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National

Update on influenza a H1N1 as on 26th June 2009

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World Health Organization has reported 55867 laboratory confirmed cases of influenza A/H1N1 infection from 108 countries as on 24th June 2009. There have been 238 deaths. No further update is available.

Health screening of passengers coming from affected countries is continuing in 22 International airports. 51,140 passengers have been screened on 25.6.2009 of which 29,550 passengers were from affected countries. 224 doctors and 112 paramedics are manning 77 counters at these airports. A cumulative total of 24, 28,173 passengers have been screened.

Two new cases have been reported today one each from Delhi and Mumbai. The case from Mumbai is a 15 year old female who traveled from USA reached Delhi on 22.6.2009 and traveled to Mumbai by Train on 23.6.2009. She had complaints of fever, cough and running nose and reported to identified health facility at Mumbai on 25.6.2009. The case from Delhi is a 18 year old female and a contact of earlier positive case. She had fever, cough, sore throat and nasal catarrh and admitted in the identified health facility in Delhi on 25.6.2009.

The indigenous positive case [66 year old female] at Delhi, covered in earlier reports, is stable.

629 persons have been tested so far of which 80 are positive for Influenza A H1N1 [Swine]. Of these, seven are indigenous cases, who got the infection from the positive cases who traveled from abroad. The rest of the samples have been found negative for the novel virus. 176 out of the 629 persons have been identified through entry screening, twenty one through contact tracing and the rest were self reported.

Of the 80 cases, 56 have been discharged. Rest of them remains admitted to the identified health facility.

The situation is being monitored.

Monsoon hits Mumbai, claims 4 lives in Bhopal

Agencies

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Mumbai: The rains finally kept their long delayed date with Mumbai on Friday as they lashed the city and surroundings in full force, bringing welcome relief from the scorching heat.

Along with the rains came a plethora of delays that are common to the city - flights late by 25-30 minutes, suburban trains running behind schedules by 5-15 minutes and road traffic jams all over the city and suburbs.

Several low-lying areas in the city and suburbs were water-logged after overnight heavy showers, causing traffic snarls and delays for office-goers, and school and college students.

Among the areas which experienced water-logging were Andheri, Malad, Santacruz, and Dahisar suburbs in western Mumbai and Kurla, Sion, Ghatkopar on the eastern side. Long queues of vehicles were seen on the Western Express and Eastern Express highways as water from surrounding areas flowed on to the main thoroughfares connecting south Mumbai.

Dark clouds gathered over the city last evening and the rains arrived more than two weeks late from the regular date of June 10.

On Thursday, south Mumbai got 15.6 mm rains while the suburbs got 4.9 mm. It picked up last night with heavy showers in most parts of the city, suburbs, Navi Mumbai and surrounding areas of Thane and Raigad.

According to Mumbai Weather Bureau, so far the city has received only 42.6 mm and the suburbs 28.5 mm rainfall. This spells a yawning deficit of 373 mm for the city and 361 mm for the suburbs at this time of the year.

However, the rains ensured a dip in the minimum and maximum temperatures which are now at 31.8 and 25.3 degrees Celsius, respectively.

The Weather Bureau has forecast heavy rains and thundershowers over the city on Saturday.

Rains claim four lives in Madhya Pradesh

Bhopal: Four persons were killed due to heavy rains and lightning in two districts of Madhya Pradesh, police said on Friday.

Heavy rains lashed Bhopal yesterday claiming two lives in the district while two others were killed due to lightning in Seoni, they said.

Several parts of the districts witnessed power failure and many trees were uprooted. Traffic was also thrown out of gear due to poor visibility and a number of cars were damaged.

International

Storm leaves 11 dead, 7 missing in Philippines

Associated Press Posted: Friday , Jun 26, 2009 at 1728 hrs IST

MANILA:

Tropical Storm Nangka has left at least 18 people dead or missing and destroyed hundreds of homes, the government disaster agency said, as it blew away from the Philippines Friday and headed toward the Taiwan Strait.



Filipino worker carries wood through floodwaters at a flood-prone area of Malabon, north of Manila.

In addition to the 11 confirmed fatalities and seven people reported missing, five others were injured when the storm caused floods and landslides and overturned boats as it swept through the central Philippines, the National Disaster Coordinating Council said.

The weather bureau said the storm was packing winds of 40 miles (65 kilometers) per hour and gusts of up to 50 mph (80 kph) over the South China Sea as it left Philippine territory early Friday.

It forecast Nangka would be about 230 miles (365 kilometers) west of Taiwan, over the Taiwan Strait, by Saturday.

Coast guard chief Adm. Wilfredo Tamayo said the nearly 10,000 people who had been stranded on ferries and motorized outriggers at the height the storm have all resumed their voyages after the weather bureau lifted all storm warnings.

Nearly 60,000 cases, 263 dead from swine flu: WHO

26 Jun 2009, 1655 hrs IST, **AFP**

GENEVA: Swine flu has infected 59,814 people in 113 countries worldwide and killed 263 people, according to new figures released by the World Health Organisation on Friday.

The data showed 3,949 new infections since the last bulletin only two days ago, and 25 additional deaths, the WHO said.

Chile showed the greatest increase, of 871 infections and three deaths, taking its total to 5,186, including seven dead, followed by Britain, where cases rose by 692 to 3,597, including one dead.

The number of deaths in Argentina tripled from seven to 21, while WHO recorded the first death from the A(H1N1) virus in Honduras.

One additional death was registered in Mexico, where the pandemic first broke out in March, taking the toll to 116, as well as in Guatemala and Australia, while Canada suffered four more deaths.

First swine flu death confirmed in Guatemala

26 Jun 2009, 0153 hrs IST, **AFP**

GUATEMALA CITY: A 35-year-old man has become Guatemala's first government-confirmed swine flu fatality, [health officials](#) said on Thursday.

"He appears to be the first victim of the A(H1N1) flu virus," said Health Minister Celso Cerezo.

The official announcement came two weeks after the death of a child who had contracted the virus but also suffered other health problems.

"A minor who was also contaminated with the virus died previously, but his death was caused by renal failure, according to the report issued by the private clinic where he was treated," Cerezo said at a press conference on Thursday.

The World Health Organization (WHO) recorded the 12-year-old's death as Guatemala's first fatality from swine [flu](#), despite the government's position.

The Health Ministry said the 35-year-old man did not respond to anti-viral treatment because he was diagnosed with swine flu in its late stages.

Guatemala, which has so far confirmed 254 cases of swine flu, shares a border with Mexico, where the global pandemic began. Cases of swine flu peaked in Mexico in April, but the virus has continued to spread worldwide.

Figures issued by the WHO on Wednesday showed 55,867 laboratory-confirmed cases of the A(H1N1) virus in 109 countries and territories.

The global health organization, which declared the outbreak a level 6 pandemic earlier this month, said 238 people have died from the virus.

Swine flu virus stable for now: WHO

26 Jun 2009, 0026 hrs IST, **AFP**

MOSCOW: The swine flu virus is "stable" but must be monitored closely, director general of the World Health Organisation Margaret Chan said on Thursday, Russian news agency reports said.

"The virus is not mutating for the moment, it is stable," said Chan after a meeting with Russian Health and Social Development Minister Tatiana Golikova.

Chan, however, underlined the importance of close monitoring of the spread of the virus, adding that it was highly "unpredictable."

Since it emerged at the end of April, experts have feared that it could mutate into a virus that combines the contagious nature of swine flu with the virulence of avian flu.

The WHO declared a global pandemic earlier this month. In a global update on Wednesday, it reported 55,867 laboratory-confirmed cases of the A(H1N1) virus in 109 countries and 238 human deaths from the disease since late March.

Central Europe: Floods Information Bulletin No. 1

Source: [International Federation of Red Cross And Red Crescent Societies \(IFRC\)](#)

Date: 26 Jun 2009

This bulletin is being issued for information only, and reflects the current situation and details available at this time. The National Societies in the affected regions, with the support of the

International Federation, have determined that external assistance is not required at that point, and is therefore not seeking funding or other assistance from donors. However as the situation evolves, international assistance may be requested.

Summary

Heavy rains hit Central Europe causing the level of rivers to rise. Flood warnings have been issued across the region. The floods in the Czech Republic has killed 11 people. Major flooding also occurred in Austria and Poland; Slovakia and Hungary declared second degree alerts; in Germany rescue workers are engaged in reinforcing dykes. The local Red Cross branches of the Czech, Austrian and German Red Cross Societies are coordinating their work with the fire brigades during the evacuation of people. The Austrian Red Cross mobilized its team to help people clean their houses, while the Czech Red Cross is providing the people affected with blankets, food and other basic items. The Czech Red Cross has indicated that it may ask financial support from the International Federation.

The flood wave is approaching the southern part of Central Europe, there is already some flooding at the border between Slovenia and Croatia, and significant flooding in Serbia.

More rain is expected during the weekend.

The Situation

Heavy rains hit Central Europe causing level of rivers to rise. Flood warnings have been issued across the region.

In the Czech Republic at least 11 people died in the flooding in the eastern part of the country, near the border with Poland and Slovakia. The most affected town is Novy Jicin, in North Moravia, 260 km east of Prague, where the damage is estimated at hundreds of millions of Czech crowns (tens of thousands of euros). Rescuers evacuated hundreds of people throughout the region from houses and buildings threatened by high water. A number of roads and railway lines, including a major track that connects the capital Prague with the eastern part of the Czech Republic and Poland, have been closed as rivers flooded their banks. The wells have also been damaged in the flooded areas. Hundreds of households are without electricity, gas and running water.

The country's security council and the government met on 25 June to assess the situation. The government deployed up to 1,000 soldiers to help. According to the police, the number of fatalities might rise as the police and fire brigades are scanning the flood-hit municipalities. A helicopter is also monitoring the area.

In Austria, the river Danube has risen this week after some of the heaviest rainfalls in 50 years. The rainfalls caused major flooding in the northern, central and eastern parts of the country. Out of the nine provinces in Austria, four have been affected (Lower Austria, Upper Austria, Styria and Burgenland). Some villages along rivers flowing towards the Danube were cut off and cellars and roads were under water, mainly in the region west of Vienna. Around 13,000 police, firefighters and soldiers continue to drain buildings and soaked streets throughout the affected regions. In some places, such as the town of Steyr in Upper Austria province, cleanup efforts are under way after the water began receding.

While the water levels of a number of rivers dropped overnight, the authorities warned that thunderstorms and sporadic showers could cause more problems.

Bratislava declared a second degree alert in western Slovakia, where the level of the Danube is expected to rise.

Hungary put first or second degree alerts in place for the upper section of the Danube. Two counties have been significantly affected by the floods, Vas and Győr-Moson-Sopron counties in the north-western part of the country.

The Polish National Security Centre said rivers topped warning levels in 43 places and alarm levels in another 20. In southern Poland, heavy rains flooded rail tracks, forcing the closure of the station in Czechowice- Dziedzice, a town south of the coal mining center of Katowice. The nearby major national road was also temporarily closed after the Wisla river overflowed. Firefighters are pumping water from hundreds of flooded basements of private houses, offices and hospitals in the south and also in the city of Olsztyn, in the north.

Some 3,000 rescue workers have been deployed to the affected areas in southern Germany in recent days to reinforce dykes and distribute sandbags along the Elbe river.

The flood wave is approaching the southern part of Central Europe; there is already some flooding at the border between Slovenia and Croatia, and significant flooding in the central part of Serbia. It is expected that the Danube will reach its peak in Serbia between 28 June and 1 July.

According to the meteorologists' forecast more rain is expected during the weekend.

Influenza A(H1N1) - update 54

Source: [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

Date: 26 Jun 2009

Laboratory-confirmed cases of new influenza A(H1N1) as officially reported to WHO by States Parties to the International Health Regulations (2005)

26 June 2009 07:00 GMT

The breakdown of the number of laboratory-confirmed cases is given in the following table.

Country, territory and area	Cumulative total		Newly confirmed since the last reporting period	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Algeria	2	0	0	0
Antigua and Barbuda	2	0	0	0
Argentina	1391	21	178	14
Australia	3280	3	423	1
Austria	12	0	0	0
Bahamas	4	0	0	0

Bahrain	15	0	0	0
Bangladesh	1	0	0	0
Barbados	10	0	5	0
Belgium	36	0	6	0
Bermuda, UKOT	1	0	0	0
Bolivia	47	0	3	0
Brazil	399	0	65	0
British Virgin Islands, UKOT	1	0	0	0
Brunei Darussalam	11	0	7	0
Bulgaria	7	0	2	0
Cambodia	5	0	4	0
Canada	6732	19	275	4
Cap Verde	3	0	0	0
Cayman Islands, UKOT	9	0	2	0
Chile	5186	7	871	3
China	1089	0	183	0
Colombia	72	2	1	0
Costa Rica	222	1	33	0
Cote d'Ivoire	2	0	0	0
Cuba	34	0	19	0
Cyprus	9	0	4	0
Czech Republic	9	0	2	0
Denmark	41	0	7	0
Dominica	1	0	0	0
Dominican Republic	108	2	0	0
Ecuador	125	0	10	0
Egypt	43	0	3	0
El Salvador	160	0	0	0
Estonia	8	0	3	0
Ethiopia	2	0	0	0
Fiji	2	0	0	0
Finland	26	0	0	0
France	191	0	20	0

French Polynesia, FOC	1	0	0	0
Martinique, FOC	2	0	0	0
Germany	333	0	32	0
Greece	73	0	15	0
Guatemala	254	2	19	1
Honduras	118	1	0	1
Hungary	8	0	1	0
Iceland	4	0	0	0
India	64	0	0	0
Indonesia	2	0	2	0
Iran	1	0	1	0
Ireland	29	0	6	0
Israel	405	0	30	0
Italy	102	0	6	0
Jamaica	19	0	0	0
Japan	1049	0	156	0
Jordan	15	0	0	0
Korea, Republic of	142	0	27	0
Kuwait	30	0	4	0
Laos	3	0	0	0
Latvia	1	0	0	0
Lebanon	25	0	0	0
Luxembourg	3	0	0	0
Malaysia	68	0	0	0
Mexico	8279	116	432	1
Montenegro	1	0	0	0
Morocco	11	0	2	0
Netherlands	116	0	6	0
Netherlands Antilles, Curaçao *	3	0	0	0
Netherlands Antilles, Sint Maarten	1	0	0	0
New Zealand	453	0	67	0
Nicaragua	265	0	45	0

Norway	22	0	0	0
Oman	3	0	0	0
Panama	358	0	28	0
Papua New Guinea	1	0	0	0
Paraguay	79	0	21	0
Peru	252	0	35	0
Philippines	445	1	0	0
Poland	13	0	0	0
Portugal	7	0	1	0
Qatar	10	0	0	0
Romania	19	0	0	0
Russia	3	0	0	0
Samoa	1	0	0	0
Saudi Arabia	48	0	3	0
Serbia	2	0	2	0
Singapore	315	0	121	0
Slovakia	7	0	3	0
Slovenia	3	0	2	0
South Africa	1	0	0	0
Spain	541	0	2	0
Sri Lanka	7	0	2	0
Suriname	11	0	0	0
Sweden	61	0	6	0
Switzerland	47	0	14	0
Thailand	774	0	0	0
Trinidad and Tobago	25	0	0	0
Tunisia	2	0	0	0
Turkey	26	0	0	0
Ukraine	1	0	0	0
United Arab Emirates	7	0	5	0
United Kingdom	3597	1	692	0
Guernsey, Crown Dependency	1	0	1	0
Isle of Man, Crown Dependency	1	0	0	0

Jersey, Crown Dependency	8	0	5	0
United States of America	21449	87	0	0
Uruguay	195	0	0	0
Vanuatu	2	0	1	0
Venezuela	153	0	18	0
Viet Nam	63	0	7	0
West Bank and Gaza Strip	9	0	1	0
Yemen	6	0	0	0
Grand Total	59814	263	3947	25

Chinese Taipei has reported 61 confirmed cases of influenza A (H1N1) with 0 deaths. Cases from Chinese Taipei are included in the cumulative totals provided in the table above. Cumulative and new figures are subject to revision

Abbreviations

UKOT: United Kingdom Overseas Territory

FOC: French Overseas Collectivity

OT: Overseas Territory

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