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Health Information Update

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Event Updates: **31 July 2019**

Event Updated	Country	Hazard	Disease	Event Description	IHR Assessment
2019-07-31	Central African Republic (the)	Infectious	Measles	<p>The Central African Republic (CAR) reported the eighth measles outbreak since the last catch-up vaccination campaign in 2016 from Nana-Gribizi health district in the northern part of the country. Between 27 May 2019 and 12 July 2019, 274 cases including 2 deaths were reported from three communes in Nana-Gribizi. Majority of the reported cases were children less than five years old and both deaths were from children younger than 12 months. As of 17 July 2019, 38 patients are hospitalized at the Ouandago health facility and Kaga-Bandoro district hospital in Nana-Gribizi.</p> <p>WHO estimates the overall risk for the CAR from the current measles outbreak to be high given: the low national level of immunity against measles; insufficient performance of measles surveillance indicators; limited capacity of health districts to put in place prompt responses to measles outbreaks; lack of infrastructure, inputs and skilled personnel on the ground; and the ongoing security issues leading to large population movements between the affected areas as well as the destruction of the health infrastructure.</p> <p>Risk at the regional level is assessed as moderate given the large cross border movements of populations to and from neighbouring countries including Chad, Sudan and Cameroon both for security reasons and commercial activities. However, neighbouring countries are assessed to have sufficient capacity to respond to a possible importation of measles. The risk is considered low at the global level.</p> <p>WHO does not recommend any restriction on travel and trade to the Central African Republic based on the information available on the current outbreak.</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.



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