

# Lanzhou, China - Factory Leakage Causes Bacterial Outbreak and Adds Further Challenges Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

- On September 17, Chinese authorities reported bacterial disease Brucellosis in thousands of people in Lanzhou
- Reason is attributed to a leakage at a biopharmaceutical factory in 2019
- Health Commission confirmed 3,245 people had contracted the disease
- Additionally, 1,401 people tested positive at preliminary stage
- No fatalities have been recorded as yet
- In total, authorities tested 21,847 people out of the city's 2.9 million population
- Disease, also known as Malta or Mediterranean fever, cause symptoms including headaches, muscle pain, fever, and fatigue
- Some symptoms such as arthritis or swelling in certain organs can become chronic or never go away
- Brucella outbreaks were on decline since 1980s due to improved measures, however, minor outbreaks have been reported over the past few decades
- The bacterial outbreak has increased pressure on country's healthcare system which is currently focusing on controlling COVID-19 pandemic
- Country reported 32 COVID-19 infections in 24 hours on September 16, marking the highest daily increase in more than a month and up sharply from nine cases reported a day earlier
- To date, China recorded 85,255 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 4,634 related deaths
- Of total confirmed cases, 80,456 patients (~94%) have recovered
- 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 Brucellosis in China

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## Targets Affected:

China

## Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk

## Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

## 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 Brucellosis concurrently
- It is advisable that third parties or captive units educate employees and conduct workshops to help increase awareness about the vector-borne and 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
- SW Subscribers should ensure appropriate Business Continuity Plans and Programs are activated
- Consider implementing suggested actions related to 'Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

# Impact level Definitions

Impact Level	Definitions
Immediate	<b>Certain</b> - 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	<b>Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months)</b> - 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	<b>Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months)</b> - 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	<b>Possible in the long-term (after 6 months)</b> - 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.
Informational	The event is pertinent information but does not have a risk element associated with it. Examples of Info level alert events may include launch of new solutions, partnerships signed, industry outlook, positive changes in government policies, announcements regarding launch of software parks/ free trade zones/special economic zones etc.