

At the end of October 2019, a total of 2482 laboratory-confirmed cases of Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS), including 854 Read the situation update for October 2019 associated deaths (case-fatality rate: 34.4%) were reported globally; the majority of these cases were reported from Saudi Arabia (2090 cases, including 776 related deaths with a case-fatality rate of 37.1%).

During the month of October, a total of 14 laboratory-confirmed cases of MERS were reported globally. 13 of the cases were reported from Saudi Arabia with 3 associated - deaths and 1 case was reported from United Arab Emirates. One healthcare worker was also infected this month while providing care for a case. No other cluster of cases was reported this month. Two of the cases had their symptom onset in September. The 3 deaths reported were within the 70-79 age group.

The demographic and epidemiological characteristics of reported cases, when compared during the same corresponding period of 2014 to 2019, do not show any significant - difference or change. The number of cases reported in this period was less than all other corresponding periods.

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