

YELLOW FEVER



These stages are mild infection and classic yellow fever (severe infection). In both stages, the virus causes no symptoms during the first three to six days. During this time, the virus is incubating, or developing inside of the human host. After the incubation period is over, symptoms start to appear.

Mild Infection

A mild infection of yellow fever is less dangerous than classic, or severe, yellow fever. After symptoms first appear, mild infections usually run their course in three to four days. At this point, most patients improve and the symptoms disappear.

Common symptoms of mild yellow fever infection include back and muscle pains, bradycardia (an abnormally slow heart rate that can cause dizziness, fainting, fatigue, and shortness of breath), chills, congestion, skin flushing (reddening of skin on the face and neck), headache, fever (100 degrees or higher), nausea, vomiting, loss of appetite, possible bleeding from the mouth, and reddening of the tongue.

Severe Infection—Classic Yellow Fever

According to the CDC, about 20 to 50 percent of all severe yellow fever infections are fatal. The surviving patients will eventually return to normal and will