**Malaria**

**General information:** exclusively *P. falciparum*. Transmission occurs throughout the year.

**Protective recommendations:**

Chemoprophylaxis is recommended for all travelers: altitudes below 1,400 m (4,600 ft) in most areas of the eastern provinces, in areas near the border with Haiti, and certain south-central portions of the country (see map).

Chemoprophylaxis is recommended for certain travelers (see Issues to Consider inset): altitudes below 1,400 m in portions of the northern, south-central, and southwestern provinces (see map); all cities and towns within these areas except Santo Domingo, Santiago, and the central urban areas of Luperón, Puerto Plata, Moca, La Vega, San Francisco de Macorís, Las Terrenas, Bani, San Cristóbal, Punta Palenque, Juan Dolio, and San Pedro de Macorís.

Insect precautions only are recommended (negligible transmission is reported): altitudes below 1,400 m in all other areas not mentioned above (see map); all cities and towns within these areas; Playa Dorada; the central urban areas of all cities listed above except Santo Domingo and Santiago.

No protective measures are necessary (no evidence of transmission exists): the cities of Santo Domingo and Santiago; altitudes above 1,400 m.

**Protective measures:** Evening and nighttime insect precautions are essential in areas with any level of transmission. Chlороquine and other antimalarials (atovaquone/proguanil, doxycycline, and mefloquine) are protective in this country.

**Issues for Medical Providers to Consider**

**Factors favoring chemophrophylaxis**
- Adventure travel
- Risk-averse and vulnerable travelers
- Areas subject to infrequent epidemics
- Immigrants visiting friends and relatives
- Flexible itineraries
- Travel longer than 1 month
- Unreliable medical expertise and/or treatment drugs at destination

**Factors against chemophrophylaxis**
- Air-conditioned hotels only
- Urban areas only
- Non-transmission season
- Minimal nighttime exposure
- Travel shorter than 3 days

See the “Technical Explanation of Malaria Mapping” document for more information.

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**KEY for Malaria Protective Recommendations** — Evening and nighttime insect precautions are essential in areas with any level of transmission.

- **Chemoprophylaxis is recommended for all travelers**
- **Chemoprophylaxis is recommended for certain travelers; see Issues to Consider inset above**
- **Insect precautions only are recommended** (negligible transmission reported)
- **No protective measures are necessary** (no evidence of malaria transmission exists)

*EXCEPTIONS MAY APPLY. SEE THE TECHNICAL EXPLANATION OF MALARIA MAPPING DOCUMENT FOR MORE INFORMATION.*

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