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**MERS-CoV Update: expanded cluster in South Korea**

Dear colleagues,

In follow-up to our bulletin yesterday, please note that four additional confirmed cases of MERS-CoV have since been reported by the Republic of Korea on May 29, 2015 (i.e. 11 laboratory-confirmed cases in total), including an additional healthcare worker and three other patients on the same ward as the index.

Furthermore, the suspect case notified to you [yesterday](#) as under investigation in China (with links to the South Korean cluster) has now also been laboratory-confirmed.

This expanded cluster, originating with a single importation followed by indigenous close contact spread and notable nosocomial amplification, underscores the importance of heightened clinician awareness, prompt and thorough infection control and other emerging pathogen response measures, [outlined previously](#). In particular, facilities should be mindful of the protection of other patients and visitors, in addition to healthcare workers, to minimize nosocomial transmission and risk.

Best wishes,  
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