Events that may constitute a public health emergency of international concern: the decision instrument *

Events detected by national surveillance system

A case of any of the following diseases is unusual or unexpected and may have serious public health impact, and thus shall be notified:
- Smallpox
- Poliomyelitis due to wild-type poliovirus
- Human influenza caused by a new subtype
- Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS).

Any event that is a potential international public health concern, including those of unknown causes or sources and those involving other events or diseases than those listed in the box on the left and the box on the right shall lead to utilization of the algorithm.

Is the public health impact of the event serious?

Is the event unusual or unexpected?

Is there a significant risk of international spread?

Is there a significant risk of international travel or trade restrictions?

EVENT SHALL BE NOTIFIED TO WHO UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS


As per WHO case definitions.

The disease list shall be used only for the purposes of these Regulations.