

Hantavirus

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Hantavirus Latest News

Recently, three people have died and three are ill after a Netherlands-based cruise ship was hit by a suspected outbreak of hantavirus

About Hantavirus

- Hantavirus is a **strain of virus carried by rodents**.
- **Transmission:** It is transmitted to humans through inhalation of particles from dried rodent droppings.
- People most typically become infected when a virus in **rodent droppings, saliva and urine becomes airborne**.
- The virus is known to cause two severe illnesses one that primarily affects **the lungs and the other that attacks the kidneys**.
 - **Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS):** It is a respiratory **illness** and has a high fatality rate of about 40%.

- **Haemorrhagic Fever with Renal Syndrome (HFRS)**, which is a more severe infection and **impacts the kidneys**. Symptoms can include low blood pressure, internal bleeding, and acute kidney failure.
- **Symptoms**
 - Hantavirus usually begins with **flu-like symptoms**, such as fatigue and fever, one to eight weeks after exposure, according to the CDC.
 - Four to 10 days later, coughing, shortness of breath and fluid in the lungs appear.
- **Treatment:** There is **no specific therapy for hantavirus infection**, so treatment focuses on supportive care including rest and fluids.

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