

DHMOSH Public Health – Important Policy & Events Brief (17 November 2021)

About the DHMOSH Public Health Team

- If you would like to **learn more about DHMOSH Public Health’s work** and support that can be offered to you, please see [here](#)

Learn about Hypertension at our last Public Health Conversation series

- Thank you to the 419 participants who joined us on the talk by Dr Michael Weber, a leading global expert on hypertension, to hear tips on **“How to Prevent and Manage High Blood Pressure”**
- If you missed it, catch it [here](#) at your convenience and feel free to share with staff and colleagues!
- If you want to be on the mailing list for future talks, please register [here](#) today.

Importance of Using Disease Data to Guide Public Health Action

- Thank you to the over 153 participants of our last Public Health Leadership Series talk where Lesliann Helmus from the CDC discussed the **“Use of Disease Data to Guide Public Health Action”**
- If you missed it, catch it [here](#) at your convenience!
- If you want to be on the mailing list for future talks, please register [here](#) today.

On HIV & PEP Kits

- Thank you to the 58 participants who joined us on 16 November at our last Quarterly HIV Meeting on **“What’s Hot in HIV: Trends, Diagnosis and Management”**
- If you missed it, catch it [here](#) at your convenience!
- A new **introductory HIV PEP Kit video for UN personnel** is available here in [English](#) and [French](#). Please feel free to disseminate to staff in your duty station for their general information.

Get To Know Your Colleagues!

- We plan to feature our UN colleagues from around the world each week.
- Today we feature the medical team of the **UN Clinic in Liberia**, comprising 2 doctors, 4 nurses (2 short-term surge nurses), 1 lab technician and 1 ambulance driver (not in photo) and 1 cleaner.
- Left to right: Head nurse Annie Robinson, Dr Filmon Beraki, Dr Mohammed Kamara, Surge nurse Oretha Paye, Lab tech Joseph Koryon, Surge Nurse Lawretor Peterson, Nurse Martin Mambu. Sitting: Cleaner Eunice Konateh



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On COVID-19

- Please see this COVID-19 vaccination [presentation](#) given recently at a UNMISS townhall, for your adaptation/use.
- If you wish our team to support you in giving this presentation “**COVID-19 Vaccines and Why You Should Get Vaccinated**” to your staff locally, contact dos-dhmosh-public-health@un.org

Infectious Disease Outbreaks & Guidelines

- **Cholera, Yellow Fever, Lassa fever in Nigeria**
 - ❑ Nigeria is battling several outbreaks including cholera, yellow fever, COVID-19, Lassa fever, measles, and monkeypox.
 - ❑ For Cholera, see this [DHMOSH webpage on Cholera](#), and the “UN Medical Directors’ Risk Mitigation Plan for Cholera” ([ENG/FR](#)). A “Staff Info Leaflet” is also available [here](#).
 - ❑ For Lassa fever, see this [DHMOSH webpage on Lassa fever](#), along with the “UN Medical Directors’ Risk Mitigation Plan for Lassa Fever” ([ENG/FR](#)). A “Staff Info Leaflet” is also [here](#).

Join our Next DHMOSH Public Health Conversation Series Talk next Tuesday! (Attached Flyer for Distribution)

- Please help disseminate the attached health promotion flyer about our next DHMOSH Public Health Conversation Series talk for all UN personnel, held **next Tuesday, October 12th, 9 AM EST**
- Dr Michael Weber, the world’s leading expert on hypertension and preventive cardiology will share tips for UN staff on “**How to Prevent and Manage High Blood Pressure**”.
- If staff want to receive a calendar invite to this health promotion talk, please encourage them to register [here](#) today.

Listen to Our Last DHMOSH Public Health Leadership Seminar Talk!

- Thank you to the over 150 participants of our last Public Health Leadership Series talk on “**Essential Leadership Skills for Medical & Public Health Practitioners**”
- If you missed it, catch it [here](#) at your convenience! If you want to be on the mailing list for future talks, please register [here](#) today.

Get To Know Your Colleagues!

- We plan to feature our UN colleagues from around the world each week.
- Today we feature the medical team of **MONUSCO Beni UNOE Level 1 Clinic**, comprising 2 doctors, 2 nurses and 1 ambulance driver who also acts as medical waste manager.
- Sitting L-R: Nurses Judith Kahandavukya & Zorica Tomic / Standing L-R: Dr Bobby Othigo, Ambulance Driver Ntumba Mukendi & Dr Luc Victor



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Infectious Disease Outbreaks & Guidelines

- **Plague in Madagascar**
 - ❑ Madagascar is currently experiencing an outbreak of pneumonic plague after its last large-scale outbreak in 2017. As of 12 Sept, WHO [reports](#) a total of 30 cases and 7 deaths.
 - ❑ The [DHMOSH Webpage on Plague](#) has been updated, along with the “**UN Medical Directors’ Risk Mitigation Plan for Plague**” ([ENG/FR](#)) Please review the document as needed.
- **Meningitis / Meningococcal Disease Outbreak in DRC**
 - ❑ WHO reports that as of 18 Sept, a total of 608 suspected cases and 161 deaths have been reported in the Banalia health zone, DRC. For more WHO info on this outbreak, see [here](#).
 - ❑ A new [DHMOSH webpage on Meningitis/Meningococcal Disease](#) is now available
 - ❑ Both English and French versions of DHMOSH’s “**Guidelines on Management of Meningococcal Disease Outbreaks**” is also newly available ([ENG/FR](#)).
 - ❑ In DRC, UN health workers should be sensitized to identify and manage any potential cases, including clinical management with ceftriaxone. Staff should be notified to be aware of symptoms to be monitored, when to seek care and how to prevent transmission of meningitis. At-risk staff populations should be vaccinated with the Meningitis W Vaccine.

UN System HIV PEP Kit Program

- A new [UN HIV Post-Exposure Prophylaxis \(PEP\) Program Video](#) has been developed by DHMOSH in collaboration with CDOTS/DOS.
- The 5-minute video introduces all staff to the HIV PEP Program and is targeted at all UN personnel, including managers, UN health care workers, PEP custodians and HIV focal points.
- Additionally, a new [DHMOSH HIV and PEP webpage](#) is also now available for all existing information and DHMOSH resources on HIV PEP.
- Please feel free to distribute the above resources as necessary to staff.

Join our Next DHMOSH Public Health Leadership Series Seminar #2 next Thursday!

- Our next DHMOSH PH Leadership Series seminar for public health and medical staff will be held **next Thursday, September 30th, 9:30 AM EST**
- Dr Stephen Thomas will return to discuss “**Essential Leadership Skills for Public Health Practitioners**”
- If you want to receive an invitation to this talk, register [here](#) today

Listen to Our Last DHMOSH Public Health Conversation Talk on Weight Management!

- Thank you to the almost 460 participants who attended our last Public Health Conversation Series talk on “**How to Lose Weight and Keep It Off**”! If you missed it, catch it [here](#) at your convenience

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Guidance on Latest Infectious Disease Outbreaks

- **NEW – Guidelines on Management of Meningococcal Disease Outbreak (Attached document)**
 - ❑ A large meningitis outbreak with a 50% case-fatality rate was recently declared in the Tshopo province, DRC. Tests confirmed the cause of some cases to be *Neisseria meningitidis*, the causative agent of meningococcal disease. Whilst the affected area has currently no known presence of UN personnel, we nevertheless take the opportunity to remind all duty stations on how to identify and manage meningococcal disease outbreaks.
 - ❑ Duty stations, especially those in the “[meningitis belt](#)”, should review and implement the attached guidance as needed.
- **UPDATED – Ebola Virus Disease Risk Mitigation Plan (ENG/FR)**
 - ❑ With the recent Ebola outbreak occurring in Ivory Coast, this UN Medical Directors’ guidance has been updated to include consideration of the EVD vaccine.
- **NEW – Marburg Virus Disease Risk Mitigation Plan (ENG/FR)**
 - ❑ With the new MVD case identified in West Africa, a new UN Medical Directors’ MVD Risk Mitigation Plan providing recommendations to UN personnel has been developed in English and French.

Thank you for Participating in UN-Wide Health Survey

- Thank you for everyone’s participation on this survey. **This health survey closed on 23 August with over 19,000 responses received from all UN System entities, and almost 5000 responses received from Secretariat organizations alone!** Survey analysis is ongoing and a report from the survey results will be issued when ready.

Join our Next DHMOSH Public Health Conversation Series this Thursday! (Attached Flyer for Distribution)

- Please help us disseminate the attached flyer to your staff to inform them of our next Public Health Conversation Series talk, held **this Thursday, September 16th, 9 AM EST**
- Dr Angela Fitch, Associate Director of the Massachusetts General Hospital Weight Center, faculty at the Harvard Medical School and Vice President of the Obesity Medicine Association will share tips on “**How to Lose Weight and Keep It Off**”
- **If you want to receive an invitation to this talk, register today at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UNHealthChampions>**

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Orientations sur les dernières épidémies de maladies infectieuses

- **NOUVEAU - Lignes directrices sur la gestion des épidémies de méningococcie (document joint)**
 - Une importante épidémie de méningite avec un taux de létalité de 50% a récemment été déclarée dans la province de la Tshopo, en RDC. Des tests ont confirmé que la cause de certains cas était *Neisseria meningitidis*, l'agent causal de la maladie méningococcique. Bien qu'il n'y ait actuellement aucune présence connue de personnel des Nations Unies dans la zone affectée, nous profitons néanmoins de l'occasion pour rappeler à tous les lieux d'affectation la manière d'identifier et de gérer les épidémies de méningococcie.
 - Les lieux d'affectation, en particulier ceux situés dans la "[ceinture de la méningite](#)", devraient revoir et mettre en œuvre les directives ci-jointes selon les besoins.
- **MISE À JOUR - Plan de réduction des risques liés à la maladie à virus Ebola (ENG/FR)**
 - Avec la récente épidémie d'Ebola en Côte d'Ivoire, ce guide des directeurs médicaux des Nations Unies a été mis à jour pour inclure la prise en compte du vaccin contre la Maladie à Virus Ebola (MVE).
- **NOUVEAU - Plan de réduction des risques liés à la Maladie à virus Marburg (ENG/FR)**
 - Avec le nouveau cas de la Maladie à virus Marburg (MVM) identifié en Afrique de l'Ouest, un nouveau plan de réduction des risques de MVM des directeurs médicaux de l'ONU fournissant des recommandations au personnel de l'ONU a été développé en anglais et en français.

Merci d'avoir participé à l'enquête de santé de l'ONU

- Merci à tous pour votre participation à cette enquête. **Cette enquête sur la santé a été clôturée le 23 août avec plus de 19 000 réponses reçues de toutes les entités du système des Nations Unies, et près de 5000 réponses reçues des seules organisations du Secrétariat !** L'analyse de l'enquête est en cours et un rapport sur les résultats de l'enquête sera publié dès qu'il sera prêt.

Participez à notre prochaine série de conversations sur la santé publique DHMOSH ce jeudi ! (Dépliant ci-joint pour distribution)

- Aidez-nous à diffuser le dépliant ci-joint auprès de votre personnel afin de l'informer de la prochaine conférence de la série de conversations sur la santé publique, qui aura lieu **ce jeudi 16th Septembre à 9 heures (Heure de New York)**.
- Le Dr Angela Fitch, directrice associée du centre d'amaigrissement de l'hôpital général du Massachusetts, membre du corps enseignant de la faculté de médecine de Harvard et vice-présidente de l'association de médecine de l'obésité, partagera ses conseils sur le thème "**Comment perdre du poids et ne pas le reprendre**".
- Si vous souhaitez recevoir une invitation à cette conférence, inscrivez-vous dès aujourd'hui à l'adresse <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UNHealthChampions>.

Vous avez des questions ? Contactez dos-dhmosh-public-health@un.org

DHMOSH Public Health Policy & Events Brief (23 August 2021)

Ebola Virus Disease (EVD)

- Ivory Coast has reported its first known case of Ebola virus disease since 1994.
- All **UN guidelines for EVD preparedness and response** is available [here](#)
- The **UN Medical Director’s Ebola Risk Mitigation Plan** is being updated and a new version will be available shortly on the website.

Marburg Virus Disease (MVD)

- Guinea has confirmed a case of Marburg virus disease in the southern Gueckedou prefecture. For more information, please review **WHO’s MVD fact sheet**
- WHO’s **guidance on MVD infection prevention and control in health care settings** is available [here](#).

On COVID-19

- Reminder that the latest COVID-19 FAQ for staff are available [here](#)

DHMOSH Public Health Leadership Seminar Series

- Our first training webinar for public health practitioners was held on 18 August and featured guest expert Dr Stephen Thomas.
- Watch “**History of the Military & Infectious Disease**” [here](#). Register [here](#) for future sessions.

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DHMOSH Public Health Policy & Events Brief (16 August 2021)

On COVID-19

- **UPDATED - DHMOSH Guidelines on Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome following COVID-19 Vaccinations ([ENG](#))**
 - *This guidance has been updated such that any patients with relevant symptoms within 30 days of receipt of adenovirus vectored COVID-19 vaccines should be considered as suspect cases.*
- **REMINDER – Report all Outbreaks through Online Reporting Tool**
 - *As many locations are facing the third wave of COVID-19 outbreaks, please stay vigilant and continue to monitor for outbreaks in your duty stations.*
 - *If you have a new outbreak, please enter them into the Outbreak Response Tool [here](#). This outbreak report is sent daily to senior management of the UN hence it is important that you keep it updated.*

Vaccinations & Malaria Prophylaxis

- **UPDATED - UN Medical Directors Vaccination & Malaria Prophylaxis Recommendations for UN Personnel on Official Travel & UN Health Care Workers [ENG/ FR](#)**
 - A new presentation version is now available [here](#).

Make Your Voice Count: UN-Wide Health Survey!

- **All staff in Secretariat organizations are encouraged to complete this [UN-wide Health Survey 2021](#) on their health & well-being** (generic password “UNHealth2021”). We have received over 4000 UN Secretariat responses so far but would love more responses. Deadline for this survey has been extended to August 22. Spread the word to your colleagues and with your staff!

Join the DHMOSH Public Health Leadership Seminar Series

- All United Nations public health and health professionals are invited to join us on August 18th, 9 AM EST to discuss the “**History of the Military & Infectious Disease**” & “**Leadership Lessons from COVID-19**” with guest expert Dr. Stephen Thomas. Register today at [Become a DHMOSH Public Health Leader - Sign Up Here! Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](#)

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DHMOSH Public Health Policy & Events Brief (9 August 2021)

HIV & Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) Kits

- **NEW DHMOSH Guidelines on HIV Testing in UN Health Facilities** ([ENG](#))
 - *This document aims to support UN healthcare workers with key information on how to provide HIV testing as part of health care services to all UN personnel. Note: As of 2019, the WHO [recommends](#) replacing western blotting and line immunoassays with simpler tests in HIV testing services, including rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs), and enzyme immunoassays (EIAs) Three consecutive reactive test results are now required to make a HIV –positive diagnosis. HIV tests can be procured by all duty stations directly from UNFPA. See [here](#) for more information.*
- **NEW HIV & PEP Kit Program UN Webpage** ([ENG](#))
 - *Comprehensive information on HIV & the UN System’s PEP Kit program is now available [here](#)*

Vaccinations & Malaria Prophylaxis

- **UPDATED UN Medical Directors Vaccination & Malaria Prophylaxis Recommendations for UN Personnel on Official Travel & UN Health Care Workers** ([ENG](#)/ [FR](#))
 - *French version is now available. Details of the guidance will be presented at one of the Monday morning weekly meetings.*

Make Your Voice Count: UN-Wide Health Survey!

- **All staff in Secretariat organizations are encouraged to complete this [UN-wide Health Survey 2021](#) on their health & well-being** (generic password “UNHealth2021”). Deadline for this survey has been extended to August 15. Please spread the word to your colleagues and with your staff!

Join the DHMOSH Public Health Leadership Seminar Series

- All UN medical and public health professionals to join us on August 18th, 9 – 10:15 AM EST to discuss the “**History of the Military & Infectious Disease**” & “**Leadership Lessons from COVID-19**” with guest expert Dr. Stephen Thomas. Register today at [Become a DHMOSH Public Health Leader - Sign Up Here! Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](#)

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DHMOSH Public Health Policy & Events Brief (2 August 2021)

Review Latest Staff Travel Vaccinations & Malaria Prophylaxis Guidelines

- **UPDATED UN Medical Directors Vaccination & Malaria Prophylaxis Recommendations for UN Personnel on Official Travel & UN Health Care Workers [here](#)**
 - *Provides overarching guidance on travel vaccinations and malaria prophylaxis recommended for staff & for health care workers.*
 - *A detailed presentation will be made on Monday 9 August at the weekly clinical meeting.*

Help disseminate the UN-Wide Health Survey to staff!

- **All staff in Secretariat Organizations are encouraged to complete this [UN-wide Health Survey 2021](#) on their health & well-being** (generic password “UNHealth2021”).
- Deadline for this survey has been extended to August 15. Please spread the word!

Register for Upcoming DHMOSH Public Health Leadership Seminar Series

- Inviting all UN medical and public health professionals to join us on **August 18th, 9 AM EST** to discuss the “**History of the Military & Infectious Disease**” with guest expert Dr. Stephen Thomas.
- Invite your colleagues to register their interest at [Become a DHMOSH Public Health Leader - Sign Up Here! Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](#)

All Things COVID-19

- **UPDATED UN Medical Directors’ COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Plan** (Guidance [ENG](#) / [FR](#) and Presentation [ENG](#) / [FR](#)).
 - *French versions are now available*
- **NEW UN Medical Directors’ Guidance to UN Health Care Workers on Documentation of COVID-19 Vaccines** [ENG](#) / [FR](#)
 - *The French version is now available*

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DHMOSH Public Health Policy & Events Brief (26 July 2021)

All Things COVID-19

- **UPDATED UN Medical Directors' COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Plan** (Guidance [ENG](#) and Presentation [ENG](#)).
 - *This updated version provides new recommendations for UN personnel who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (Section 12)*
- **NEW UN Medical Directors' Guidance to UN Health Care Workers on Documentation of COVID-19 Vaccines** [here](#)
 - *Provides new information to all UN medical staff on how to document COVID-19 vaccinations onto WHO Yellow Card*
- **NEW UN Medical Directors' Risk Management Framework for Decision Makers on Return to the Workplace** [here](#)
 - *This document provides a broad framework to senior decision makers to help them develop a local return-to-the workplace policy. Any questions, please contact osh@un.org*
- **NEW UN Transitional Measures for Uniformed Personnel Rotations in a COVID-19 Environment** [here](#)
 - *This document supersedes the previous transitional measures for uniformed personnel rotations and maintains the previous 14-day quarantine policies pre-deployment and post-arrival in-mission for formed units (even for uniformed personnel who are fully vaccinated). Additionally, all uniformed personnel should have a negative COVID-19 PCR test result prior to deploying.*

Public Health Monthly Conversation Series for All UN Staff

- Are you and your staff interested in getting healthier? Check out our previous **DHMOSH Public Health Conversation Series talks** [here](#) on nutrition, exercise, sitting too much and alcohol. Encourage your staff to subscribe to our mailing list [here](#) to receive information on upcoming talks.
- Our next talk will be on Obesity and Weight Loss on September 16, Thursday.

Calling All Public Health Practitioners & Leaders!

- A monthly **DHMOSH Public Health Leadership** webinar series for all UN medical and public health practitioners will start in August. We will share information resources, ideas and tools for you to grow as public health leaders. Register your interest [here](#) today!

Encouraging all UN Secretariat Staff to participate in UN Health Survey

- Over 20 United Nations entities are joining together to conduct a collective Health and Wellbeing survey this year! **Encourage your staff in Secretariat organizations to respond to the survey at [UN-wide Health Survey 2021](#)** (generic password UNHealth2021). Make your voices heard and participate in shaping future approaches to health and wellbeing policies in the UN by responding to this survey today!

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