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Health Information Update

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Event Updates: 21 August 2019 to 28 August 2019

Event Updated	Country	Hazard	Disease	Event Description	IHR Assessment
2019-08-28	China	Zoonosis	Influenza due to identified avian or animal influenza virus A(H5N6)	<p>On 18 August 2019, the National Health Commission of China notified WHO of one additional laboratory-confirmed case of human infection with avian influenza A(H5N6) virus in China.</p> <p>To date and since 2014, a total of 24 laboratory-confirmed cases and 16 deaths of human infection with avian influenza A(H5N6) viruses have been reported to WHO through IHR notification from China. The previous human infection was reported in November 2018, from a resident of Jiangsu Province, China.</p> <p>Although influenza A(H5N6) has caused severe infection in humans, until now human infections with the virus seem to be rare and no human-to-human transmission has been reported.</p> <p>The risk of international disease spread is considered to be low at this point in time.</p> <p>WHO advises against the application of any travel or trade restrictions based on the current information available on this event.</p>	Public Health Risk
2019-08-21	Saudi Arabia	Infectious	Coronavirus Infection	<p>Between 1 and 31 July 2019, the National IHR Focal Point of Saudi Arabia reported 9 additional cases of MERS-CoV infection and 4 associated deaths. The cases were reported from Riyadh (5 cases), Najran (3 cases), Al-Qassim (1 case) regions. There were no clusters of cases reported this month.</p> <p>Since 2012 until 31 July 2019, the total number of laboratory-confirmed MERS-CoV infection cases reported globally to WHO is 2458 with 849 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>	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.