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GERMANY

- **MEASLES.** As of **01 FEB**, the Robert Koch Institute reported **0 (0 new cases during Week 1)** cases of measles during the 2016 Week 1 time period. In Week 1 of the year 2015, **41** cases were reported.

https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/Infekt/EpidBull/Archiv/2016/Ausgaben/04_16.pdf?__blob=publicationFile

- **MRSA.** **27 JAN**, the Horst Schmidt Kliniken in Wiesbaden provided an update to their Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) occurrence reported on 17 JAN. All 9 infected infants in the neonatal ward are stable and remain symptom free. The source of the infection has not been identified. The clinic is waiting on a full report from the external audit they commissioned. At that time they will inform the public of the results. The TRICARE International SOS office is recommending that all TRICARE beneficiaries who are referred to, or seeking care at the Horst Schmidt Kliniken use other TRICARE network options for care on the local economy until further notice.

Military Press Release:

<http://www.army.mil/article/161062/>

www.facebook.com/RHCEurope/

<https://www.facebook.com/wiesbadenAHC/>

German Clinic Press Release:

<http://www.helios-kliniken.de/klinik/wiesbaden-hsk/aktuelles/news-detail/archiv/2016/januar/artikel/ausfuehrliche-informationen-zu-den-ursachen-der-mrsa-besiedelung-auf-der-fruehgeborenenstation-naech.html>

UNITED KINGDOM

- **GUILLIAN-BARRE SYNDROME.** 19 JAN, the UK reported through the Early Warning Response System (EWRS), seven cases of non-demyelinating variants of Guillain-Barre syndrome in residents of South East Wales with onset of paralysis since 29 October 2015. By the end of January, ten adults (eight probable and two possible) and four children (all probable cases) were reported to the Public Health Wales.

<http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/Publications/communicable-disease-threats-report-30-jan-2016.pdf>

ENGLAND

- **SCARLET FEVER, MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS, TUBERCULOSIS.** 27 JAN, it is reported that scarlet fever remains a concern for doctors after a sharp rise across the country during 2015. There were 13 cases of scarlet fever reported in North East Lincolnshire and Lincolnshire since the start of this year. Additional cases for these locations as well as East Lindsey and West Lindsey as they were submitted to the local Public Health office were reported for scarlet fever, acute meningococcal meningitis, mumps, rubella, giardiasis, tuberculosis, campylobacteriosis and food poisoning since the beginning of 2016.

<http://www.grimsbytelegraph.co.uk/13-cases-scarlet-fever-plus-meningococcal/story-28616305-detail/story.html>

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EUROPE

- **ZIKA.** The ECDC stated that no autochthonous cases of Zika virus infection have been reported in EU/EEA Member States. Confirmed imported cases in Europe have been reported in **Germany (5), Italy (4), United Kingdom (3), Spain (2), Portugal (5), Netherlands (10), Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden, and Austria.** Onward transmission from imported cases within the EU is possible, however, the winter season climatic conditions are not suitable for *Aedes albopictus* mosquito activity and the European populations of *Aedes albopictus* mosquito have not been assessed for the capability of transmitting the Zika virus.

<http://promedmail.org/direct.php?id=20160124.3962585>

<http://www.healthmap.org/ai.php?3962562&trto=en&trfr=zh&pid104>

<http://promedmail.org/direct.php?id=20160130.3980555>

<http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/Publications/communicable-disease-threats-report-30-jan-2016.pdf>

ECDC RAPID RISK ASSESSMENT:

<http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/Publications/rapid-risk-assessment-zika-virus-first-update-jan-2016.pdf>

- **ZIKA WHO COMMITTEE MEETING.** On 01 FEB, the World Health Organization (WHO) will convene an International Health Regulations Emergency Committee on Zika virus and observed increase in neurological disorders and neonatal malformations. The Committee will ascertain whether the outbreak constitutes a Public Health Emergency of international concern. Decisions concerning the Committee's membership and advice will be made public on WHO's webpage.

<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/statements/2016/emergency-committee-zika/en/>

REFUGEE RELATED HEALTH EVENTS

- UNHCR has recorded more than **944,000** refugees arriving in Europe in 2015. Among the refugees, reported cases of **louse-borne relapsing fever, cutaneous diphtheria, malaria, scabies, measles, shigellosis, and tuberculosis** have been made, these pose a potential threat, particularly, to the refugees and hosting facilities' workers. While the risk of mosquito-borne diseases has been reduced as a result of winter, the risk of respiratory and gastrointestinal infections whose spread is facilitated by overcrowding and lower temperatures has increased. On **25 JAN**, the media quoted the Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) on an outbreak of **measles** in a refugee camp in Calais, **France** and that the MSF are already in discussions with the French government regarding the launch of a vaccination campaign. Suspected cases have also been reported in a camp in Dunkerque. In the **Netherlands** Arnhem asylum centre, the media reported that 30 to 40 asylum seekers were ill, most likely with the flu.

<http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/Publications/communicable-disease-threats-report-30-jan-2016.pdf>

<http://www.nltimes.nl/2016/01/25/dozens-fall-ill-at-arnhem-asylum-center/>

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**24 JAN — 30 JAN 2016****GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES**

- **AFHSB H7N9 Surveillance Summary 20 JAN 2016** (Approved for public release)
<https://www.afhsc.mil/Store/Document/DIBSurveillanceSummary/AFHSB%20H7N9%20Surveillance%20Summary%2020%20JAN%202016%20Unclassified.pdf>
- **AFHSB Zika in the Americas Summary 27 JAN 2016** (Approved for public release)
<https://www.afhsc.mil/Store/Document/DIBSurveillanceSummary/AFHSB%20Zika%20in%20the%20Americas%20Surveillance%20Summary%2027%20JAN%202016%20Unclassified.pdf>
- **AFHSB West Africa Ebola Surveillance Summary 28 JAN 2016** (Approved for public release)
<https://www.afhsc.mil/Store/Document/DIBSurveillanceSummary/AFHSB%20West%20Africa%20Ebola%20Surveillance%20Summary%2028%20JAN%202016%20Unclassified.pdf>
- **AFHSB MERS-CoV Surveillance Summary 28 JAN 2016** (Approved for public release)
<https://www.afhsc.mil/Store/Document/DIBSurveillanceSummary/AFHSB%20MERS-CoV%20Surveillance%20Summary%2028%20JAN%202016%20Unclassified.pdf>
- **AFHSB Chikungunya in the Americas Surveillance Summary 21 DEC 2015** (Approved for public release)
<https://www.afhsc.mil/Store/Document/DIBSurveillanceSummary/AFHSB%20Caribbean%20Chikungunya%20Surveillance%20Summary%2021%20DEC%202015%20Unclassified.pdf>

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