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Health Information Update

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Event Updates: 24 May 2019 to 02 June 2019

Event Updated	Country	Hazard	Disease	Event Description	IHR Assessment
2019-05-24	France	Infectious	Dengue Fever	<p>On 16 May 2019, the Regional Health Agency of French Guiana notified the WHO Regional Office for Europe of a confirmed autochthonous case of dengue serotype 2 (DENV 2) in the commune of Kourou, French Guiana. Two suspected cases with no recent travel history have been identified within the same area in French Guiana; laboratory test results are pending. In 2019, 2 imported confirmed cases of dengue have been reported in French Guiana.</p> <p>Due to the widespread global presence of the competent vector and, given that French Guiana is a tourist destination, the risk of spread cannot be ruled out.</p> <p><b>WHO does not recommend any restrictions on travel and/or trade to French Guiana</b> based on the current available information.</p>	Public Health Risk
2019-05-25	Mongolia	Infectious	Plague, unspecified	<p>On 1 May 2019, two deaths of septicaemic plague reported from Bayan-Ulgii Province in the western area of Mongolia bordering China and Russia were laboratory confirmed by DNA identification test at the Bayan-Ulgii province center for zoonotic diseases laboratory. The cases, a couple from the Kazakh ethnic group, both had retrospective confirmed exposure to marmots, including consumption of raw marmot organs. Following the deaths of the two confirmed cases, three additional deaths occurred among their contacts: the father of case 1 passed away on 3 May, and two other patients hospitalised at the same intensive care unit where case 2 had been hospitalised.</p> <p>Based on the current situation, WHO considers there is low risk of additional human cases associated with this event.</p> <p><b>WHO does not recommend any restriction on travel and trade to Mongolia</b> based on the currently available information.</p>	Public Health Risk
2019-05-31	Zambia	Infectious	Cholera	<p>On 14 May 2019, the IHR National Focal Point for Zambia notified WHO Country Office in Lusaka of the occurrence of a cholera outbreak in Mpulungu district of Northern Province following the laboratory confirmation of cholera on 13 May 2019 in cases with symptoms</p>	Public Health Risk

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				<p><b>that met the standard case definition for the diarrhoeal disease.</b></p> <p>As of 22 May 2019, 253 suspected cholera cases out of which 49 are confirmed and 6 deaths (CFR 2.3%) have been reported. The affected catchment areas in Mpulungu district are Kapembwa, Mpulungu, Kabyolwe and Isoko: 70% of cases have been reported from Mpulungu district.</p> <p>The overall risk of cholera is considered moderate at the national and regional levels and low at global level.</p> <p><b>WHO advises against any restriction to travel to and trade with the international community</b> based on the information available on the current outbreak.</p>	
2019-06-02	Pakistan	Infectious	HIV Infection, AIDS	<p><b>On 25 April 2019, the local administration in Larkana was alerted by media reports of surge of HIV positive cases among children in Ratodero Taluka of Larkana District, Sindh Province (south of the country)</b></p> <p>Since 25 April and up to 30 May 2019, a total of 23,054 people have been screened for HIV; and out of them 727 were found positive.</p> <p>In Larkana District, since 2003 and as of May 2019, this is the fourth reported HIV outbreak. The first was among people who inject drugs (PWID) in 2003, the second was among 12 pediatric patients in a pediatric hospital in 2016, and the third was among 206 dialysis patients in a dialysis unit in 2016 as well.</p> <p>The risk at regional and global levels is considered very low because the mode of transmission of HIV is very specific and limited to mother to child transmission, contact with contaminated blood, contaminated syringes/other surgical instruments or sexual contact with patient.</p> <p><b>WHO does not recommend any restriction on travel and/or trade to Pakistan</b> on the basis of the information available for the current increase in HIV cases in Larkana District.</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.