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Compared to 2014, there has not been any substantial increase in number of reported cases and the epidemiological characteristics of the cases reported in 2015 do not show any significant difference when compared with cases reported during the same period in 2013 and in 2014.

Males and median age group of 50–59 years continue to be the highest risk factors for acquiring infection.

Compared to 2014, although the cases have not registered a significant increase, small sized hospital outbreaks continue to be reported from Saudi Arabia and remain a major concern.

Since epidemiological week no 16, a nosocomial outbreak involving 2 hospitals in Hofuf city of Al-Ahsa of the eastern province has been reported. A total of 31 laboratory-confirmed cases of MERS-CoV, including 14 deaths (case–fatality rate: 45.1%) were reported from this outbreak. The date of symptom onset of last case reported from this outbreak was 2 June 2015.

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