

Warden Message



To: All U.S. citizens living in Republic of the Congo
Subject: Polio Outbreak

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This Warden Message alerts U.S. citizens to the latest information held by the Embassy regarding a polio outbreak in the Republic of the Congo. Our understanding is that as of November 5, at least 131 cases of polio have been diagnosed in Pointe Noire, as well as two cases in Dolisie, and one case each in Brazzaville, Kayes, Bouenza and Mvouiti.

The Government of the Congo has alerted the public to the outbreak and launched an emergency response plan, with support from key international partners. The Embassy has been informed that three nationwide vaccination campaigns are expected for all ages, using monovalent oral polio vaccine and targeting the entire population. The campaign will begin following the arrival of additional vaccines from abroad in the next four weeks.

Further information about the outbreak can be found at the following site:
http://www.who.int/csr/don/2010_11_04a/en/.

The Embassy recommends that U.S. citizens ensure that they are up to date on their polio booster shots. The Embassy urges U.S. citizens to take routine hygiene precautions such as hand-washing and drinking bottled or purified water.

The U.S. Embassy in Brazzaville also encourages U.S. citizens to enroll or update their information at [Department of State's Travel Enrollment web site](#). Please note that it is important during enrollment, or updating of information, to include your current phone number and current email address where you can be reached in case of an emergency.

The U.S. Embassy is located on Boulevard Denis Sassou Nguesso across from the Blanche Gomez Maternity Hospital. The Consular Section is open Monday-Thursday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM and on Fridays from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Our daytime telephone number is (+242) 06 612-2046. The Consular Section can also be contacted via email at BrazzavilleACS@state.gov. For after-hours emergencies, call (+242) 04 444-0013.