

INFORMATION SOURCES

International Association for Medical Assistance to Travellers (IAMAT)

Travel Health Advice for Brazil's 2014 World Cup

(<http://www.iamat.org/blog/index.cfm/2014/3/31/Travel-Health-Advice-for-Brazils-2014-World-Cup>)

The IAMAT recently published an overview of the health hazards that visitors to the 2014 Soccer World Cup in Brazil may encounter. It provides information about vaccinations and vector-borne diseases, along with not directly health-related advice on how to prevent problems or inconvenience during their trip. It also provides guidance on how to access medical services.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS) in the Arabian Peninsula

(<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/alert/coronavirus-saudi-arabia-qatar>)

The CDC Travelers Health website provides an updated

overview on the epidemic situation relating to Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS), a coronavirus presenting a new health hazard for travelers to Middle Eastern countries. The article gives a real estimation of the risk and provides advice and hygiene protocols for prevention, along with suggestions on how to reach health services if showing early symptoms of the disease.

WHO Global Alert and Response (GAR)

Coronavirus infections

(http://www.who.int/csr/don/archive/disease/coronavirus_infections/en/)

The WHO Global Alert and Response website is also providing

an overview globally on the spread of the coronavirus infections. Travelers and health workers can easily gain the necessary information. It is especially important that when health service providers encounter MERS like symptoms in migrants, they check whether the migrant has arrived from a region where the disease is present.