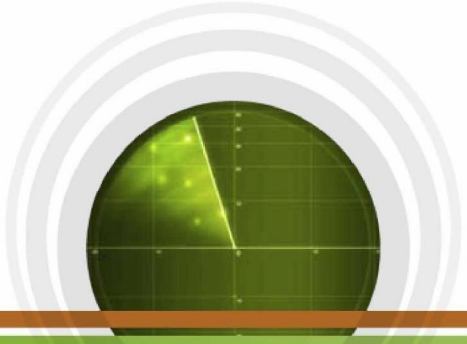

Round Table Report
15 September 2020

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This report summarizes the ECDC daily roundtable discussion and provides update on threats detected and monitored by Epidemic Intelligence.

Active threat

COVID-19 associated with SARS-CoV-2 – multi-country (world) – 2020
Sources: This update is based on multiple official sources, including WHO updates, Ministries of Health, National Health authorities and official social media accounts. Detailed updates are presented on the ECDC website and ECDC COVID-19 dashboard.

Update: Since the previous RT report published on 14 September 2020 and as of 15 September 2020, 258 893 new cases of COVID-19 (in accordance with the applied case definitions and testing strategies in the affected countries) and 4 176 new deaths have been reported.

New cases have been reported from Asia (114 073), America (82 804), Europe (55 450), Africa (6 339) and Oceania (227). The five countries reporting most new cases are: India (83 809), United States (34 841), Spain (27 404), Brazil (15 155) and Argentina (9 056).

New deaths have been reported from Asia (1 892), America (1 724), Europe (383), Africa (169) and Oceania (8). The five countries reporting most new deaths are: India (1 054), United States (451), Brazil (381), Philippines (259) and Mexico (228).

Summary: Since 31 December 2019 and as of 15 September 2020, 29 309 546 cases of COVID-19 (in accordance with the applied case definitions and testing strategies in the affected countries) have been reported, including 928 890 deaths.

Cases have been reported from:
Africa: 1 360 366 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are South Africa (650 749), Egypt (101 177), Morocco (88 203), Ethiopia (64 786) and Nigeria (56 388).
Asia: 8 671 326 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are India (4 930 236), Iran (404 648), Bangladesh (339 332), Saudi Arabia (326 258) and Pakistan (302 424).
America: 15 018 149 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are United States (6 554 820), Brazil (4 345 610), Peru (733 860), Colombia (721 892) and Mexico (671 716).
Europe: 4 227 273 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are Russia (1 068 320), Spain (593 730), France (387 252), United Kingdom (371 125) and Italy (288 761).

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Oceania: 31 736 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are Australia (26 692), Guam (1 927), New Zealand (1 450), French Polynesia (1 037) and Papua New Guinea (511).
Other: 696 cases have been reported from an international conveyance in Japan.

Deaths have been reported from:
Africa: 32 789 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are South Africa (15 499), Egypt (5 661), Algeria (1 620), Morocco (1 614) and Nigeria (1 083).
Asia: 164 968 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are India (80 776), Iran (23 313), Indonesia (8 841), Iraq (8 086) and Turkey (7 119).
America: 515 584 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are United States (194 530), Brazil (132 006), Mexico (71 049), Peru (30 812) and Colombia (23 123).
Europe: 214 663 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are United Kingdom (41 637), Italy (35 624), France (30 950), Spain (29 848) and Russia (18 635).
Oceania: 879 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are Australia (816), Guam (27), New Zealand (24), Papua New Guinea (6) and Fiji (2).
Other: 7 deaths have been reported from an international conveyance in Japan.

EU/EEA and the UK:
As of 15 September 2020, 2 641 450 cases have been reported in the EU/EEA and the UK: Spain (593 730), France (387 252), United Kingdom (371 125), Italy (288 761), Germany (261 762), Romania (104 187), Belgium (94 212), Sweden (86 505), Netherlands (83 321), Poland (74 529), Portugal (64 596), Czechia (37 222), Austria (33 884), Ireland (31 192), Denmark (19 800), Bulgaria (18 061), Croatia (13 598), Greece (13 420), Hungary (13 153), Norway (12 155), Finland (8 627), Luxembourg (7 244), Slovakia (5 580), Slovenia (3 755), Lithuania (3 386), Estonia (2 698), Malta (2 405), Iceland (2 168), Cyprus (1 534), Latvia (1 477) and Liechtenstein (111).

As of 15 September 2020, 184 380 deaths have been reported in the EU/EEA and the UK: United Kingdom (41 637), Italy (35 624), France (30 950), Spain (29 848), Belgium (9 927), Germany (9 362), Netherlands (6 247), Sweden (5 846), Romania (4 185), Poland (2 203), Portugal (1 871), Ireland (1 784), Austria (757), Bulgaria (730), Hungary (642), Denmark (633), Czechia (465), Finland (339), Greece (310), Norway (265), Croatia (227), Slovenia (131), Luxembourg (124), Lithuania (87), Estonia (64), Slovakia (38), Latvia (35), Cyprus (22), Malta (16), Iceland (10) and Liechtenstein (1).

EU:
As of 15 September 2020, 2 255 891 cases and 142 467 deaths have been reported in the EU.

Other news
Data reporting:
From week 38, the Swedish Public Health Agency will update COVID-19 daily data four times per week on Tuesday–Friday at 14:00. The reason for this is that data from the laboratories are reported with a longer delay in the SmiNet reporting system on weekends, resulting in incomplete data on Mondays.

Vaccines:
One of the phase 3 vaccine trials for COVID-19 was halted voluntarily last week after a study participant experienced serious neurological symptoms following the administration of the vaccine candidate, developed by AstraZeneca in collaboration with the University of Oxford. The trial was resumed on 12 September 2020, in the UK alone, following a review of the case by the Data Safety Monitoring Board with external vaccine safety experts and formal approval from the UK Medicines Health Regulatory Authority (MHRA). It is currently unknown when the clinical trial in sites located in other countries will resume vaccination.

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC):
On 30 January 2020, the World Health Organization declared that the outbreak of COVID-19 constitutes a PHEIC. On 11 March 2020, the Director-General of the WHO declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic. The third and fourth International Health Regulations (IHR) Emergency Committee meeting for COVID-19 were held in Geneva on 30 April and 31 July 2020, respectively. The committee concluded during both meetings that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to constitute a PHEIC.

Assessment: For the last available risk assessment, please visit ECDC dedicated webpage.

Actions: ECDC has published the eleventh update of its rapid risk assessment. A dashboard with the latest updates is available on ECDC's website.

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Rapid risk assessment under production

Rapid Outbreak Assessment (ROA) on a multi-country S. Typhimurium outbreak (EPIS UI-636) with EFSA.

Expert deployments

None.

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