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Geographical Disease Risk Index (GDRI) New Edition

This change notification is to inform you that there is a new version of the Geographical Disease Risk Index (GDRI) - Edition 002 Release 01. The contents of the old version have been removed from our website transfusionguidelines.org.uk and have been replaced by the new version.

Update information

Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Corona Virus (MERS-CoV)

During its September 2015 meeting the SAC on Transfusion Transmitted Infection considered the issue of MERS-CoV and any increased risk of transmission. Public Health England had already indicated that it would be going onto high alert in respect of returning travellers and would be increasing the number of testing centres. In light of this it was felt that it would be appropriate to implement a temporary 28 day deferral of all donors returning to the UK from Saudi Arabia, to be implemented as soon as possible and running until the 31st December 2015. This was duly approved by JPAC and put into force. Subsequently large numbers of UK travellers have returned and at this time no cases of MERS-CoV have been reported either in UK travellers or in any other travellers. In the absence of cases the temporary deferral is therefore being ended at the first opportunity after the end of December 2015 as originally intended.

Other changes in brief

Minor changes have been made to the introductory pages to improve the look and readability, the addition of Dengue to General Principles and Use of Index pages.

Changes to the Index to remove unnecessary clicks when searching for a city or region in a country.

Editorial amendments to the Malaria Guidance for Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Cambodia, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Indonesia, Kenya, Laos, Mexico, Nicaragua, Oman, Paraguay, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Suriname, Swaziland, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

The Chikungunya Risk Category has been replaced by a Tropical Virus Risk to include Dengue Virus.

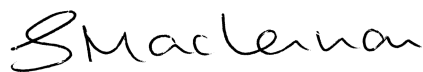
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Dengue risk has been added to the following countries, American Samoa, Angola, Aruba, Australia, Barbados, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, Cambodia, Cape Verde, China, Columbia, Costa Rica, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ethiopia, French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Gabon, Grenada, Honduras, Jamaica, Japan, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Laos, Madeira (Portugal), Malaysia, Martinique, Mauritius, Mayotte, Mexico, Mozambique, Myanmar (Burma), Nicaragua, Philippines, Panama, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Reunion, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Singapore, Somalia, Sri Lanka, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Sudan, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela, Vietnam and Yemen.

Chikungunya risk has been added to the following countries Bahamas, Belize, Bermuda, Bolivia, Brazil, Columbia, Cook Islands, Ecuador, Fiji, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Nauru, Nicaragua, Niue, Paraguay, Peru, and Venezuela.

Viral Haemorrhagic Fever Risk has been added to the following countries Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Sudan.

The deferral for MERS-CoV on return from Saudi Arabia has been removed.



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