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- [1] Worldwide - WHO
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Source: WHO SARS website

<<http://www.who.int/csr/sars/en/>>

A. Cumulative Number of Reported Probable Cases of SARS
<http://www.who.int/csr/sars/country/2003_06_25/en/>

From: 1 Nov 2002 To: 25 June 2003, 16:00 GMT+2

Country: Cumulative no. case(s)/ no. new cases since last WHO update/ no. deaths/ no. recovered/ date last probable case reported/ date for which cumulative no. cases is current

Australia:	5/	0/	0/	5/	12/May/2003/	13/Jun/2003
Brazil:	3/	0/	0/	2/	9/Jun/2003/	9/Jun/2003
Canada:	250/	1/	37/	188/	24/Jun/2003/	24/Jun/2003
China:	5327/	1/	348/	4916/	25/Jun/2003/	25/Jun/2003
China, Hong Kong SAR:	1755/	0/	296/	1419/	11/Jun/2003/	25/Jun/2003
China, Macao SAR:	1/	0/	0/	1/	21/May/2003/	23/Jun/2003
China, Taiwan:	686/	0/	84/	492/	19/Jun/2003/	25/Jun/2003
Colombia:	1/	0/	0/	1/	5/May/2003/	5/May/2003
Finland:	1/	0/	0/	1/	7/May/2003/	20/May/2003
France:	7/	0/	0/	6/	9/May/2003/	22/May/2003
Germany:	10/	0/	0/	9/	4/Jun/2003/	23/Jun/2003
India:	3/	0/	0/	3/	13/May/2003/	14/May/2003
Indonesia:	2/	0/	0/	2/	23/Apr/2003/	19/Jun/2003
Italy:	9/	0/	0/	9/	29/Apr/2003/	25/Jun/2003
Japan:	1/	1/	0/	0/	25/Jun/2003/	25/Jun/2003
Kuwait:	1/	0/	0/	1/	9/Apr/2003/	20/Apr/2003
Malaysia:	5/	0/	2/	3/	20/May/2003/	23/Jun/2003
Mongolia:	9/	0/	0/	9/	6/May/2003/	2/Jun/2003

New Zealand:	1/	0/	0/	1/	30/Apr/2003/	25/Jun/2003
Philippines:	14/	0/	2/	12/	15/May/2003/	25/Jun/2003
Republic of Ireland:	1/	0/	0/	0/	1/	21/Mar/2003/ 12/Jun/2003
Republic of Korea:	3/	0/	0/	0/	3/	14/May/2003/ 23/Jun/2003
Romania:	1/	0/	0/	1/	27/Mar/2003/	22/Apr/2003
Russian Federation:	1/	0/	0/	0/	0/	31/May/2003/ 31/May/2003
Singapore:	206/	0/	31/	170/	18/May/2003/	18/Jun/2003
South Africa:	1/	0/	1/	0/	9/Apr/2003/	3/May/2003
Spain:	1/	0/	0/	1/	2/Apr/2003/	5/Jun/2003
Sweden:	3/	0/	0/	3/	18/Apr/2003/	13/May/2003
Switzerland:	1/	0/	0/	1/	17/Mar/2003/	16/May/2003
Thailand:	9/	0/	2/	7/	7/Jun/2003/	24/Jun/2003
United Kingdom:	4/	0/	0/	4/	29/Apr/2003/	25/Jun/2003
United States:	75/	0/	0/	36/	17/Jun/2003/	24/Jun/2003
Viet Nam:	63/	0/	5/	58/	14/Apr/2003/	7/Jun/2003
Total:	8460/	3/	808/	7365		

Notes:

The date of onset of the most recent probable SARS case in Canada was 12 Jun 2003, the last date of isolation of a probable case SARS case was also 12 Jun 2003.

The date of onset of the most recent probable SARS case in China was 3 Jun 2003, the last date of isolation of a probable case SARS case was also 3 Jun 2003.

[B] Update 88 - New cases reported in China and Japan 25 Jun 2003
<http://www.who.int/csr/don/2003_06_25/en/>

WHO has today received reports of new probable cases of SARS in China and Japan.

China

The Chinese Ministry of Health has today reported a new probable case of SARS involving a 77-year-old woman who fell ill in Guangdong Province. The case had previously been classified as a suspect case and, according to WHO recommendations, was placed in isolation on 3 Jun 2003.

This is the first new case reported in Guangdong since 17 May 2003. The last new case reported anywhere in mainland China was on 11 Jun 2003.

WHO is stressing that this is a reclassification of a suspect case as a probable case and, as such, should not be taken as an indication that local transmission has occurred. WHO is awaiting further details about the case and its relationship to documented chains of transmission that may point to the source of infection and the timing of exposure.

The most likely explanation is that the case, with its onset in early June 2003, will be linked to a chain of transmission that was subsequently broken.

Meticulous records kept by Hong Kong authorities have revealed that the woman was hospitalized in Hong Kong and treated for other illnesses from 20 to 21 May 2003. As her room was on the same ward as a SARS patient, she was placed under health surveillance until 1 Jun 2003. No SARS symptoms developed during this period, which represents the maximum incubation period.

However, a possible link with the Hong Kong hospital cannot be entirely ruled out at this time. As became apparent during last week's global conference on SARS, the disease does not always follow a clinically predictable course in elderly patients, particularly when they have been treated for co-morbidity with other diseases.

Guangdong, which saw the first cases of SARS in mid-November of last year

[2002], was removed from the list of areas with recent local transmission on 13 Jun 2003. This retrospective reporting of a case newly classified as a "probable" case does not constitute a reason for any change in the status of Guangdong.

Japan

The Japanese Ministry of Health has today reported a probable case of SARS involving a 33-year-old man who arrived in Tokyo, for sightseeing, on 21 Jun 2003 and developed symptoms 2 days later. He was immediately hospitalized and managed according to WHO recommendations.

Initial diagnostic tests have ruled out other common causes of severe respiratory disease. Further testing is under way and epidemiological investigations have been initiated. As the patient is a resident of Taiwan, health officials there are contributing to the investigation.

Comment on new cases

When an outbreak wanes while vigilance is still high, a few additional cases are almost always detected. Their prompt reporting provides further assurance that surveillance systems are alert. However, WHO anticipates that many reported cases during this phase of the outbreak will turn out, on further investigation, to be "background noise" - that is, cases of community-acquired pneumonia caused by agents other than the SARS virus.

In areas that have experienced large outbreaks and therefore accumulated considerable skill in the clinical and laboratory diagnosis of cases, reports of newly detected probable cases are less likely to be discarded upon further investigation.

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[<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/english/protection/warnings/sars/update87.html>](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/english/protection/warnings/sars/update87.html)

[<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/pphb-dgspsp/sars-sras/cn-cc/numbers.html>](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/pphb-dgspsp/sars-sras/cn-cc/numbers.html)

Canadian SARS Numbers 23 Jun 2003

The most recent date for both onset of illness and isolation for probable cases is June 12, 2003.

Probable Cases (N = 251)

Case status: Ontario First Cluster/ Ontario Second Cluster / British Columbia/ Total

Cumulative Total: 136/ 111/ 4/ 251*

Hospitalized: 4/ 20/ 0/ 24

Discharged: 108/ 69/ 4/ 181

Under investigation: 0/ 0/ 0/ 0

At home, recovered: 0/ 9/ 0/ 9

At home, never hospitalized: 0/ 0/ 0/ 0

At home, ill: 0/ 0/ 0/ 0

Deaths: 24/ 13/ 0/ 37

Total active** : 4/ 20/ 0/ 24

Suspect Cases (N = 191)

Case status Ontario First cluster/ Ontario Second Cluster/ British
Columbia/ Alberta/ New Brunswick/ Prince Edward Island/ Saskatchewan/ Total
Cumulative Total: 121/ 11/ 46/ 6/ 2/ 4/ 1/ 191*
Hospitalized: 0/ 2/ 0/ 0/ 0/ 0/ 0/ 2
Discharged: 102/ 6/ 10/ 1/ 1/ 4/ 1/ 125
Under investigation: 0/ 0/ 0/ 0/ 0/ 0/ 0/ 0
At home, recovered: 18/ 2/ 36/ 5/ 1/ 0/ 0/ 62
At home, ill: 0/ 1/ 0/ 0/ 0/ 0/ 0/ 1
Deaths: 1/ 0/ 0/ 0/ 0/ 0/ 0/ 1
Total active**: 0/ 3/ 0/ 0/ 0/ 0/ 0/ 3

Canadian SARS cases by Province/Territory

Province/Territory: Probables/ Suspects
British Columbia: 4/ 46
Alberta: 0/ 6
Saskatchewan: 0/ 1
Ontario: 247/ 132
New Brunswick: 0/ 2
Prince Edward Island: 0/ 4

Total: 251/ 191

Changes from previous report

Change: Probables/ Suspects
Additions: 1/ 1
Deletions: 0/ 0
Reclassifications: 0/ 0
Deaths: 0/ 0

*No new probable or suspect cases have been reported from other provinces
and territories.

**Active cases include those that are hospitalized, at home and currently
ill, or under investigation.

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No new probable cases have been reported since 15 Jun 2003. As of 25 Jun
2003 there have been a cumulative total of 686 probable cases and 84 deaths
reported. Since yesterday's report one previously reported probable case
was excluded by the reporting physician. There are an additional 1467
suspected cases reported, and 865 previously reported suspected and
probable cases have been excluded. There are graphic representations of
locations of reported cases and deaths available at the daily SARS website
update using the above given weblink address.

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[As of 25 Jun 2003 there have been a cumulative total of 8460 probable
cases of SARS with 808 deaths reported worldwide. In the past 24 hours
there were 3 new reports of probable cases -- one each from Canada, China

and Japan. In the case of China, the newly reported case had previously been reported as a suspected case, with a date of onset of illness 3 Jun 2003. According to the description in the WHO update [1][B] it is possible that transmission had occurred in Hong Kong as the patient was hospitalized in Hong Kong for another illness in May, in a ward that housed a SARS patient.

Details on the specifics of the case reported from Canada were not available, but according to the Health Canada website the date of onset of the most recent case of SARS is still 12 Jun 2003, so that the new report does not constitute a new line of transmission, but is most probably delayed reporting of a case from the earlier cluster under investigation.

As for the reported case from Japan, information on this case gives a date of onset of illness of 23 Jun 2003 in a visitor from Taiwan. Information on possible exposures while in Taiwan is not available. According to the Taiwanese CDC website, the most recent date of onset of SARS case in Taiwan is 15 Jun 2003. We await further information on this case. As the WHO update states, there are many causes of community acquired pneumonia that will first be reported as possible SARS during the period of heightened surveillance. In the past 48 hours there were press reports of a suspected case of SARS in Greece, in a visitor from an affected area that has already been ruled out as not due to the SARS associated coronavirus. That being said, we await further information on this case in Japan both epidemiologic as well as laboratory diagnostic testing. - Mod.MPP]

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