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
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?