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Actual Date **3 June 2008**
Exercise Date: **17 June 2008**
Insert Time: **13:00 (local time)**
Exercise Note: **This is to inform all potential players of the background scenario**

Inject 1

Note: For the purposes of the exercise, today's date is 17 June 2008

Introduction

The UEFA 2008 football tournament finals are being hosted jointly by Austria and Switzerland. The health authorities are on high alert, determined that a proactive strategy to managing public health during the tournament, will prevent any major outbreak of disease. All surveillance activities have been increased and hospitals advised that any suspected outbreaks of infectious disease be reported immediately to the authorities. In support of the Austrian Health department, ECDC agreed to second an EPIET fellow to act as liaison between the two organisations. Unfortunately, just before the tournament started the EPIET fellow withdrew due to illness. With no time to find an alternative EPIET fellow and properly brief them, ECDC management took the decision to send a senior expert from the Preparedness and Response Unit, to act as the liaison officer.

Background

The first game kicked off at 18:00 CET on Saturday 7 June in Basel between one of the host nations, Switzerland, and the Czech Republic. Over the three weeks of the tournament, 16 teams from across Europe will compete in 31 games in 8 cities, with the final due to be held in Vienna on Sunday 29 June. By then nearly 2 million people will have visited the host cities to attend the games or just to experience the carnival atmosphere that this tournament has become synonymous with.

In group B of the tournament are the other host country, Austria; Croatia, Germany and Poland. Their matches are being played in Vienna and Klagenfurt. These matches are expected to have a huge following, especially with the close proximity of Austria and Germany. To cope with the major influx of visitors and to maximise the number of beds available for fans, the local authorities in Vienna have rented a number of "Botels", floating hotels, and situated them on the Danube. Fan camps, low cost tented accommodation, have also been set up to provide an additional 3000 beds in the



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suburbs.

The tournament itself got off to a slow start. The unseasonably heavy and prolonged rainfall in the days leading up to the start of the tournament and the losses by both host nations in their opening games created something of a dour atmosphere. Newspapers were full of horror stories about poor standards of accommodation, especially in the tented villages in Vienna, which became uninhabitable for three days, with people being temporarily housed in overcrowded emergency shelters. Fears were raised briefly about unsanitary conditions as a small outbreak of *Campylobacter jejunii* was detected, but the prompt action of Viennese public health officials meant that this was rapidly contained and there were no other significant outbreaks of disease.

By Wednesday, 11th June things brightened considerably. The rain stopped and Switzerland narrowly beat Turkey. As the week continued, the weather continued to improve but the football, from the host nations, didn't. Both crashed out of the competition. On 16 June, in group B, Germany played Austria in Vienna and Croatia played Poland in Klagenfurt. Germany and Croatia both won, ensuring qualification to the quarter finals, whilst Poland and Austria prepared to return home.



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Inject 2 – Embedded ECDC Liaison officer informs ECDC of suspected cases of Meningococcal disease in Austria

Telephone Script

Good morning,

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This is the ECDC liaison officer, calling from the Health Department in Austria. I have just been informed by my contact in the Austrian Health department that there are 4 suspected cases of meningococcal disease among the travelling supporters at the European Championship. Austria are about to post information on EWRS and inform WHO under IHR. There are no more details at present and I am just about to enter a meeting where I hope to learn more. I will report back to you later.



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Inject 3 Outbreak of Meningococcal disease in Austria

New EWRS Message

Reporting member

Name: Austria

Institution: Ministry of Health

Event Information

Message Content: Early Warning – Level 2

Syndrome/Disease: Meningitis

Additional specification:

Pathogen: Unknown

Reporting reason: A1

Country of occurrence: Austria

Date of Onset/detection: 17 June 2008

Message:

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Based on clinical diagnosis, the Austrian health authorities have identified 4 possible cases of meningococcal disease within the travelling supporters attending the 2008 European Championships. The cases are all in adult males, three from Germany and one from Poland. They are currently hospitalized, the three German citizens in a hospital in Vienna (one transferred from another hospital this morning) and the Polish citizen in the hospital in Klagenfurt.

The outbreak was brought to the attention of Austrian authorities by the Meningitis reference laboratory in Graz this morning, who overnight received samples from three separate receiving hospitals. Further analysis of samples is currently underway although confirmation is not expected until tomorrow (18/06).

We are currently awaiting further details and clinical information from the receiving hospitals of the cases and will provide that information as appropriate to others as it



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becomes available.

Under IHR, we have informed the WHO.



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Inject 4 – Call to Head of PRU by SANCO C3

Telephone Script

Good afternoon,

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This is SANCO C3. We are aware of the current situation in Austria regarding an outbreak of meningococcal disease. Clearly because of the current European football championships being played in Austria and Switzerland the hierarchy are particularly interested in all events of public health concern.

What more information do you have?

The cabinet has requested a rapid risk assessment of the situation. Can you please forward this to us once complete.



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Exercise Note: **E.mail to ECDC**

Inject 5 – Enquiry from Romania

This is the Romanian Health Department. We have seen on EWRS that there is an outbreak of meningococcal disease in Austria. We currently have a large number of football supporters attending the Euro championships and they are currently in Switzerland. However, dependent on results, our next game may well be in Vienna on Sunday 22 June and we anticipate that large numbers of Romanian citizens will wish to attend this game. What advice can you give us as to the current situation?



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Exercise Note: **E.mail to ECDC**

Inject 6 – Enquiry from Latvia

This is the Latvian Health Department. We have seen on EWRS that there is an outbreak of meningococcal disease in Austria. What additional information do you have on the current outbreak and what public health measures are you recommending for member states?



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Insert Time: **14:25 (local time)**
Exercise Note: **E.mail to ECDC**

Inject 7 – Enquiry from Spain

This is the Spanish Health Department. We have seen on EWRS that there is an outbreak of meningococcal disease in Austria. What additional information do you have on the current outbreak?



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Exercise Note: Phone call to Head of PRU from WHO

Inject 8 – Enquiry from WHO following IHR notification from Austria

Telephone Script

Good morning,

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This is WHO- Europe. We have seen on EWRS and from an IHR notification that there is an outbreak of meningococcal disease in Austria. What additional information do you have on the current outbreak and what support do you require from WHO-Europe at this time?

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Last updated: *Tues June 17, 12.40pm, UK*

Killer Bug Threatens European Football Championships

STAFF REPORTERS IN GRAZ-
FOOTBALL fans attending the Euro 2008 competition in Austria are reported to be in hospital after coming down with the killer virus meningitis.

Doctors in two hospitals in Austria are reported to be treating fans from the tournament for the deadly disease which causes a stiff neck and a red rash – and which can kill in hours.

Official statements are still awaited from the European health authorities but eyewitnesses at a hospital in Graz have reported several “very sick” fans admitted whom doctors are treating as cases of meningitis.

One hospital worker, who did not wish to be named, told us: “It’s really very worrying. We have all these people in Austria from all over Europe and they will already have had their immunity to disease reduced after all they’ve been through with the terrible weather and the washed-out camps.

“If meningitis starts running riot through the fans, the consequences could be dreadful.”

Have your say

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

New crisis for Euro competition

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VIENNA (I.N.) – An outbreak of meningitis could be latest in a string of difficulties to hit the crisis-prone Euro 2008 football competition.

The competition, taking place in Switzerland and Austria this month, is only halfway through and has already had to contend with terrible weather conditions, temporary camps having to be abandoned after turning into mud baths and reports of conditions in emergency shelters reminiscent of scenes in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.



Now a new threat could be stalking the football fans spending a miserable holiday in Europe – the potentially deadly virus meningitis. Reuters staff in Vienna are reporting that several fans are in hospital with a mystery illness, which is being investigated as possible meningitis.

The illness – which usually affects school children and students living together in close conditions – is known for causing a stiff neck, dislike of bright lights and a distinctive red rash.

No confirmation has been yet received from the Austrian authorities and more information on the risk for fans is awaited from European health chiefs.

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Exercise Note: **Media reports to EI officer**

Inject 9 – Media reports from Reuters and BBC

Newspaper feeds from two different sources reporting cases of meningococcal disease at the European championships in Austria



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Inject 10 – Embedded ECDC Liaison officer provides update to ECDC on suspected cases of Meningococcal disease in Austria

Telephone Script or E.mail

Good afternoon,

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This is the ECDC liaison officer, calling from the Health Department in Austria. I have now received further information on the four cases of suspected meningococcal disease in Austria.

Case 1: male 36 years old. Polish citizen from Lodz believed to be attending European football championship. Admitted to hospital in Klagenfurt 2 days ago (15 June) with suspected meningococcal septicaemia and presenting with a petechial rash and difficulty breathing. In intensive care. Being treated with intensive regime of antibiotics.

Case 2: male 19 years old. German citizen from Munich also attending European football championship. Admitted to hospital in Vienna 2 days ago (15 June) with suspected bacterial meningitis. Symptoms: Severe headache, vomiting, stiff neck. Since hospitalization has developed petechial rash. Being treated with intensive regime of antibiotics.

Case 3 male 32 years old. German citizen from Munich believed to be attending European football championship. Admitted to hospital in Vienna 2 days ago (15 June) with suspected meningococcal septicaemia and presenting with a petechial rash, difficulty breathing and delirious. In intensive care. Being treated with intensive regime of antibiotics.

Arrived at hospital with case 2.

Case 4 male 27 years old. German citizen from Dusseldorf attending European football championship. Admitted to a 2nd hospital in Vienna yesterday (16 June) with suspected bacterial meningitis. Presenting with severe headache and stiff neck. Being treated with intensive regime of antibiotics.

The diagnosis is based on the clinical picture and initial results (biochemical and blood test results only but not microbiology. Microbiological and PCR confirmation will be received tomorrow morning at the earliest.

The Austrian authorities are expressing some concern that 3 of the 4 cases have developed septicaemia and the age distribution is unusual for this disease in two of the cases.

Public health officials have been dispatched to the hospitals in question to interview the patients to aid contact tracing. Additional case finding has also been instituted.



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Inject 11 – Communications officer in commission requesting a situation update from ECDC comms

Telephone Script or E.mail

Good afternoon,

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This is the communications office at the commission in Brussels. We are receiving calls from the media about the outbreak of meningitis in Austria. Please can you provide a full briefing on the current situation and forward this to the media cell in exercise control when complete.



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Insert Time: 07:45(local time)
Exercise Note: Phone call from liaison officer to ECDC on call officer

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Telephone Script

Good morning,
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This is the ECDC liaison officer, calling from the Health Department in Austria. I have just been informed by my contact in the Austrian Health department that there have been significant developments overnight. A German footballer, Robert Hoof, developed suspected meningococcal septicaemia, based on clinical symptoms, overnight and subsequently died in the early hours of this morning. The media are aware that a footballer has died of a mystery illness and that news is about to break. The Austrians have no evidence to suggest that this case of meningococcal disease is related to the others identified yesterday but it is a strong coincidence. There have been more cases of suspected meningococcal disease overnight but I do not have any detail yet. I will provide further information later as it becomes available and I expect Austria to provide an update on EWRS shortly.

The Newspaper (UK) Wednesday 18 June 2008 Early edition)

Tragedy hits Euro football

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- **Footballer's mystery death hours after withdrawal from team**
 - **Meningitis fears among fans**
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John Doe in Vienna

THE crisis facing European football deepened today with the announcement of the sudden death of one of the stars of the Euro 2008 football tournament.

The tournament has been hit by difficulty from the very beginning two weeks ago, with reports of terrible conditions in mass camps set up for visiting fans, followed by torrential rains, thunderstorms and unseasonably cold temperatures.

There were also unconfirmed reports in some media yesterday of fans attending the tournament falling ill with meningitis.

But during the night, Euro 2008 organisers were confronted with real tragedy with the sudden death of 28-year-old Robert Hoof, one of the stars of the German national team.

The footballer had been due to play in yesterday's Group B game but was unexpectedly withdrawn from the German line-up, just hours before kick-off. Speculation before the game ranged from a stomach upset to the results of over-exuberant celebrations, following Hoof's winning goal which put Germany through to the latest round of the tournament the previous day. There were even suggestions of foul play in some European media. However, Hoof is understood to have been rushed to hospital in Austria, one of the host nations, late last night.

A hospital spokesman in Vienna said early this morning: "We are very sorry to have to announce the death of Robert Hoof at the hospital early this morning. Mr Hoof was admitted to hospital late last night but his condition deteriorated rapidly after his admission. Despite the very best efforts of the medical team, we were unable to resuscitate him and his death was confirmed at 4.42am. Tests are ongoing into the cause of death and we are unable to confirm any further details at this time. Our thoughts are with Mr Hoof's family and friends and his team-mates at this very sad time."

Despite a lack of information from official sources, speculation is rife among fans and reporters at the tournament around Mr Hoof's sudden withdrawal from the German team, followed rapidly by his unexplained death.

A number of fans attending the tournament are known to have been taken ill in recent days and there were reports in some media yesterday that several may have been suffering from the deadly bug meningitis.

The German Sports Ministry issued a brief statement through a spokesman this morning, saying the entire nation was devastated at the loss of one of football's brightest stars, just as his career was at its height.

No comments were available from European health sources.



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Insert Time: 08:00 (local time)
Exercise Note: Media reports to EI officer

Inject 13 – Media reports of unexplained death of footballer

Newspaper reports of the unexplained death of footballer at the European championships
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Injct 14 Outbreak of meningococcal disease – footballer dies

EWRS Comment from Austria

Message Content: Early Warning – Level 2

Message:

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A German footballer was admitted to hospital in Vienna late last night. The footballer was admitted at 11pm last night (17 June). Unfortunately the patient's condition deteriorated rapidly and within 6 hours he died. The suspected cause, based on clinical diagnosis, was meningococcal septicaemia. This was confirmed by clinical diagnosis and samples taken and sent to the meningitis reference laboratory in Graz which had been put on high alert since yesterday's discovery of four potential cases. We now await confirmation of the cause by the reference laboratory.

The morning newspapers and other media have learned of the death and are reporting it as an unexplained death.

Following our request for hospitals to increase their case finding activities another 8 cases of suspected meningococcal disease have been discovered overnight. We are awaiting further details of these cases.



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Exercise Note: Phone call to ECDC

Inject 15 – Media asks why nothing on website on outbreak

TV company phones and asks why cant find anything about meningitis outbreak in Austria on the web?
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Insert Time: 08:45 (local time)
Exercise Note: Telephone message from SANCO-C3 to crisis manager
Inject 16 – SANCO-C3 requests update

Telephone Script

Good morning,
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This is SANCO C3. We are aware of the developing crisis in Austria.

What more information do you have?

The cabinet has requested a revised risk assessment of the situation. Can you please forward this to us once complete.



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Insert Time: **09:00 (local time)**
Exercise Note: **Additional information from ECDC liaison officer in Austria**

Inject 17

Telephone Script or E.mail

Good afternoon,
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This is the ECDC liaison officer, calling from the Health Department in Austria. I have now received a further update on the four cases of suspected meningococcal disease in Austria.

All four cases below have now been confirmed with the same strain of *Neisseria meningitidis* B by the reference laboratory in Graz.

Case 1: male 36 years old. Polish citizen from Lodz.

Due to the severity of the disease, an interview with the patient has been impossible so no further details available

Case 2: male 19 years old. German citizen from Munich. Travelling with case 3 and originally attended hospital only to bring his friend into the ED.

Has been in Austria since 8 June and has been to all of Germany's games. Travelling with friends on an official tour organized by German football team. Arrived in Klagenfurt on 8 June and spent 5 nights at the fan camp in the centre of Klagenfurt, occupying a bunk in a room with 20 others of mixed nationality but principally German, Croatian and Polish (the camp is providing 1300 beds on a no reservation basis). Travelled to Vienna on Saturday, 14 June. Has been staying in a Camping in West tented village in the Hutteldorf suburb of Vienna with his friend and 5 others. (The camp site is providing 3000 beds and is open to all nationalities on a no reservation necessary basis). In all 30 people are travelling on the coach and the Austrian authorities are carrying out contact tracing of these.

Case 3 male 32 years old. German citizen from Munich.

Due to the severity of the disease, an interview with the patient has been impossible so no further details available. However, arrived at hospital with case 2.

Case 4 male 27 years old. German citizen from Dusseldorf. Travelling independently and arrived in Vienna on Thursday 12 June. Has been staying in tented villagen a Camping in Wien in the Hutteldorf suburb of Vienna sharing facilities with a group of Polish fans. Polish fans left on Sunday 15 June to travel to Klagenfurt for their next game. Spent the following days socializing with a group of German fans. Taken ill on morning of 16 June but originally thought it was a hangover.



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Insert Time: 09:30 (local time)
Exercise Note: Media reports

Inject 18 – Media rumours footballer died of meningitis

Speculation from the media footballer died of meningitis
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Insert Time: 10:00 (local time)
Exercise Note: Further background info by EWRS

Inject 19 – Reference laboratory provides further background and scientific details about the strain of *Neisseria meningitidis* Group B

EWRS Comment from Austria

Message Content: Early Warning – Level 2

Message

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Further cases of meningococcal disease

Following the request to hospitals to be vigilant for further possible meningococcal disease cases we have just been informed of a further 8 cases of possible meningitis and septicaemia, 6 cases in Vienna and 2 in Klagenfurt.

The breakdown is as follows;

Vienna –

5 Germans male age range 16 to 32.

- Two were travelling as part of the organized tour with cases 2 and 3 reported previously and therefore have the same travel history;
- two were independent travellers who have been travelling together and arrived in Vienna on Saturday 14 June from Cologne. They have been staying in the fan camp tented village in Hutteldorf since their arrival.
- 1 whos travel history is unknown (currently in Intensive care with bacterial septicaemia)

1 Austrian female age 18. Lives in the Viennese suburb of Hutteldorf. No recent travel history and has not attended any of the football games.

Klagenfurt –

2 Polish males ages 27 and 34

- Independent travellers who have been travelling together and arrived in Klagenfurt from Vienna on Friday 13 June. Staying in a hotel on the outskirts of Klagenfurt. When in Vienna they do not remember the name of the place they stayed in but said it was a large campsite on the outskirts. They were there for three nights (10-12 June), having previously been in the same



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hotel in Klagenfurt prior to that, arriving there from Warsaw on 7 June.

Molecular analysis of the *Neisseria meningitidis* strain.

We also have some scientific information we thought you may be interested in:

In parallel to the typing activities being conducted by the bacteriology laboratory at the Meningitis reference laboratory, a team of molecular microbiologists have been examining the strain by PCR. They noticed one of the PCR products was larger than expected for any known strain of meningitis and had its DNA sequence established. This confirmed the presence of an insertion sequence between the *sia* and *ctrA* genes. The implications of this are not yet clear but a similar phenomenon associated with a serogroup type C strain of *N meningitidis* emerging in Spain last year has been seen before. This strain was hypervirulent due to its ability to overproduce capsule.

We are sharing this information with ECDC in the hope that it may shed light upon the strain of *Neisseria meningitidis* Group B we are dealing with and whether it can help inform additional control measures to be taken



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Insert Time: 11:00 (local time)
Exercise Note: Further scientific info

Inject 20 – Austria requests OAT support

Request for Assistance

The Health department of the Austrian Government formally request the assistance of the ECDC in supporting our Public health teams with the control of the current outbreak of Group B meningococcal disease.

Objectives

- In particular we need expertise to further support our outbreak investigation teams as we do not have enough trained staff to maintain the current level of effort for very long.

Duration

We expect the mission to last for up to 4 weeks but this will be dependent on progress against the outbreak and could be shorter. The mission should begin as soon as possible to maximise the value of ECDCs expertise and input.

Contact point

The contact point in the health ministry will be through your liaison officer who will approach the appropriate contacts within the ministry to assist with all logistical arrangements for this mission.



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Insert Time: ~11:30 onwards
Exercise Note: This is a hand-in from ECDC Excon to OAT lead

Inject 20a –Physical deployment of OAT

OAT Team

For the purposes of this exercise, when ready, a minimum of two people from the OAT should deploy with all appropriate equipment to the following co-ordinates:

N: 59°20.012'

E: 18°01.239'

The OAT should set up the equipment at these coordinates and contact the ECDC EOC using the communication means provided (mobile, email, satellite, video). Once two-way contact has been established, the OAT should repack equipment, return to the EOC and debrief



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Insert Time: 12:00 (local time)
Exercise Note: EWRS message from Romania

Injct 21 – Romania suspects case of meningococcal meningitis

EWRS Comment

Message Content: Early Warning – Level 2

Message:

Based on clinical diagnosis, the Romanian health authorities have identified a possible case of bacterial meningitis within the travelling supporters who have just returned from the 2008 European Championships. The case is adult male, age 27, currently hospitalized in the emergency hospital of Bucharest. He has typical clinical symptoms of bacterial meningitis, with headache, dislike of bright lights and stiff neck. We are analyzing the samples to confirm this diagnosis and have informed hospitals and other health facilities to increase their vigilance.

He travelled independently from Bucharest and arrived in Zurich on 8 June. He stayed for a week in Zurich with friends, watching the first two Romanian games and then travelled by train back to Bucharest via Vienna where he spent 3 nights in Vienna, staying in the fan camp Wien West tented village in Hutteldorf, Vienna. He arrived back in Bucharest overnight and presented at hospital this morning. Due to increased surveillance activities we were immediately informed.

Under IHR, we have informed the WHO.

We would appreciate any help, advice and support from others should this prove more than an isolated case.



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Inject 22 – Portugal requests urgent advice

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Following the qualification of Portugal from Group A of the European championships, as runner up, we are expecting a large influx of Portuguese fans into Vienna prior to the quarter final game on Friday (20 June). We are aware of the ongoing outbreak of meningococcal disease in Vienna and wish to minimise the risk to our fans. What advice can you give us, as a matter of urgency, to pass on to our fans who are currently making their way to Vienna and to those that have already arrived?



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Inject 23 –France requests urgent advice

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Following the exit of France from the Euro championships last night (17 June) we are anticipating that our fans will start returning back to France over the next few days.

What advice can you give us, as a matter of urgency, in terms of the risk assessment and case definition?



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Exercise Note: Message from “others” email address to CDC Atlanta
Inject 24 –CDC Atlanta offers assistance

To ECDC

This is the Infectious Disease Branch of CDC-Atlanta. We heard you have a problem with an unusual meningococcal disease outbreak in Vienna and were enquiring if you need any assistance from us. As you are aware we have a considerable expertise in the Center and are always happy to offer support to colleagues overseas. We are also keen to obtain samples to aid our studies on what is now a rare disease. Please advise if you need assistance

Best regards,

John Doe III MD MPH

Division of bacterial and mycotic disease

National Center for Infectious Diseases

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,

1600 Clifton Rd,

Atlanta, GA 30333,

U.S.A.



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Exercise Note: Media articles

Inject 25 –Media articles- Cancel the Euros!

Media suggest Euros should be cancelled as killer disease rampant. Related to sub-standard accommodation.



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Exercise Note: Email from others

Inject 26– Cfl offers to support ECDC mission to Austria

To the crisis manager – ECDC

Cfl have a number of world renowned experts in meningococcal disease, in detection, public health management and surveillance. We would be happy to assist ECDC in its efforts working with Austria, to resolve the current outbreak of meningococcal disease. As the UK is not involved in the European Championships, we believe the risk to our own population is minimal, and therefore have significant spare capacity to be able to make this offer. Please confirm by return your thoughts as mobilisation will take some days. Regards,

James Doe

Director

Center for Infections

HPA UK



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Exercise Note: Media phone calls

Inject 27– Can we have an interview/ press conference

Press asking ECDC to set up a press conference for 4pm
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Exercise Date: **18 June 2008**
Insert Time: **16:00 (local time)**
Exercise Note: **Wind down of exercise**

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You have just received a telephone call from security at the front desk. A car is on fire in the car park. The fire department has been called. Due to the close proximity of the car to the building the fire department said it may be necessary to evacuate the building. Inform all those that need to know to take all steps necessary to PREPARE to evacuate the building.

For information the car on fire is a red Peugeot 206 registration number XMA387.