UPDATES

Health notices · Sunday 6 September

3 notices from the agencies today, in plain words, each with the original linked.

Hantavirus cases reported after cruise ship travel

WHO · Outbreak

If you were on the cruise ship involved, WHO says a cluster of severe respiratory illness has been reported. As of 8 May 2026, eight cases were reported, including three deaths.

WHO reports that six cases were laboratory-confirmed as hantavirus infections, all identified as Andes virus (ANDV). WHO assesses the global risk as low, and the risk for passengers and crew on the ship as moderate.

WHO says National IHR Focal Points have been informed and are supporting international contact tracing. WHO will continue to monitor the situation and update its risk assessment.

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Mangoes recalled over possible Salmonella contamination

CDC · Food safety

If you have young children, are frail, are elderly, or have a weakened immune system, this recall matters. Salmonella is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in these groups.

Panorama Produce is recalling 302 boxes of mangoes in Mamaroneck, New York, published on 2026-08-28. The product may be contaminated, so the safest step is not to rely on it being safe.

If you think you might have these mangoes, check whether they are part of the recall and follow the recall details provided by the company or seller.

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CDC highlights radon testing and home protection

CDC · Guidance

If you spend time at home, CDC advises testing for radon. Radon is an odorless, invisible radioactive gas that can enter buildings from soil, small foundation cracks, or well water.

High radon levels can increase your risk of lung cancer over time, because radioactive material can get trapped in your lungs.

CDC says testing is the only way to know if levels are high. If levels are high, consider a radon reduction (mitigation) system, and contact your state radon office for local information and qualified help.

What to do

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- Test your home for radon levels if they are unknown or you are buying/selling, renovating, or changing how people use lower levels.
- Contact your state radon office for information on testing and a list of qualified radon testers.
- Consider contacting a licensed professional to install a radon reduction (mitigation) system if your radon level is at or above 4 picocuries per liter (pCi/L) of air.

Where this comes from

- Hantavirus cases reported after cruise ship travel

  World Health Organization - Disease Outbreak News · https://www.who.int/emergencies/disease-outbreak-news/item/2026-DON600
- Mangoes recalled over possible Salmonella contamination

  CDC - food safety · https://tools.cdc.gov/podcasts/download.asp?m=316422&c=766334
- CDC highlights radon testing and home protection

  Centers for Disease Control and Prevention · https://tools.cdc.gov/api/v2/resources/purls/34RZF