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Quarantine Services and International Health Surveillance System (QSIHSS)
Health Information Update

Source: WHO, Event Information Site for IHR National Focal
 Event Updates: **11 May to 15 May 2019**

Event Updated	Country	Hazard	Disease	Event Description	IHR Assessment
2019-05-15	France	Infectious	Dengue Fever	<p>According to the regional office of Santé publique France in La Réunion, compared to less than 100 cases reported in 2017, a total 6942 autochthonous dengue cases have been confirmed in Réunion in 2018, and more than 7700 cases have been reported between 1 January and 30 April 2019. In addition as of 30 April 2019, another 50 000 clinically-compatible dengue-like cases have been reported on the island since 2018, with 22 000 cases reported in 2019 alone. Fourteen deaths have been reported overall since 2018 to date.</p> <p>Since 2017, the main circulating serotype on the island was DENV-2, along with few DENV-1 and DENV-4 occasionally detected among imported cases. Additionally, there were 14 autochthonous cases of DENV-1 reported in 2019 (as of 24 April 2019).</p> <p>WHO does not recommend any restriction on travel and/or trade based on the information currently available.</p>	Public Health Risk
2019-05-13	United States of America	Infectious	Multidrug resistant agents (Azithromycin-nonsusceptibility Salmonella Newport)	<p>On 15 April 2019, the PAHO/WHO received information regarding an increase in cases of azithromycin-nonsusceptibility Salmonella Newport in the United States. Since June 2018, more than 250 cases have been identified in the country. Azithromycin-nonsusceptibility nontyphoidal <i>Salmonella</i> is usually very rare in the United States. Approximately 40% of cases reported travel to Mexico in the week prior to symptom onset, including visits to 16 different Mexican states, most commonly to visit friends and family in Mexico.</p> <p>Among the U.S. cases reporting travel prior to illness, cheese in Mexico is suspected to be a source of infection which points to the possibility of this strain being present in dairy cattle in Mexico. The high proportion of travelers to Mexico who ate beef (85%)</p>	Public Health Risk



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				<p>indicates the possibility of additional transmission from contaminated beef. Among the roughly 60% of cases who did not report travel outside the United States, 90% of those reported beef consumption—a higher proportion than reported among healthy persons. Further investigations are ongoing to determine any opportunities for traceback.</p> <p>No recent human cases of azithromycin-nonsusceptibility S. <i>Newport</i> have been identified in Mexico through routine integrated surveillance.</p> <p>WHO recommends against the application of any general travel or trade restrictions to the United States or Mexico based on the information available for this event.</p>	
2019-05-11	Singapore	Infectious	Monkeypox	<p>On 9 May 2019, the Ministry of Health in Singapore (Singapore MOH) notified the WHO of one laboratory-confirmed case of monkeypox.</p> <p>This is the first diagnosed case of monkeypox infection in Singapore.</p> <p>The case is a 38-year-old Nigerian male who arrived in Singapore on 28 April 2019 and attended a workshop from 29-30 April. Prior to his travel to Singapore, he had worked in the Delta state in Nigeria, and had attended a wedding on 21 April 2019 in a village in Asikpo South, Ebonyi State, Nigeria, where he may have consumed bush meat.</p> <p>WHO does not recommend any restriction for travel to and trade with Singapore or Nigeria based on available information at this point in time.</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.