



The International Health Regulations

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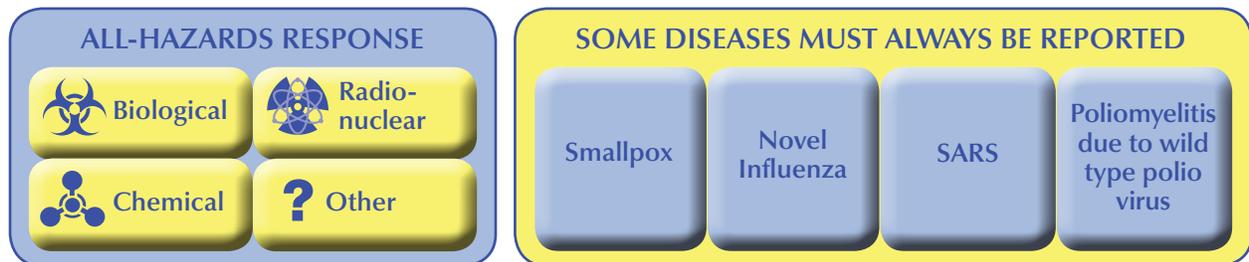
Reporting

The International Health Regulations 2005 require notification to the World Health Organization (WHO) of any event that may constitute a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC).

What is a PHEIC?

An extraordinary public health event:

- that constitutes a public health risk to other countries through its international spread and
- that may require a coordinated international response



There are time requirements for reporting events

- **48** hours to assess an event once the national government becomes aware of it
- **24** hours to report a potential PHEIC if assessment indicates it is necessary
- **24** hours to report a potential international public health risk outside of a country's own territory

There are time requirements for responding to WHO requests

- **24** hours to reply to or acknowledge a WHO request
- **24** hours to make available public health information requested by the WHO
- **48** hours to come to an agreement with the Director-General on whether an event constitutes a PHEIC before it may be referred to the IHR Emergency Committee to determine the status of the event

