

Cholera surveillance for health authorities

Transcript of online course

Course introduction

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Welcome to the GTFCC online course on cholera surveillance for health authorities.

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This module provides an overview of the course, and will help you get ready to take this course.

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This course is for health authorities' officers who implement or oversee the implementation of public health surveillance for cholera at the local, subnational, or national level.

Partners or stakeholders who support or advise health authorities in implementing public health surveillance for cholera at the local, national, or international level will also greatly benefit from this course. For example, epidemiologists, public health officers, data analysts, and so on.

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In this course, you will learn about:

- The objectives of cholera surveillance;
- The key role that health authorities play in cholera surveillance;
- Including how health authorities monitor that surveillance strategies are effectively implemented;
- How health authorities analyze and interpret surveillance data;
- When and how health authorities perform case investigation and field investigation;
- How health authorities guide effective control and prevention measures by disseminating the findings of surveillance;
- And, where to access supplementary resources about cholera surveillance.

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There are six modules in this course.

Module 1 outlines the important role that health authorities play in cholera surveillance.

Module 2 goes through the core functions of health authorities in cholera surveillance. These are functions that are always implemented regardless of the cholera situation.

Module 3 focuses on cholera surveillance to ensure the early detection of an outbreak.

Module 4 focuses on cholera surveillance to monitor an outbreak.

Module 5 focuses on cholera surveillance to track clusters.

Lastly, Module 6 introduces supplementary resources.

This course takes about 2 hour and a half to complete.

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Module 1 and Module 2 address generic principles for cholera surveillance. These are principles which always apply independent of the ongoing cholera situation.

Module 3 to Module 5 focus on context-specific surveillance recommendations. These are recommendations which depend on the ongoing cholera situation at a local level. Case studies are offered in these modules to illustrate surveillance specificities in each situation.

We recommend you take Module 1 and Module 2 before moving on to Modules 3 to 5.

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This course is based on the recommendations on cholera surveillance of the Global Task Force on Cholera Control (GTFCC).

Bear in mind that the recommendations of the GTFCC do not substitute for the national or local surveillance protocols and mechanisms applicable in your country.

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For any questions or to request technical assistance on cholera surveillance, we invite you to contact the GTFCC Secretariat at GTFCCsecretariat@who.int; we are here to support you.

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We have now completed this brief introduction.