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Event Updates: **24 September 2019**

Event Updated	Country	Hazard	Disease	Event Description	IHR Assessment
2019-09-24	Saudi Arabia	Infectious	Coronavirus Infection	<p>Between 1 and 31 August 2019, the National IHR Focal Point of Saudi Arabia reported 6 additional cases of MERS-CoV infection, including one death. The cases were reported from Riyadh (3 cases), Taif (1 case), Quriyat (1 case), and Najran (1 case) regions. One of the cases reported is a household contact identified during the contact tracing investigation of the first case reported.</p> <p>Since 2012 until 31 August 2019, the total number of laboratory-confirmed MERS-CoV infection cases reported globally to WHO is 2464 with 850 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
2019-09-24	Sudan (the)	Infectious	Cholera	<p>On 8 September 2019, Sudan's Federal Ministry of Health (FMoH) notified WHO of the occurrence of a cholera outbreak. The outbreak was first detected in Blue Nile State, southeastern part of Sudan. From 28 August to 19 September 2019, a total of 124 suspected cholera cases, including 7 deaths, have been reported from four localities in Blue Nile State and three localities in Sennar State. The cases are distributed among localities as follows: El Roseries (73), Damazin (25), Wad Almahi (2), Bau (1), Abu Hugur (15), Sinja (2) and Alsoky (6).</p> <p><i>Although the potential high risk of spread cannot be ruled out, the affected localities in the Blue Nile State are not in the close proximity to the border and there is currently no evidence of cross-border spread of the disease.</i></p> <p>WHO does not recommend any travel or trade restrictions on Sudan based on the currently available information.</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.