

Monitoring current threats: ECDC Communicable Disease Threats Report (CDTR), week 40/ 2014

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The ECDC Communicable Disease Threats Report is a weekly bulletin intended for epidemiologists and health professionals in the area of communicable disease prevention and control. This issue covers the period 28 September to 5 October 2014 and includes updates on:

Ebola virus disease (EVD) – West Africa

Since the last CDTR, the affected countries have reported 915 additional EVD cases (135 in Guinea, 416 in Liberia, 364 in Sierra Leone) and 421 additional fatalities.

On 30 September 2014, the US Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) confirmed the first case of Ebola diagnosed in the United States in a person who travelled to Dallas, Texas, from Liberia. This is the first case to be diagnosed outside West Africa in this epidemic.

West Nile virus – Europe

During the past week, [13 new human cases of West Nile fever were reported by EU Member States](#). Italy reported five new confirmed cases, one case from the previously affected province of Pavia and three cases from two newly affected provinces: Lodi (2) and Piacenza (1). Romania reported five new confirmed cases, one case each from the previously affected districts of Doj and Olt and the newly affected districts of Braila, Iasi and Valcea. Hungary reported three new probable cases, two from Budapest, an area with previous case reports and one case from the newly affected Bacs-Kiskun county.

Outbreak of Enterovirus D68 – U.S.A.

Since the last threats report on 26 September 2014, the US CDC has reported an additional 280 confirmed cases of EV-D68 from 42 states in the United States. Alberta Health Services in Canada have reported 32 additional confirmed cases. ECDC published [a rapid risk assessment on the outbreak](#) on 29 September.

Middle East respiratory syndrome- coronavirus

On 30 September 2014, Austria reported an imported case of MERS-CoV in a 29-year-old female citizen of Saudi Arabia. The patient is isolated in a medical facility in Vienna. Tracing of contacts is currently underway.

Since the last MERS-CoV update in the CDTR on 4 September 2014, 29 additional cases of MERS-CoV infection have been reported in Saudi Arabia. Nineteen of the 29 cases were retrospective cases with date of onset prior to 3 June 2014.

The WHO Emergency Committee convened for the seventh meeting regarding MERS-CoV and unanimously concluded that the conditions for a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) have not yet been met.

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