

Advisory to APHOs and Stakeholders staff for planning the logistics.

The responsibilities of APHO during the current threat of MERS CoV infection:

1. The Offices at POE are to coordinate with the SSOs of IDSP units in case of any suspect case and for monitoring the arriving passengers for 14 days following return from Hajj.
2. Generate awareness to all the stakeholders at the POEs. For Immigration, airline staff and plan specific roles and responsibilities of each.
3. Arrange for safe transportation of symptomatic cases to designated facilities for clinical management of cases.
1. Contact tracing needs to be done in case a sick passenger is on board, by a passenger locator form.
2. Develop linkage with IDSP (SSO/DSO), hospital, labs, NFP and Dte. GHS
3. Plan logistics:-
PPEs requirements, lab investigations, hand sanitizers, dis-insectin of airports/rooms/ambulance and plan Health Screening Counter examination/isolation room at Haj Terminal during arrival.
4. Reporting mechanism.

Enclosures:

- The Advisory issued by WHO on the interim travel advice related to MERS CoV for pilgrimages to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is attached for reference.
- WHO guidelines for investigation of cases of human infection with Middle East Corona Virus (MERS-CoV) July 2013 is attached for reference.
- Revised interim case definition for reporting to WHO: Middle East Corona Virus (MERS-CoV) is attached for reference. Inform the occurrence of suspect case
- Advisory to keep vigil for MERS CoV and Avian Influenza sent to State Surveillance Units is also attached for reference.

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ALL THE TRAVELRS WHO HAVE VISITED OR TRANSITED FROM:

SAUDI ARABIA, FRANCE, ITALY, JORDEN, QATAR, TUNISIA, UK, UAE

AND ARE SUFFERING FROM:

COUGH, FEVER AND OR SHORTNESS OF BREATH

OR

HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH A PERSON SUFFERING FROM SUCH ILLNESS

SHOULD REPORT TO AIRPORT HEALTH OFFICER FOR BASIC CHECK-UP

ADVISORY:

ANY TRAVELR WHO AFTER VISITING ABOVE COUNTRIES DEVELOPS ABOVE MENTIONED SYMPTOMS WITHIN 14 DAYS OF ARRIVAL IN INDIA-

THEY SHOULD VISIT NEAREST HOSPITAL FACILITY