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| Time: | 08:00 |
| Exercise Note: | France (Excon) to potential players on list to receive EWRS alerts |

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EWRS MESSAGE

This is the French focal point for EWRS in the Ministry of Health. We have received a message from our consulate in Kiev, Ukraine of the death, overnight, of a French citizen attending the Euro championships in the local hospital in Lviv. The fatality was a boy, age 12. There is no confirmation of the cause at present but the cause of death is likely to be disease but we are waiting for test results from Ukraine. We are aware that two others travelling with the boy, a male 19 and a male 16 both have a rash and fever. We are aware that the media already knows of this fatality and given the concerns aired in the media prior to these championships expect this to become a big issue. Is anyone else aware of deaths or illness in their citizens visiting the Ukraine for the Euros?





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I have heard about the death of the French boy in hospital in Lviv as reported on EWRS this morning. I have talked to the WHO-EURO rep in Kiev. He tells me that there is a lot of pressure on the emergency rooms in the hospitals in the Lviv oblast (region) due to the number of measles patients, many of whom are hospitalised. These are mostly locals and it has been going on for weeks. He also told me that two food handlers have been hospitalised two days ago with paralytic symptoms. As happens in the Ukraine, there is speculation that these cases are associated with a deliberate act of poisoning but he has no further information on these cases or the associated "plot" at this stage. He is attempting to find out more and will ley me know as more information becomes available.





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There is a news video now available on news Website.







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Response to France

Germany can confirm no known cases of measles from citizens recently returned from the Euros in Poland and Ukraine. However, some uncorroborated reports of illness among some fans returning from Ukraine. At this time this remains only hearsay but we are asking our regions to enhance surveillance for infectious disease paying particular attention to those returning from the Ukraine.







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Request to ECDC

Given the fact that nationals from many countries all over Europe are currently in the Ukraine for the Euros, may we suggest ECDC develop and/or revise PH advice on behalf of MS for distribution to all visitors to the Ukraine? There is no change for UK on its current advice to citizens travelling to the Ukraine.







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Request to ECDC

There are rumours in the media that there is a new strain of measles in the Ukraine.

Can we ask ECDC to do a rapid risk assessment on the current outbreak of measles in Ukraine?





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Initial phone call from media trying to get more information on the measles outbreak and the death of the French boy.







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Comms team to post information on News Website with respect to the ongoing outbreak





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We have been told to expect a press conference by the Ukranian MoH at 8pm CEST. They intend to talk about the current health situation in the Ukraine and identify measures to ensure that the public health concerns surrounding the Euros are managed appropriately. I will liaise with my colleague from WHO-Euro, who is currently at the Ukrainian MoH for the Euros and ensure that the outcomes of the press conference are reported to you as soon as possible.





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Interview with doctor at clinic

Reports of suspected polio cases in Ukraine after two workers report with symptoms consistent with the disease. Read the full story at News Website

The text below will be included in the WNN story ...

An unnamed Ukrainian doctor working at the Hospital has talked to the press about two patients that were brought into the hospital overnight. They are food handlers, who recently returned from their homes in the Caucases (near Vladikavkas, Russia). The doctor is concerned because they have symptoms consistent with Polio infection and samples have been sent to the Zabalotny National Virology reference laboratory in Kiev for identification. Results are awaited.





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We can confirm that 2 of our field workers in Cairo, Egypt, working in local health clinic, have been diagnosed with suspected H5N1. This is based on symptoms associated with influenza like illness and recent exposure to a person who was later confirmed as carrying the H5N1 virus and has now sadly died. One of the field workers is seriously ill in hospital with severe pneumonia. As I say we cannot at this stage rule out nosocomial infection nor can we confirm that it is the H5N1 virus. However as a precaution they are both being treated with oseltamivir. We expect results from the WHO Global Influenza Surveillance Network laboratory in Cairo in the next 24 hours at which point we will update you.





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France requests an RRA on the repatriation of French NGO staff suffering from possible H5N1 from Egypt to France.





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| Exercise Note: | Liaison officer in Poland to support |

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Rumours Circulating

I have been having a discussion with the WHO-Euro liaison officer in Kiev. He has said the MoH have been trying to come up with strategies to counter rumours currently circulating in the Ukraine. These include rumours of increasing cases of measles, that this is a new strain of measles resistant to available vaccines, and now that there is Polio among fans.

Press speculation in country is saying a new strain of the measles virus is circulating with increased risk of pneumonia, encephalitis and mortality – experts are being rolled out to agree. It is true that EDs are experiencing increased levels of activity with suspected measles cases but that has been true for months and any association with increased number of encephalitis and pneumonia is not confirmed.

However, there are two potential cases of polio in hospital in Lviv. Samples have been sent to Kiev for analysis but this will take time.

Because of all this uncertainty, transport workers in Lviv are threatening to strike because of fears about contracting an infectious disease and are demanding "danger money". UEFA are very concerned as today is the final game in Lviv, between Denmark and Germany, and they don't want any disruption.



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17 June 2012 15:00 Telephone call from SANCO <u>Inject 13</u>

Polish Border disruption

We have received information that, because of the rumours circulating and the lack of information coming out of the Ukraine, Poland have taken the decision to request certificates of measles vaccination before they allow anybody but Polish citizens to cross from Ukraine into Poland. Whilst this does not mean the border is closed, it is preventing anybody crossing it other than Polish citizens who are being allowed to cross, resulting in de facto closure. Do we have any more information from the Ukraine that can help resolve this problem? What should we be advising the Polish government?







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Urgent telephone message

You receive an urgent telephone message and need to leave immediately to go home and resolve a family crisis. You have five minutes in which to hand over to your deputy before you leave. You will not be able to return until told by exercise staff and will not be available by telephone once you leave.







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Prepare a written brief for the night shift/EIO on-call so they are fully aware of the current status of the public health event you should be ready to brief the night shift at 17:45





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17 June 2012 17:45 Phone call from Johnathan Doe <u>Inject 16</u>

From ECDC liaison officer at Euros

Hello, I have just had confirmation, via the WHO-EURO liaison officer in the Ukraine, that the planned Ukrainian health ministry press conference on the current health situation in Ukraine (which we were told would also cover other rumours circulating in the Ukraine at present) will be delayed until 1200 CEST tomorrow. No formal reason for this delay has been given but I understand that they decided it made more sense to have the press conference after the last game in Lviv was concluded as it would then be clearer where Euro football fans would be expected to move to next and in what numbers.







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Inform all players and staff that the exercise will be suspended at 18:00 until 08:00 18 June. There will be an immediate short debrief for players in the lecture theatre / auditorium for the outgoing shift.







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On- call states that:

" there has been no further update from the Ukraine overnight so all information is as was 18:00 yesterday". (Might take opportunity to remind technical team that a sitrep is required by 09:00 for the strategic briefing).





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| Time: | 0815 |
| Exercise Note: | Written brief |

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Daily brief from ECDC liaison at Euros

Ukraine

- Measles vaccinations taking place at the health clinics in fan camp in Lviv.
 Vaccine supplies limited. Expensive.
- Locals complaining about unfair access to vaccine for foreign tourists.
- MoH requesting further supplies of measles vaccine from pharma and neighbouring countries who may have some. Request being made through WHO country office.
- No update on suspected polio cases. No new cases reported.
- Note: Many fans will be entering and leaving Ukraine today and over the next few days as the tournament enters the quarterfinal stage. Portuguese and Germans will be heading for Poland for their next games whilst Italians and Spanish will be arriving in the Ukraine next week as they have both qualified for the quarter-finals. The majority of fans of teams who did not qualify (Denmark, France, Sweden) are expected to start to return home over the next week as the group matches finish.

Poland

• Nothing to report







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| Exercise Note: | Email to EOC and BCC |
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There has just been an electrical power outage across the building. The generator has failed to start due to water contamination in the fuel lines. The uninterrupted power supply (UPS) will continue to provide power to the EOC for approximately 1 hour before the back-up battery power runs out. There is no indication when the power supply will be restored.





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08:30 Telephone call – in Swedish <u>Inject 21</u>

Telephone call to main desk

This is a courtesy call from your electricity provider. We are aware of a power outage in your area. We are locating the fault and expect to have the electricity supply restored in the next twelve hours. We will give you an update when we have more information. Is this the best number to contact you on?







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18 June 20120930Excon to ensure computer screens in EOC switched off!

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UPS runs out of back-up power

All computers are now out of action as the power in the UPS runs out. Please inform all players in EOC that all screens are now out of action.







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This is SANCO. Please can you provide lines to take on the current situation in Ukraine for the commissioner's midday briefing.

Please e-mail these to beaivi.excon2@ecdc.europa.eu by 11:30 at the latest.







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The electricity supply is now restored. All computer screens can be switched back on. Please inform all players.





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Media quotes Commissioner as recommending only essential travel to Ukraine.





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| Time: | 1230 |
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Detail on press conference and private briefing by MoH in Ukraine (provided by colleague at WHO-EURO attending press conference in Kiev) :-

- Everything under control.
- There is no new strain of measles circulating.
- The death of the French citizen (12yo) in Lviv was probably not due to measles but meningococcal meningitis all close contacts have been traced.
- The measles vaccination that is being offered is being done so by private clinics and is not under the direct control of the ministry.
- Additional supplies of vaccine are being requested by the Ukraine MoH in an attempt to manage the current outbreak more efficiently, not as a result of any other factor. This is separate from the vaccination being done privately at the fan camps which the MoH considers purely a personal additional precautionary decision.
- Ukraine has been offered support by colleagues in WHO and ECDC to provide additional support to the ongoing outbreak investigation.
- The European football championships remain unaffected.
- Ukraine government is in discussions with Poland to relax border control measures and provide reassurance.
- The food handlers in Lviv are negative for polio, one suffers from low blood pressure.





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H5N1 Result

The MSF office in Cairo can now confirm that our 2 field workers based here have not, as previously thought, been infected with the H5N1 virus but with a strain identified as H3N2 as confirmed by the WHO Global Influenza Surveillance Network laboratory here in Cairo. Whilst one field worker remains in a serious condition in hospital, we are expecting her to make a full recovery and the other is feeling somewhat better today. Apologies if we caused any alarm but thought it better you should be aware at an early stage.







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This is to inform all players and staff that the exercise will end at 16:00. There will be an immediate short debrief for players in auditorium at 16:00. This will be followed by a debrief for all players at 16:30.