



June 5 Attacks on Healthcare



Indianapolis Air Quality and Weather

Moderate

UV Index

Moderate

Air Quality Index

Low
Medium

Asthma Index

Temperature: 83°

Showers and possibly a thunderstorm, mainly before 2pm, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2pm. High near 83. South

southwest wind 8 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 18 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Threat Assessment

The World Health Organization (WHO) Attacks on Healthcare initiative has released a statement on the attacks in northwest Syria on three different healthcare facilities. The damage to the infrastructure of the buildings was severe enough to put all three facilities out of service. Each facility served thousands of patients, providing surgical, primary care, and maternal health services. Only one hospital remains in the area after these closures. Syria is already suffering from instability and limited resources with an increasingly vulnerable population. These attacks bring the total number of attacks specifically on healthcare related services in Syria to 11 this year.

The number of attacks on healthcare globally in 2019 is now up to 276 total. 43 deaths and 159 injuries have occurred as a result of these attacks. Types of attacks include arson, assault, obstruction, and heavy weapons, among others. Since 2015, the surveillance system for attacks on health care has reported 1,104 attacks in 9 different countries, resulting in a total of 204 deaths and 1,069 injuries. ([WHO Reliefweb](#)) ([WHO](#))

Action Steps:

1. Stay up to date on global attacks through the WHO surveillance system for attacks on healthcare. ([WHO](#))
2. Subscribe to the WHO health emergency highlights newsletter to stay aware of current health emergencies and responses. More information and a link to subscribe can be found [here](#).
3. WHO offers online training modules for healthcare professionals to learn more about a variety of topics, including emergency situations and disease management. Trainings can be accessed [here](#).

Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY
White River State Park
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