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Australia: A horse died of Hendra virus in Queensland

A horse has died from the bat-borne Hendra virus in the Gladstone area of Queensland, about 550 kilometres north of Brisbane. The affected property has been placed under quarantine by Queensland biosecurity officials. The lockdown will be in place for at least a month. The state's chief veterinary officer, Dr Allison Crook, said the horse had been unwell for several days and was found dead on Thursday. "The positive test result was received last night," Crook said. [read more](#)

Australia: Resistant staphylococcus strain detected in Aussie pigs

The first evidence of the livestock-associated antibiotic resistant Golden Staph has been detected in Australian pigs, a national group of researchers warns. Well-established in many European countries, Canada and Singapore, livestock-associated methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (LA-MRSA) had not been reported in food-producing animals in Australia until nasal swabs from 324 pigs from herds around the country were collected by the group. Researchers say their findings suggest the isolates have a common ancestry with European isolates, indicating that the strain did not evolve independently in Australia, but arrived as the result of an 'exotic incursion'. [read more](#)

Bhutan: An outbreak of PPR in Chhukha

An outbreak of PPR in a village in Bjabcho, Chhukha was reported by the Department of Livestock to OIE on 18 July 2014. The outbreak occurred on 8 July 2014 with a total of 27 goats affected, and 7 died. [read more](#)

China: Second JE case in Hong Kong

Health authorities have confirmed the city's second case of Japanese encephalitis this year and are not ruling out the possibility of more instances over the summer. Blood and sputum tests on a 35-year-old woman residing at Ching Nga Court on Yuen Long's Tai Shu Ha Road East tested positive for the virus on Saturday. She is now in stable condition at Tuen Mun Hospital. Yuen Ming-chi, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department's officer in charge of pest control, said one risk factor could have been the four pig farms located near the victim's home. [read more](#)

India: Rabid dog attacked people in Rajapalayam, Tamil Nadu

More than 44 people were bitten by a stray dog believed to have rabies on Saturday. The dog attacked two people on Friday evening. On Saturday morning, it started attacking more people in Kammaipatti and Sammanthapuram. Angry residents tried to capture the canine, which fled to Patchaimadam, and started biting people at random. [read more](#)

Pakistan: A woman from Afghanistan died of CCHF in Peshawar

A patient of Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever (CCHF) passed away at a Peshawar hospital on Saturday as cases of the deadly disease continue to pile up, local media reports said on Sunday. According to media reports, three patients suffering from Congo fever were brought to Peshawar's Hayatabad Medical Complex on Friday. They were identified as 57-year-old Ali Khan from Peshawar, and Abdul Hameed and Shukria, a female patient, from Afghanistan. Hameed died the next day. [read more](#)

Thailand: Leptospirosis plagued in north-eastern region

Over a hundred people in the lower northeastern region have been diagnosed with leptospirosis this year while health officials are urging the public to take precautions against the disease, which can spread easily in the rainy season. According to Dr Teerawat Valaisathien, Director of the Office of Disease Prevention and Control 5, which has jurisdiction over Nakhon Ratchasima, Chaiyaphum, Buri Ram and Surin provinces, as many as 102 cases of leptospirosis have been found in the region since January this year. [read more](#)

Viet Nam: A boy got meningitis after eating snail

A nine-year-old boy in Ho Chi Minh City was recently hospitalized for meningitis after eating snails addled with a dangerous roundworm. Doctors at the city's Hospital for Tropical Diseases said the boy, identified only as D, was hospitalized for high fever, vomiting and severe headaches. D. said he caught a land snail near his home, grilled it and ate it before his symptoms appeared. Subsequent test found D. had picked up an *Angiostrongylus cantonensis*, a roundworm that causes meningitis in humans. [read more](#)