

Update 23: Mongolia, China - Twin Epidemic Threat Amid Growing Cases of Bubonic Plague and COVID-19

- China raised alarm after reporting one case of bubonic plague, a deadly disease caused by bacterial infection, in Bayannur city in Inner Mongolia
- Authorities issued Level 3 warning, second-lowest in a four-tier system, which will last until the end of 2020
- Level 3 warning forbids hunting and eating of animals that could carry plague and calls on public to report suspected cases
- Cause of infection remains unclear
- Authorities suggest disease is less likely to cause an epidemic as it can be treated with commonly available antibiotics
- However, World Health Organisation (WHO) stated the plague can kill an adult in less than 24 hours if not treated on time
- In May 2019, two people in Mongolia died from the plague, after eating raw meat of a marmot, a type of rodent
- This comes amid the second wave of COVID-19 infection in Beijing
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (<http://www.chinacdc.cn/en/>) for latest information on COVID-19 and bubonic plague in China

Source(s)

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-china-53303457>

<https://news.cgtn.com/news/2020-07-05/One-suspected-plague-case-reported-in-China-s-Inner-Mongolia-RSPeVQrV8A/index.html>

Targets Affected:

China

Guidance

Actions to consider:

- Determine if all management teams in impacted areas are current on all government-designated guidelines and restrictions and are aware of possible misdiagnosis due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and bubonic plague concurrently
- It is advisable that third parties or captive units educate employees and conduct workshops to help increase awareness about the bacterial infection and its preventive measures
- SW Subscribers should determine if third parties or captive units have in-house health professionals to detect sickness and quarantine suspected disease carriers spotted within the business premises, if any
- Consider implementing suggested actions related to 'Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

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Impact level Definitions

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Immediate	Certain - Supply Wisdom recommends considering prompt action. Examples of Immediate level alert events may include bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
High	Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends being in a state of readiness to take quick action. Examples of High level alert events may include withdrawal of rating by ratings agencies, hostile takeover, multiple cyber-attacks, new business policies causing significant hardship etc.
Medium	Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being ready to take proactive actions if and when situation deteriorates further. Examples of Medium level alert events may include unplanned C-level exits, suppliers caught in bribery cases, economy slipping into recession.
Low	Possible in the long-term (after 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends taking proactive action if situation does not resolve. Examples of Low level alert events may include lawsuits filed against suppliers, client losses, air pollution alerts issued by country's local authorities, unexpected holidays announced for the location etc.
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