

Table Top Exercise



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Objective



- To facilitate discussion of treatment of a suspected case of a communicable disease
- To identify relevant ICAO documents, IHR provisions, guidelines governing public health events

Instructions



- **Appoint a scribe to take notes and a spokesperson for the group**
- **Be detailed and specific in actions taken**
- **Identify reference documents such as Annex 9 where requirements or guidelines for actions taken would be found.**
- **Think about communication and interactions with other groups involved in the response**

Scenario



- **Fabric Air flight 509 departs Jeddah for Bridgetown. It is full of pilgrims returning from the Haj in Saudi Arabia. Several hours into the flight, a flight attendant notices a passenger who is sweating, having difficulty breathing and has a severe cough.**

Discussion



- **Group A:** You are the flight attendant who is serving the sick passenger. What do you do?
- **Group B:** You are the Captain of the flight and become aware of the sick passenger, what do you do? What do you expect others (i.e. ATC) to do?

A little while later



- **Group A:** you are the airport duty manager advised of an inbound aircraft with a suspected communicable disease on board. What do you do? What have been your previous preparations?
- **Group B:** you are a public health official advised of an inbound aircraft with a suspected communicable disease on board. What do you do?

Quite some time later



- **Group A: The sick passenger has been removed from the aircraft, how do you address possible contamination on the plane?**
- **Group B: The passenger has been confirmed as infected with MERS. You are the public health authority, how do you address the exposure of other passengers travelling on the flight?**