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Event Updates: **27 March 2019**

Event Updated	Country	Hazard	Disease	Event Description	IHR Assessment
2019-03-27	Saudi Arabia	Infectious	Coronavirus Infection	<p>Between 1 and 28 February 2019, the National IHR Focal Point of Saudi Arabia reported 68 additional cases of MERS-CoV infection, including 10 deaths. Of the 68 cases reported in February, 49 cases including 7 deaths, were reported from Wadi Aldwasir where a MERS outbreak is ongoing. They have to be added to the three cases with no death that were already reported in January 2019, making a total of 52 cases occurring in Wadi Aldwasir since the beginning of the outbreak. Among the 19 cases, fifteen were isolated, and four were reported in two separate clusters. Cluster 1 involved two cases (listed as case #4 and case #12 in the EIS posted on 13 February 2019) in Buridah city; and Cluster 2 involved two cases (listed as case #8 and case #16) in Riyadh city.</p> <p>Since 2012 until 28 February 2019, the total number of laboratory-confirmed MERS cases reported globally to WHO is 2374 with 823 associated deaths. The global number reflects the total number of laboratory-confirmed cases reported to WHO under IHR to date. The total number of deaths includes the deaths that WHO is aware of to date through follow-up with affected member states.</p> <p>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.</p>	None/Not Applicable

*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.