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2. News has reported that a virulent and deadly multidrug-resistant strain of tuberculosis is spreading in city prison and the guards and workers are exposed to tuberculosis and may infect area residents.

Facts: At least three-dozen inmates at a city jail have the frightening drug-resistant strain of tuberculosis. Worried about the risks of catching the TB microbe -- which can be spread by a cough or a sneeze -- guards are threatening to walk off the job. The number of those with dormant TB is not known. Not all of the inmates have had medical tests. The health risk has alarmed local merchants and city. They are threatening to walk off their jobs.

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PRESS CONFERENCE QUESTIONS

Scenario 1.

1. What is a tuberculosis infection?
2. How does one know that you have TB?
3. What type of tests are you doing on the children?
4. How can one treat the children?
5. How can one prevent the spread of TB?
6. When do you call this a 'major outbreak'?
7. Should parents keep the children home from school?
8. Is it possible that people in this room have TB and spread it further?
9. Should we evacuate the city?
10. How can something like this outbreak happen in our country?
11. Has the TB control program failed?
12. What is the government doing to address this outbreak?
13. What is the chance that a larger community outbreak will happen?
14. This is your chance to ask for support to the community, what do you say?

Scenario 2. - Not used

Scenario 3.

1. Why do refugees have TB?
2. How does TB spread?
3. How do you know if you have TB?
4. Should we kick out the refugees?
5. Do we need to leave the city?
6. Do we need to close all public transport?
7. Should we check everyone at the border?
8. Why should we put our health at risk for foreigners?
9. Has anything been done to contain the spread of this disease?
10. What is your advice to the president on refugee policies?
11. Has the TB control program failed to contain this crisis?

Scenario 4.

1. What is true about this media report on this catastrophe?
2. What is a super-resistant strain?
3. How has this super-resistant strain come into our country?
4. How can you fight this TB epidemic?
5. What should people do to protect themselves?
6. Do we need to wear masks?
7. What have the medical authorities done so far?
8. Is it true that the slow action of medical authorities has increased the problem?
9. Does the government work with WHO, and if so, how?
10. Why have you not mobilized more resources to deal with this disease earlier?
11. Do the regional authorities need to be fired?
12. You can use this opportunity to speak to the general public, what do you say?

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Scenario 5.

1. How was this new strain discovered?
2. Is there a cure for this disease?
3. Media reports that treatment is not effective, is that so?
4. Who will get this disease?
5. If mostly among specific populations, should we isolate those groups?
6. Should we contain the crisis area?
7. What is the government doing about this crisis?
8. A regional leader was referring to poor management, what do you have to say?
9. The regional leader is implying that this crisis can develop due to the fault of the TB control program, what is your response?
10. When will you regain control and end this terrible crisis?