

National Influenza Centres are national institutions designated by national ministries of health and recognized by the World Health Organization (WHO) for the purpose of participating in the work of the WHO Global Influenza Programme. Their main roles and responsibilities are to:

Serve as the key point of contact between WHO and the country of origin in all questions relating to virological and epidemiological surveillance of influenza and provision of influenza virus isolates to the WHO Global Influenza Surveillance Network.

Maintain active communication with the members of the WHO Global Influenza Surveillance Network through e.g. the timely submission of viruses, immediate information on isolation of unusual viruses or disease outbreaks, weekly reports on influenza activity during the influenza season and the provision of any other relevant information on influenza surveillance and control.

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