HEALTH ADVISORY FOR EAP APPLICANTS TO
Botswana, Brazil, China (PRC), Egypt, Ghana, Hong Kong, India, Israel, Korea, Mexico, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, Turkey, and Vietnam

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the EAP medical consultant, Dr. Mark Hansen, strongly recommend a hepatitis B vaccination for all participants in the Education Abroad Programs listed above, and highly recommend it for others planning to do extensive travel.

Hepatitis B is more infectious than the AIDS virus and is more easily spread by person-to-person contact. Please refer to the International Travel Health Guide and the CDC Health Information for International Travel in your campus EAP office for more information.

THE VACCINATION TAKES 6 MONTHS TO ADMINISTER; THEREFORE YOU SHOULD BEGIN YOUR VACCINATIONS IMMEDIATELY IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE SCHEDULE BEFORE DEPARTURE. The cost of the three vaccinations will vary from campus to campus.

In the event that you are unable to begin the vaccination series 6 months before your departure, Dr. Hansen recommends that you take advantage of the Engerix-B vaccine because, in addition to the standard vaccination schedule of 0, 1 and 6 months, this vaccine has been licensed for an accelerated schedule of 0, 1, 2 and 12 months. The latter schedule helps those students leaving the country before 6 months, but adds the cost of a fourth dose. The Centers for Disease Control recently approved an alternative accelerated schedule of 0, 2, and 4 months. This schedule does not require a fourth dose.