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The 2016 Hajj is taking place from approximately September 9 – 14, 2016 in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This spiritual pilgrimage is the largest annual gathering in the world. As with other mass gathering events, the large numbers of people expected to be in attendance during this year’s Hajj may increase the risk of transmission of certain infectious diseases, such as influenza, meningococcal disease, and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV).