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Health Information Update

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Event Updates: 20 February 2019 to 25 February 2019

Event Updated	Country	Hazard	Disease	Event Description	IHR Assessment
2019-02-25	Oman	Infectious	Acute Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV)	<p>Between 12 and 18 February 2019, the National IHR Focal Point of Oman reported an additional eight (8) cases of Middle East respiratory syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) infection. Four cases are from South Sharqia governorate and four cases are from the North Batinah governorate where a recent MERS-CoV cluster was reported. Since 27 January 2019, a total of 9 cases have been reported from North Batinah (five cases were previously reported) and four cases have been reported from South Sharqia.</p> <p>Since 2012 until 18 February 2019, the total number of laboratory-confirmed MERS-CoV cases reported globally to WHO is 2357 with 820 associated deaths. The first reported MERS-CoV infection in Oman was in 2013, since then a total of 24 cases and 7 deaths have been reported.</p> <p><i>WHO does not advise special screening at points of entry with regard to this event nor does it currently recommend the application of any travel or trade restrictions.</i></p>	Public Health Risk (PHR)
2019-02-22	Indonesia	Infectious	Poliomyelitis, acute paralytic, vaccine-associated	<p>On 12 February, a circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 1 (cVDPV1) has been confirmed in Papua province, Indonesia. Two genetically-linked VDPV1 viruses were isolated from a child with acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) with onset of paralysis on 27 November 2018 and from a sample of a healthy community contact, a 28-month old child, collected on 24 January 2019. The location of this case is in a remote village, approx. 3-4 km away from the first case. Even though this province shares a border with Papua New Guinea (PNG), this outbreak is not linked to the cVDPV1 outbreak currently affecting its neighboring country.</p> <p><i>The overall risk is assessed as moderate at the national level due to the sub-optimal polio vaccination coverage and surveillance quality in Papua province of Indonesia. At the regional level despite proximity with PNG the overall risk is assessed to be low as there is limited cross border population movement from affected area. At the global level, the overall risk is assessed as low due to generally high polio vaccine coverage, established AFP surveillance systems and availability of technical expertise for polio control.</i></p>	To be assigned

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2019-02-20	China	Zoonosis	Influenza due to identified avian or animal influenza virus (A/H9N2)	<p>On 11 February 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. A 8-year-old female from Lushui, Yunnan Province, China, had onset of mild illness on 27 January 2019. The case did not have any live poultry-related exposure history, however H9 subtype were identified in the environmental sampling from four live poultry markets (LPM) and 1 chicken farm in the city. No further cases were detected among the case's family members. This is the first human case of avian influenza A(H9N2) with onset in 2019 detected through ILI surveillance, and the third case reported by China in 2019.</p> <p>A total of 25 cases of human infection with avian influenza A(H9N2) have been reported from China, through the Event Information System since December 2015.</p> <p><i>WHO advises against the application of any travel or trade restrictions on China based on the current information available on this event.</i></p>	Public Health Risk (PHR)
2019-02-20	Saudi Arabia	Infectious	Coronavirus Infection	<p>On 6 February 2019, the National IHR Focal Point of The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) notified WHO of ongoing outbreak of MERS-CoV infection in Wadi Aldwasir city and one of its hospital (referred as hospital A). Between 29 January and 13 February 2019, 39 cases of MERS-CoV infection, including two deaths were reported. At the time of writing, this outbreak is ongoing and the description of the outbreak below includes information WHO has received up to 13 February. Human-to-human transmission has occurred between the index patient and health care workers, patients in the emergency department and intensive care unit of a hospital in Wadi Aldwasir (hospital A), and from patients to household contacts. As of 13 February, health care workers accounted for 9 cases in this outbreak.</p> <p>Since 2012 until 13 February 2019, the total number of laboratory-confirmed MERS-CoV cases reported globally to WHO is 2345 with 817 associated deaths.</p> <p><i>WHO does not advise special screening at points of entry with regard to this event nor does it currently recommend the application of any travel or trade restrictions.</i></p>	Public Health Risk (PHR)

\*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.