness when eating outside of your hotel or from smaller restaurants/street vendors. We advise strict avoidance of undercooked fish, shellfish, raw vegetables and salads outside of deluxe establishments and we recommend drinking only bottled water.

The best approach to avoid food-borne illnesses is prevention:

- Drink only bottled or boiled water, or carbonated drinks in cans or bottles
  - Avoid tap water and ice cubes
- Use only bottled water approved by the embassy and clearly sealed
  - Brush your teeth only with bottled water
- Eat only thoroughly cooked food or fruits and vegetables you have peeled yourself
  - Cooked foods should be eaten while hot
- The CDC recommends: ***boil it, cook it, peel it, or forget it***
  - Don't eat food purchased from street vendors
- Don't eat dairy products unless you know they have been pasteurized

#### **Endemic Diseases:**

- Dengue fever is prevalent in all locations on your trip. Infection with dengue viruses produces a spectrum of clinical illness ranging from a nonspecific viral syndrome to severe and fatal hemorrhagic disease. There is no effective medication or vaccination for this mosquito borne illness. Everyone should ensure



they use a “DEET” containing repellent throughout the trip and wear lightweight clothing that covers arms and legs.

- Brucellosis is common in Argentina. Brucellosis is an infectious disease caused by the bacteria of the genus *Brucella*. The most common way to be infected is by eating or drinking contaminated milk products. It is best to avoid unpasteurized goat cheese and other unpasteurized dairy products. In humans, brucellosis can cause a range of symptoms that are similar to the flu and may include fever, sweats, headaches, back pains, and physical weakness. Severe infections of the central nervous systems or lining of the heart may occur. Brucellosis can also cause long-lasting or chronic symptoms that include recurrent fevers, joint pain, and fatigue.
- Malaria is not a significant risk on this itinerary. (If you expect to deviate from the official itinerary, please consult a physician prior to travel.)

#### **Additional issues:**

- There should be no “jet lag” issues. Time changes will be +/- 1 hour from EDT.
- HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases are prevalent (as in most urban areas).
- Be sure to bring additional contact lens solutions, glasses, personal prescription medications, over the counter cold and allergy remedies, and pain/headache relief preparations.
- Air pollution levels are high in most urban areas. People who are prone to asthma or respiratory conditions should take precautions. People with known asthma should ensure they have an adequate supply of their medication.

Additional travel medicine information or assistance with individual concerns is available from the Centers for Disease Control website, [www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel), or from the White House Medical Office at 202.757.2476. Please do not hesitate to contact the White House Medical Unit for further questions or assistance.

**White House Medical Unit Support:**

Dr. Richard Tubb and Lt Col Cindy Wright will travel aboard Air Force One. Dr. Daniel Parks will travel aboard the support plane. Medical Advance Officers will be as follows:

- Mar del Plata, Argentina: CPT Larry Long, PA-C and Maj Sue Dukes, RN
- Brasilia, Brazil: LT Steve Belknap, PA-C and MAJ Sonya Streeter, RN
- Panama City, Panama: MAJ Doug McDowell, PA-C and LCDR Karen Reilly, RN

If you require any care during the trip or have specific individual concerns, please contact any of the above officers, the Medical Unit clinic officer at 202.757.2476, or the duty medical officer after-hours via the Signal operator.

