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Event Updated	Country	Hazard	Disease	Event Description	IHR Assessment
2019-04-14	Saudi Arabia	Infectious	Coronavirus Infection	<p>Between 14 February and 31 March 2019, the National IHR Focal Point of Saudi Arabia notified WHO of 22 additional cases of MERS-CoV infection, including 4 deaths, related to Wadi Aldwasir outbreak which has been ongoing since 29 January 2019. Five of the 22 cases are healthcare workers. Of the 22 cases, 19 were reported from Wadi Aldwasir city while, 3 healthcare workers were reported from another hospital (hospital G) in Khamees Mushait city, Asir Region and those cases are epidemiologically linked to the ongoing Wadi Aldwasir outbreak.</p> <p>Since the beginning of this outbreak, a total of 61 cases have been associated with this outbreak. Among the 61 cases, the median age was 46 (range 16-85), 65% were male, and 13.1% died, including 14 health care workers. Investigations into the source of infection among the 61 cases identified that 37 were health-care acquired infections, while 14 were primary cases presumed to be infected from contact with dromedary camels.</p> <p><u>Since 2012 until 31 March 2019, the total number of laboratory-confirmed MERS-CoV cases reported globally to WHO is 2399 with 827 associated deaths.</u></p> <p><b>WHO does not advise special screening at points of entry</b> with regard to this event nor does it currently recommend the application of any travel or trade restrictions.</p>	Public Health Risk
2019-04-09	Brazil	Infectious	Yellow Fever	<p>From December 2018 through March 2019, 75 confirmed human cases, including 17 deaths, have been reported in the states of São Paulo (62 cases), Paraná (12 cases), and Santa Catarina (1 case). In the state of São Paulo, the municipalities reported as the probable site of infection are Eldorado (16 cases), Iporanga (15 cases), Cajati (5 cases), Cananeia</p>	Public Health Risk

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				<p>(4 cases), Jacupiranga (4 cases), Barra do Turbo (6 cases), Parquera-açu (4 cases), Juquia (1 case), Registro (1 case), Serra Negra (1 case), Sete Barras (1 case), Ribeira (1 case), Vargem (1 case) and for 2 cases the probable site of infection remains under investigation. In the state of Paraná the municipalities reported as the probable site of infection are Guaraqueçaba (2 cases), Antonina (2 cases), Morretes (1 case), Andrinópolis (3 cases), São José dos Pinhais (2 cases), Paranaguá (1 case) and in 1 case the probable site of infection remains under investigation. The state of Santa Catarina confirmed one fatal human case of yellow fever. The case is a 36-year-old male, without vaccination, whose probable site of infection remains under investigation.</p> <p><b>WHO assesses the overall risk as High at the national level, Moderate at the regional level, and Low at the global level.</b></p> <p><b>WHO recommends against the application of any general travel or trade restrictions to Brazil</b> based on the information available for this event.</p>	
2019-04-03	China	Zoonosis	<p><b>Influenza due to identified avian or animal influenza virus, A(H9N2)</b></p>	<p>On 25 March 2019, the National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China notified WHO of one confirmed case of human infection with avian influenza A(H9N2) virus. This is the second human case of avian influenza A(H9N2) with onset in 2019 and the fourth case reported by China in 2019. This is the first human case reported from Jianguo.</p> <p>A total of 26 cases of human infection with avian influenza A(H9N2) have been reported from China, through the Event Information System since December 2015.</p> <p><b>WHO advises against the application of any travel or trade restrictions on China</b> based on the current information available on this event.</p>	Public Health Risk

\* A **public health risk** is something that is (or is likely to be) hazardous to human **health** or could contribute to a disease or an infectious condition in humans.