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Subject: ECDC update on 2019-nCoV

Dear Members of the ECDC Management Board,

On Monday 20 January, ECDC decided to activate the PHE level 1 – Acute phase. The decision to request the activation of the PHE level 1 – Acute phase, is in the context of the emergence of a cluster of 441 pneumonia cases associated to a novel coronavirus in several provinces in China which is causing concern internationally.

The rationale behind is that the high number of cases reported in the last few days and the reporting of 7 cases outside China (Thailand 4, Japan 1, South Korea 1, US 1) is of specific concern. Therefore, there is an additional workload for ECDC to be expected in the coming days – weeks: daily update of the threat page on the ECDC website, regular update(s) of the rapid risk assessment 'Cluster of pneumonia cases caused by a novel coronavirus, Wuhan, China' (first update by 22 January 2020). ECDC has issued an update of the RAGIDA guidelines for MERS-CoV and the fact sheet on coronaviruses. A brief identification and assessment of the different possible scenarios in this outbreak has been established by the strategic analyst during the PHE 0 – Alert phase. This should now be further elaborated with a specific emphasis on the scenario where cases are imported/detected in the EU (MS preparedness, laboratory capacity, harmonised prevention and control measures) and the expected impact.

ECDC should continue to support the MS and DG SANTE in their preparedness activities (including informing the members of the HSC) and work with WHO EURO and EC DG SANTE on an EU case definition and harmonised reporting protocols. The estimated impact on the ECDC resources would be limited at this stage but a dedicated team working on this outbreak and a clear division of tasks and responsibilities in that team is needed. As this requires some staff members to be relieved of their current daily tasks (PHE manager and PHE team comprising colleagues from at least the EOC, EI, surveillance, microbiology, preparedness, disease experts, communication – full group to be decided), a request to raise the PHE level to 1 starting on 21/1/2020 has been approved. (10)(2e) has been identified as candidate to take the role of PHE manager.

Best regards,

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