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VACCINE POINTS

“Vaccine Points” is a bi-monthly communication distributed by the Hawaii Department of Health to all participating Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers.

Test your vaccine knowledge.

Question:

True or False: Someone who received an influenza vaccine in October 2018 who is planning to travel to Australia in May 2019 should receive an influenza vaccine two weeks prior to his departure date.

- a) True
- b) False

Answer: b) False

No information is available about the benefits of revaccinating people before summer travel who already were vaccinated during the preceding fall, and revaccination is not recommended.

Any traveler who did not receive influenza vaccine during the preceding fall or winter and wants to reduce the risk of influenza infection should be vaccinated ≥ 2 weeks before departure if they plan to travel to the tropics, with organized tourist groups at any time of year, or to the Southern Hemisphere from April through September.

Source: CDC's Yellow Book, Chapter 3, Infectious Diseases Related to Travel

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/yellowbook/2018/infectious-diseases-related-to-travel/influenza>

