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Brazil: Yellow Fever in Rural Areas of Minas Gerais and Espírito Santo States

According to Brazil's Ministry of Health, more than 150 probable and suspected human cases of yellow fever have occurred in eastern municipalities of Minas Gerais State since December 18, 2016. Dead monkeys, a usual sign of the presence of yellow fever, as well as 2 suspected human cases of yellow fever have been reported in rural western municipalities of Espírito Santo State; epidemiological investigation is ongoing. For the years 2010-15, Brazil reported fewer than 10 annual human cases. The last major outbreak in Minas Gerais was in 2003, and no human cases had been reported in Espírito Santo since the 1950s. Shoreland continues to recommend vaccination for travelers 9 months of age and older going to Minas Gerais and other endemic areas noted in the Brazil yellow fever recommendation, and now recommends vaccination for travelers 9 months of age and older going to rural areas of Espírito Santo State.

Cote d'Ivoire: Violent Protests in Cities

Armed conflict and civil unrest involving demobilized military forces who remain armed have been reported in Abidjan, Bouaké, and other cities since January 6, 2017. Gunfire has been reported. The security situation is fluid. Disruption to transportation should be expected. Travelers are advised to avoid areas around military bases and demonstrations, follow the advice of local authorities, and monitor the situation through local media and embassy communications.

Gambia: Significant Threat of Civil Unrest in Banjul

Violent protests and civil unrest may occur throughout the country, especially in Banjul, in anticipation of the scheduled political handover on January 19, 2017. A state of emergency is in effect through late April 2017. Extreme vigilance is recommended; bystanders are at risk of harm from violence or from the response by authorities. Transportation delays should be expected, including disruptions to traffic on Banjul-Serrekinda Highway and flights via Banjul International Airport. Travelers who remain in Gambia despite consular warnings to leave should remain indoors, avoid demonstrations, follow the advice of local authorities, and monitor the situation through local media and embassy communications.

United Arab Emirates: Legionella Infection in Travelers to Dubai

According to European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, more than 30 laboratory confirmed cases of legionellosis, a significant increase over the average incidence, have been reported in travelers from the European Union to Dubai since October 2016. The outbreak appears to have peaked. Affected travelers stayed in accommodations in at least 25 different locations in Deira, Bur Dubai, Downtown, Meydan, and Marina Emirates Living districts. No common source has been detected at this time. Travelers should avoid spas, whirlpool baths, and ornamental fountains in these districts. Legionellosis should be considered in the differential diagnosis of any traveler presenting with fever and pneumonia within 2 weeks of returning from affected areas.

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