

《什么是中东呼吸综合征：MERS？》

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国家卫计委通报，广东出现首例输入性中东呼吸综合征确诊病例。患者为韩国男性，系韩国MERS病例的密切接触者。26日乘坐OZ723航班抵达香港，经深圳沙头角口岸入境惠州。该男子已被隔离治疗。截至目前，该病例的38名密切接触者未发现异常。



What is MERS?

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Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) is an infection of the lungs caused by a virus known as a coronavirus and is written as MERS-CoV.

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Coronaviruses can cause illness similar to the common cold in the winter and spring months. This coronavirus is different than these viruses and has never been seen in humans before.

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Is MERS the same as the SARS virus?

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No. SARS and MERS are both called coronaviruses, however, the two viruses are not the same.

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Who gets MERS?

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Most people who became ill with MERS had traveled to, lived in, or were in close contact with someone who had traveled to the Arabian Peninsula. It is unclear why some individuals become ill and why others do not. People with chronic health conditions or weak immune systems may be at greater risk.

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Does MERS spread from person to person?

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The virus that causes MERS has been shown to spread between two people who are in close contact.

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The virus has also spread from infected people to health care workers.

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What are the symptoms of MERS?

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Most people who got infected with MERS-CoV became severely ill with a respiratory illness with symptoms such as: fever, cough, shortness of breath.

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