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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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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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.

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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

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- 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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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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