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SURVEILLANCE SUMMARY REPORT 2026:

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL WEEKS 1-4: 4 JANUARY 2026 – 31 JANUARY 2026

The Surveillance Summary Report contains information on syndromes and communicable diseases reported into the Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit by Epidemiological Week (or as otherwise indicated). The Report currently contains 3 sections:

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REPORT BASED ON DATA RECEIVED IN THE EPIDEMIOLOGY AND SURVEILLANCE UNIT BY 3 FEBRUARY 2026

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Syndromic Surveillance

Syndromic surveillance is the analysis of health-related data to detect or anticipate disease outbreaks. Action on an increase or alert in the reported syndromes under surveillance could potentially stop or slow the spread of the outbreak. The syndromes under surveillance are as follows:

Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP): Acute (sudden) onset of flaccid paralysis in the absence of trauma. *Any patient in whom a healthcare worker suspects acute flaccid paralysis is considered to be a suspected case of poliomyelitis.*

Fever and Haemorrhagic symptoms: Acute (sudden) onset of fever ($> 38.0^{\circ}\text{C}$ or 100.4°F) in a previously healthy person, presenting with at least one haemorrhagic (bleeding) manifestation with or without jaundice (e.g. purpura, epistaxis, haemoptysis, melena).

Fever and Neurological symptoms (except AFP): Acute (sudden) onset of fever ($> 38.0^{\circ}\text{C}$ or 100.4°F) with or without headache and vomiting in a previously healthy person presenting with at least one of the following signs: meningeal irritation, convulsions, altered consciousness, altered sensory manifestations, paralysis except AFP.

Fever and Rash: Acute (sudden) febrile illness ($> 38.0^{\circ}\text{C}$ or 100.4°F) in a previously healthy person, presenting generalized rash. *Any patient in whom a healthcare worker suspects measles or rubella infection is considered to be a suspected measles/rubella case. These patients generally have fever and generalized rash illnesses.*

Fever and Respiratory Symptoms (Acute Respiratory Infection): Acute (sudden) febrile illness ($> 38.0^{\circ}\text{C}$ or 100.4°F) in a previously healthy person, presenting with cough or sore throat with or without respiratory distress.

Gastroenteritis: Acute (sudden) onset of diarrhoea, with or without fever ($> 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ or 100.4°F) and presenting with 3 or more loose or watery stools in the past 24 hours, with or without dehydration, vomiting and/or visible blood.

Undifferentiated Fever: An acute (sudden) febrile illness ($> 38.0^{\circ}\text{C}$ or 100.4°F) in a previously healthy person of less than 7 days duration with two or more of the following manifestations: headache, retro-orbital pain, myalgia, arthralgia, nausea, vomiting, jaundice – AND without any particular symptoms fitting another syndrome definition.

Reported Syndromes

Syndromes reported in EWs 1-4 included Fever and Rash (scabies, shingles), Fever and Respiratory (chlamydia pneumoniae, common cold, coronavirus "seasonal", COVID-19, human metapneumovirus, influenza, parainfluenza, RSV, strep throat) Gastroenteritis (astrovirus, campylobacter, ciguatera, salmonella).

Alert levels are used to identify potential public health risks. A risk assessment will determine the need for any public health action.

During EWs 1-4, there were alerts for Fever and Rash and Fever and Respiratory Symptoms.

Epidemiological Week 1

Syndrome	# of Reported Cases	5-Yr Average*	Medium Alert Threshold**	High Alert Threshold***	Alert Level
Acute Flaccid Paralysis	0	0	0	0	LOW
Fever and Haemorrhagic Symptoms	0	0	0	0	LOW
Fever and Neurological Symptoms	0	0	0	1	LOW
Fever and Rash	2	1	2	3	MEDIUM
Fever and Respiratory Symptoms (under 5 years)	6	5	8	15	LOW
Fever and Respiratory Symptoms (5 years and older)	49	42	71	131	LOW
Gastroenteritis (under 5 years)	0	0	1	2	LOW
Gastroenteritis (5 years and older)	1	2	5	10	LOW
Undifferentiated Fever (under 5 years)	0	0	0	1	LOW
Undifferentiated Fever (5 years and older)	0	0	0	1	LOW
% of sentinel sites reporting					92.86%

Epidemiological Week 2

Syndrome	# of Reported Cases	5-Yr Average*	Medium Alert Threshold**	High Alert Threshold***	Alert Level
Acute Flaccid Paralysis	0	0	0	0	LOW
Fever and Haemorrhagic Symptoms	0	0	0	0	LOW
Fever and Neurological Symptoms	0	0	0	1	LOW
Fever and Rash	1	1	2	5	LOW
Fever and Respiratory Symptoms (under 5 years)	8	4	7	13	MEDIUM
Fever and Respiratory Symptoms (5 years and older)	39	43	73	135	LOW
Gastroenteritis (under 5 years)	1	0	1	2	LOW
Gastroenteritis (5 years and older)	5	2	5	10	LOW
Undifferentiated Fever (under 5 years)	0	0	0	1	LOW
Undifferentiated Fever (5 years and older)	0	0	0	1	LOW
% of sentinel sites reporting					89.29%

Epidemiological Week 3

Syndrome	# of Reported Cases	5-Yr Average*	Medium Alert Threshold**	High Alert Threshold***	Alert Level
Acute Flaccid Paralysis	0	0	0	0	LOW
Fever and Haemorrhagic Symptoms	0	0	0	0	LOW
Fever and Neurological Symptoms	0	0	0	1	LOW
Fever and Rash	1	1	2	5	LOW
Fever and Respiratory Symptoms (under 5 years)	6	5	8	15	LOW
Fever and Respiratory Symptoms (5 years and older)	48	44	75	136	LOW
Gastroenteritis (under 5 years)	0	0	1	2	LOW
Gastroenteritis (5 years and older)	2	3	5	10	LOW
Undifferentiated Fever (under 5 years)	0	0	0	1	LOW
Undifferentiated Fever (5 years and older)	0	0	0	1	LOW
% of sentinel sites reporting					89.29%

Epidemiological Week 4

Syndrome	# of Reported Cases	5-Yr Average*	Medium Alert Threshold**	High Alert Threshold***	Alert Level
Acute Flaccid Paralysis	0	0	0	0	LOW
Fever and Haemorrhagic Symptoms	0	0	0	0	LOW
Fever and Neurological Symptoms	0	0	0	1	LOW
Fever and Rash	0	1	3	6	LOW
Fever and Respiratory Symptoms (under 5 years)	15	4	8	15	HIGH
Fever and Respiratory Symptoms (5 years and older)	42	41	69	125	LOW
Gastroenteritis (under 5 years)	1	1	2	5	LOW
Gastroenteritis (5 years and older)	2	3	5	9	LOW
Undifferentiated Fever (under 5 years)	0	0	0	1	LOW
Undifferentiated Fever (5 years and older)	0	0	0	1	LOW
% of sentinel sites reporting					92.86%

4-Week Summary: Epidemiological Weeks 1-4

Syndrome	# of Reported Cases	5-Yr Average	Medium Alert Threshold**	High Alert Threshold***	Alert Level
Acute Flaccid Paralysis	0	0	0	0	LOW
Fever and Haemorrhagic Symptoms	0	0	0	0	LOW
Fever and Neurological Symptoms	0	0	1	3	LOW
Fever and Rash	4	3	8	18	LOW
Fever and Respiratory Symptoms (under 5 years)	35	18	31	58	MEDIUM
Fever and Respiratory Symptoms (5 years and older)	178	169	288	527	LOW
Gastroenteritis (under 5 years)	2	2	5	11	LOW
Gastroenteritis (5 years and older)	10	10	20	40	LOW
Undifferentiated Fever (under 5 years)	0	0	1	3	LOW
Undifferentiated Fever (5 years and older)	0	0	1	3	LOW

Cumulative Summary: Epidemiological Weeks 1-4

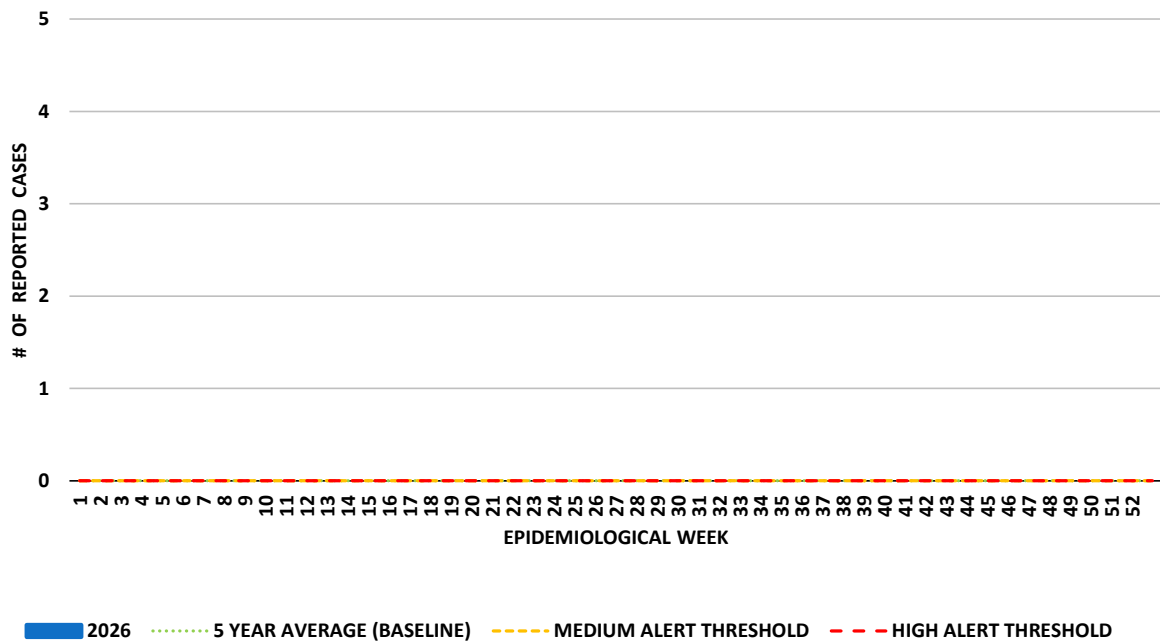
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Fever and Haemorrhagic Symptoms	0	0	0	0	LOW
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Undifferentiated Fever (under 5 years)	0	0	1	3	LOW
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*5-Yr Average calculated by summing the incidence counts for the current week, the 2 weeks preceding the current week, and the 2 weeks following the current week, for a total of 5 preceding years.

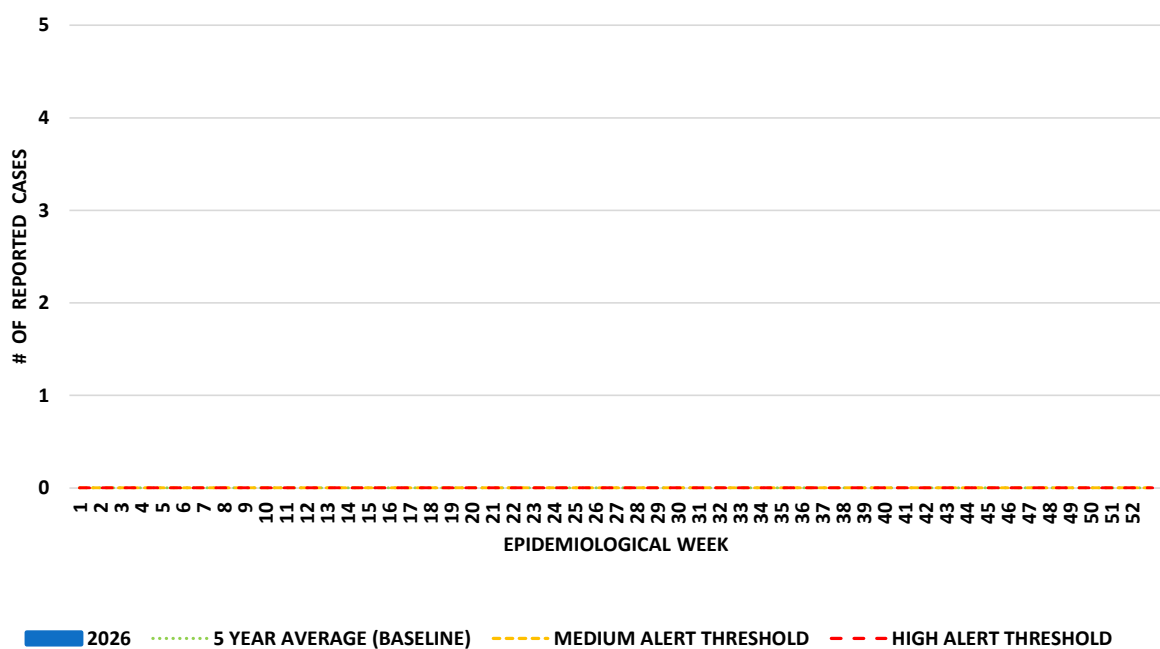
** Medium Alert Threshold is set at 1 standard deviation above 5-yr average

*** High Alert Threshold is set at 3 standard deviations above 5-year average

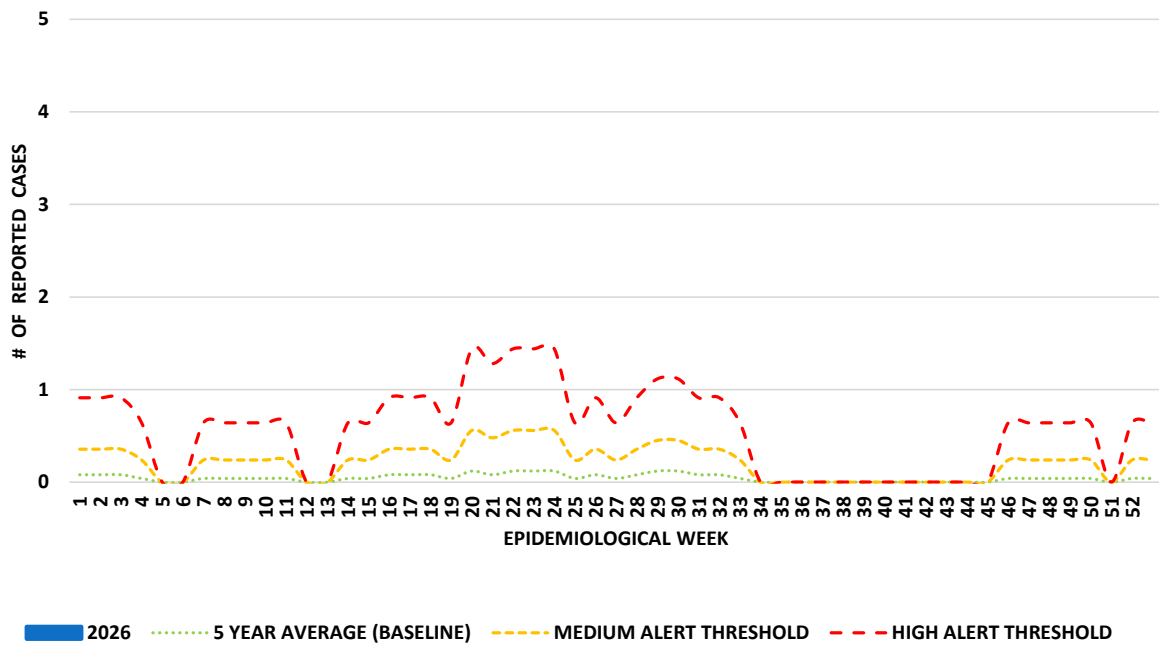
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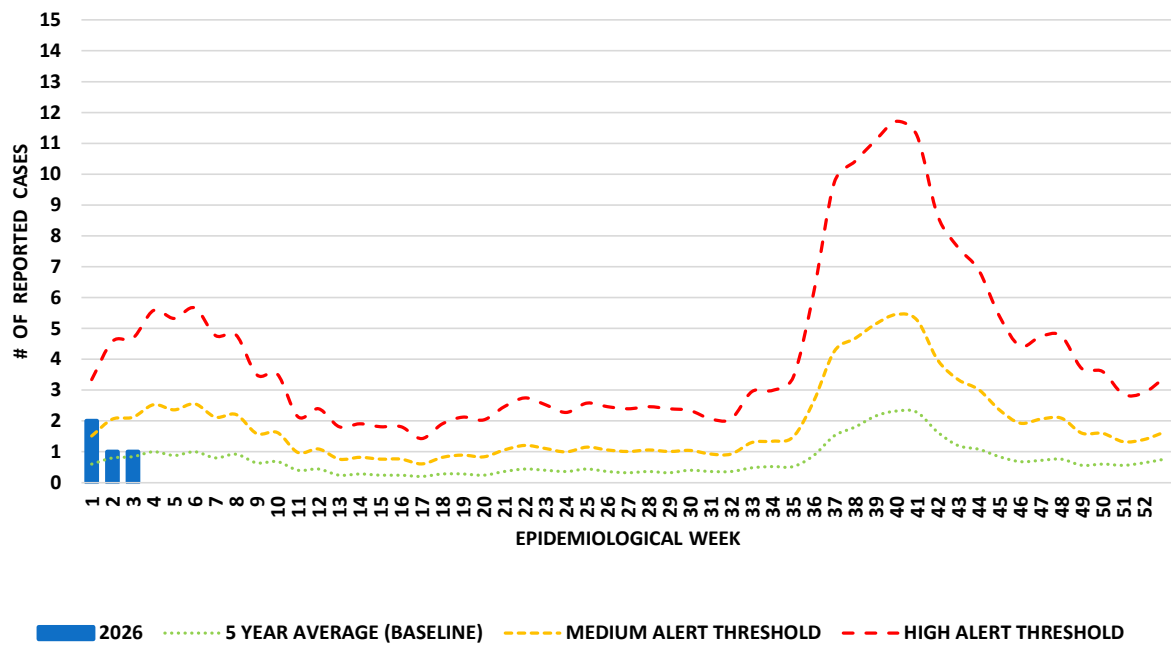
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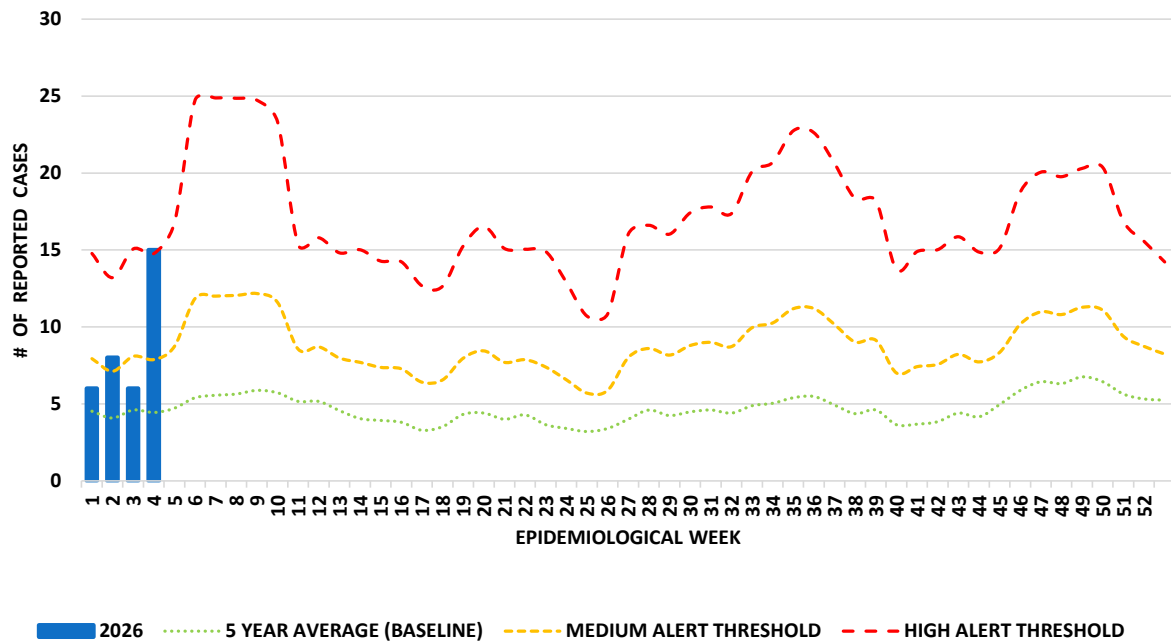
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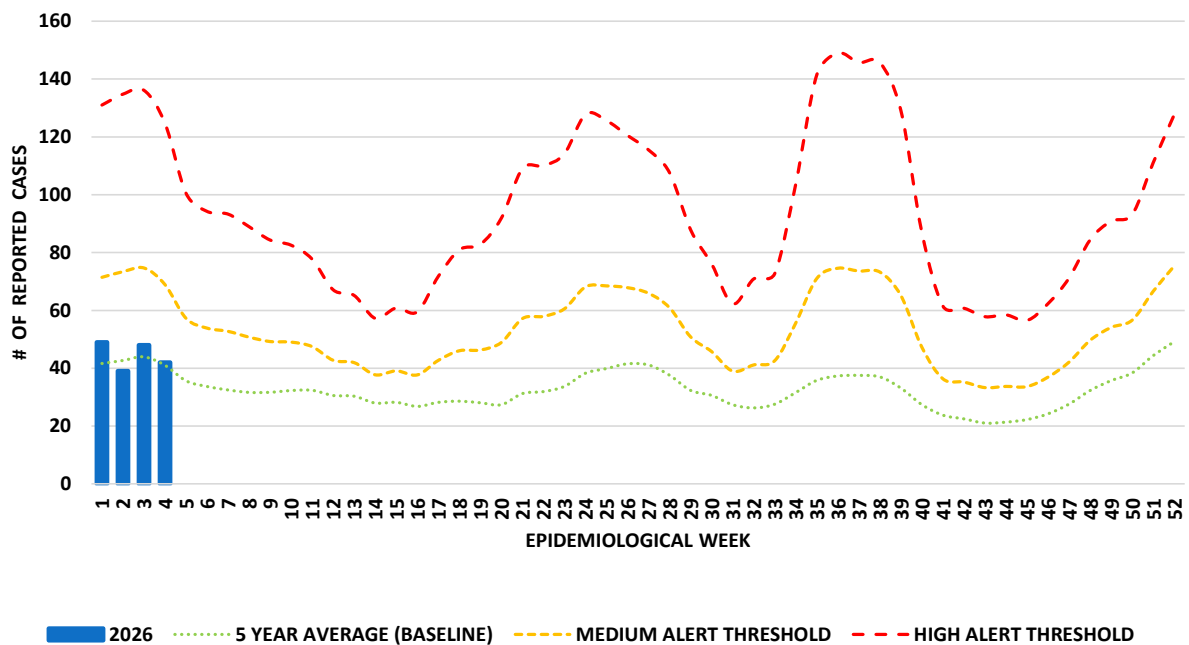
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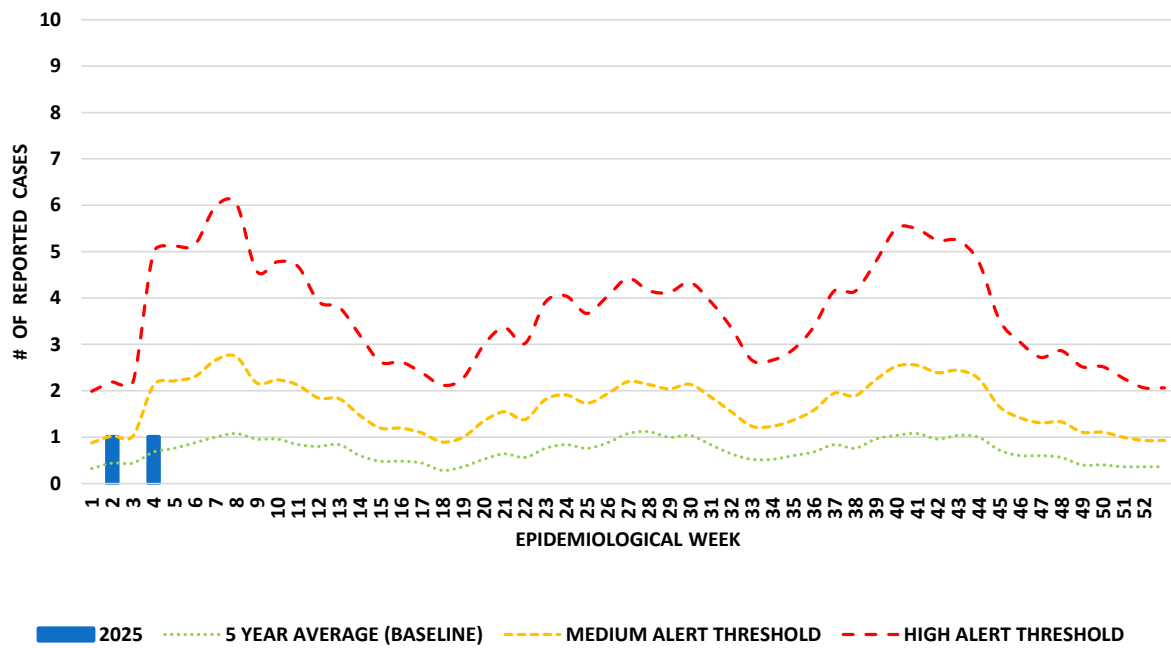
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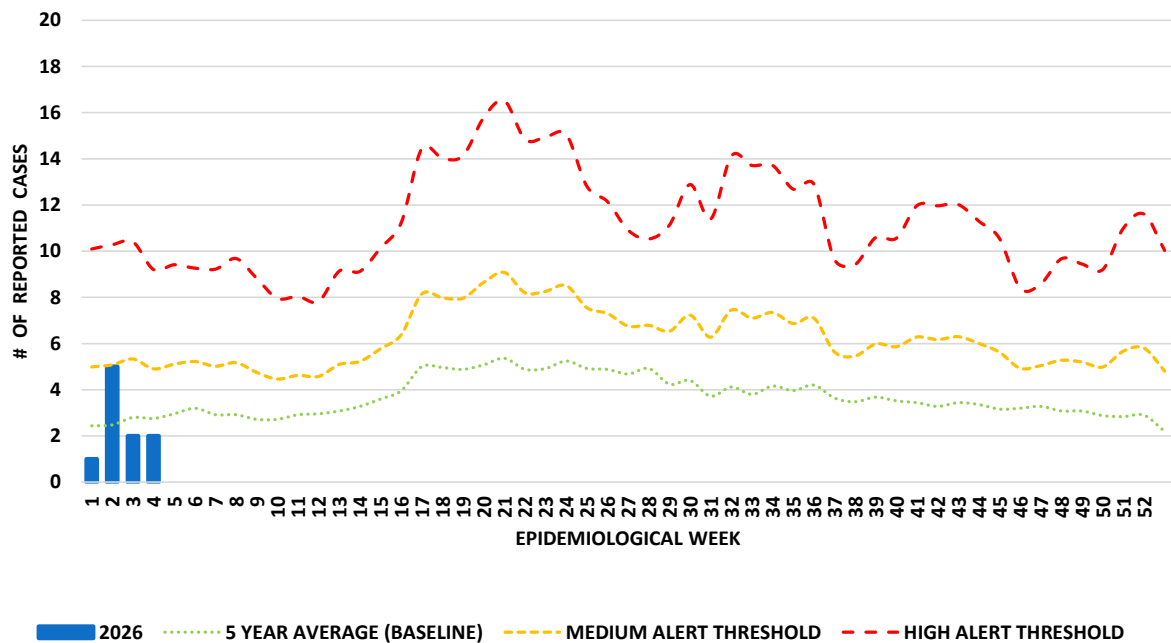
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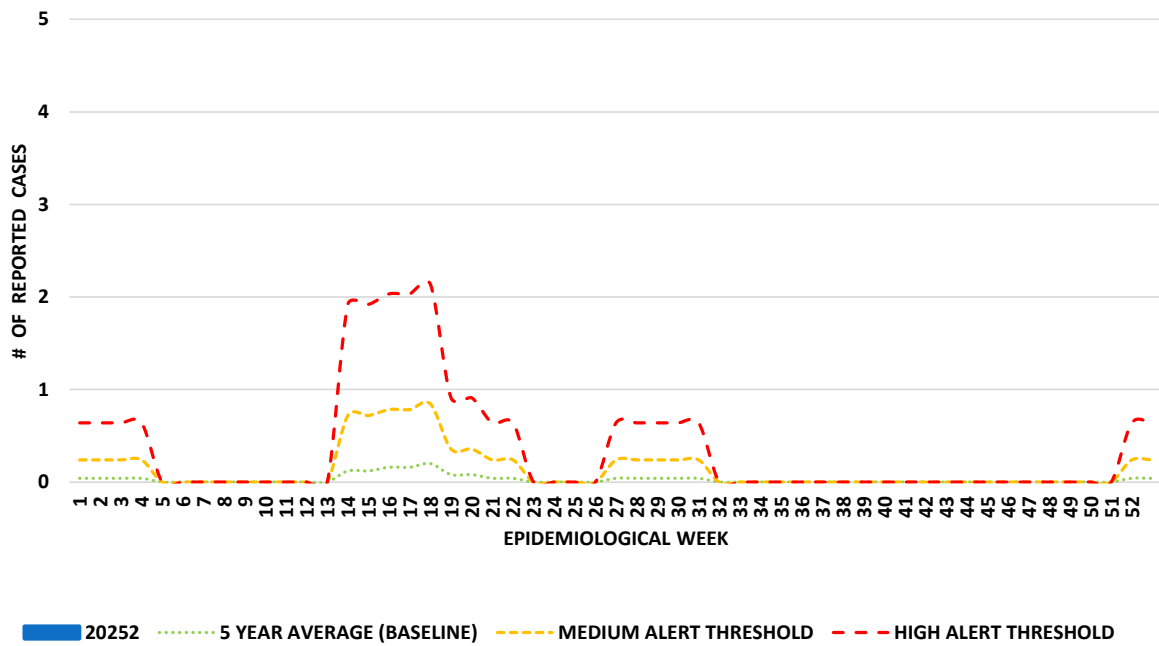
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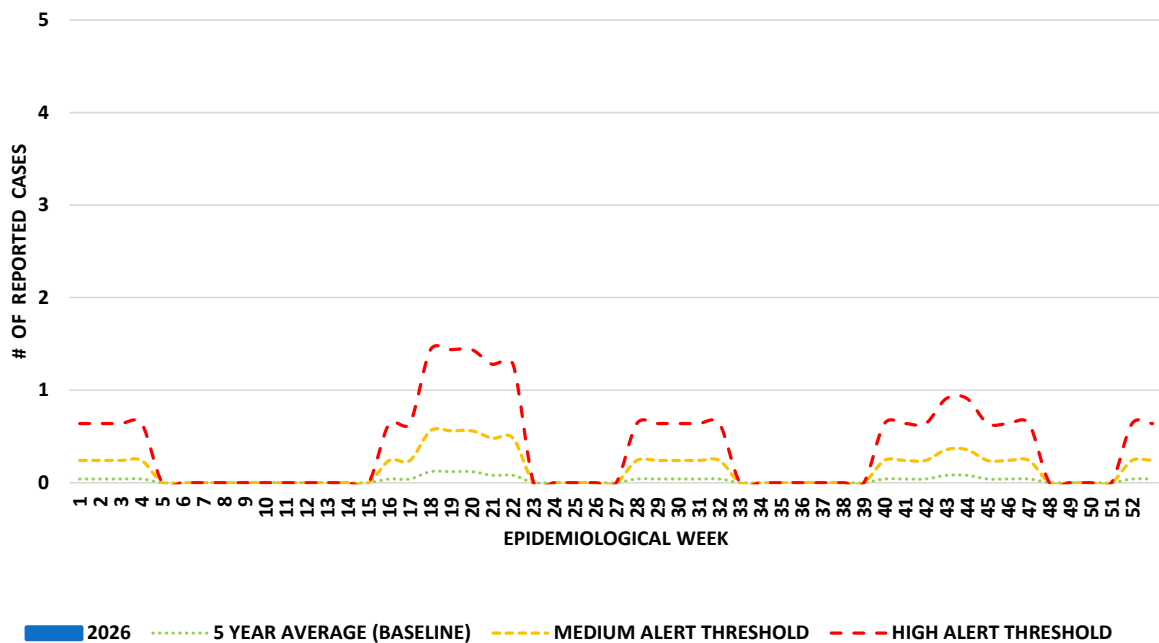
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UNDIFFERENTIATED FEVER IN PERSONS AGED UNDER 5 YEARS



UNDIFFERENTIATED FEVER IN PERSONS AGED 5 YEARS AND OLDER



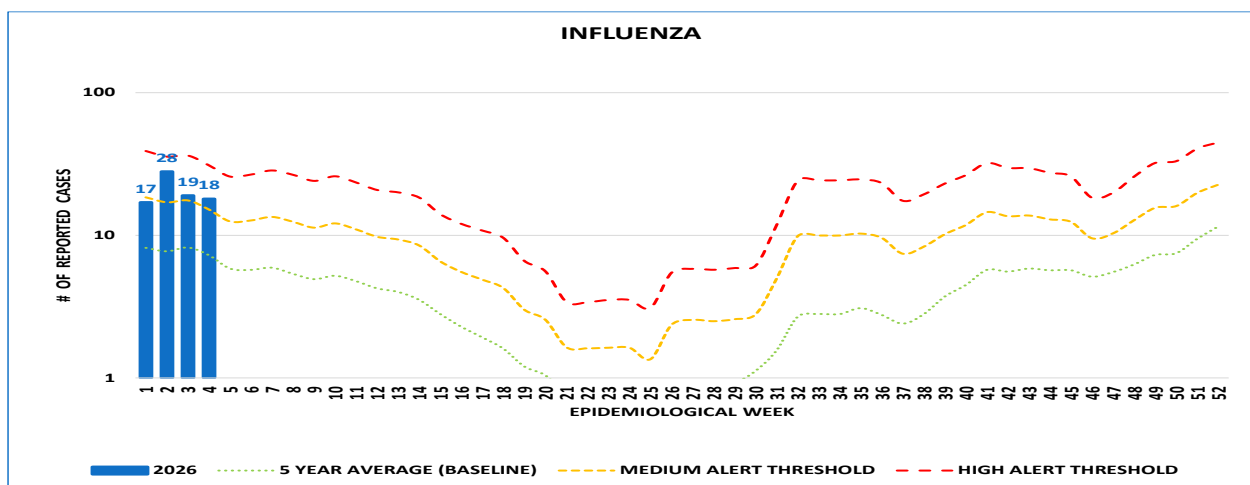
Conditions of Interest: Influenza, COVID-19, and Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI)

Note: Each condition in this section is displayed using a logarithmic (log) scale. This improves visualization by allowing clearer interpretation of week-to-week changes, especially when case counts, including historical data, vary across a wide range. Surveillance case definitions accompany each graph.

Influenza:

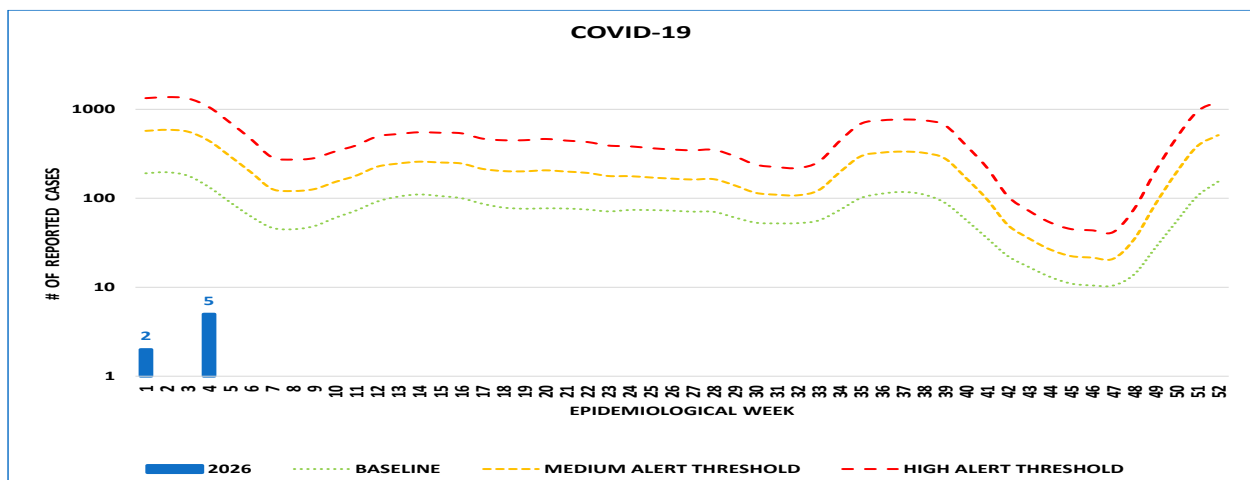
Clinical (or suspect): A person with fever, headache, myalgia, and cough

Laboratory confirmed: A clinical or suspect case with positive laboratory findings



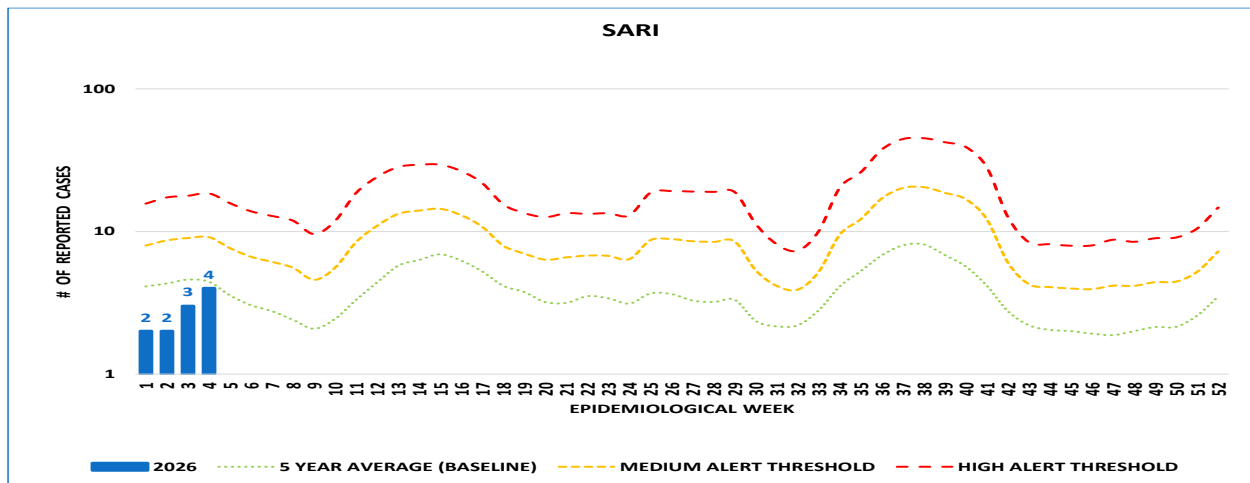
COVID-19:

A person with laboratory or antigen test confirmation of COVID-19 infection, irrespective of clinical signs and symptoms



Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI):

An acute respiratory infection with history of fever or measured fever of $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ and cough, with onset within the last 10 days, and requiring hospitalization.



Summary

Influenza activity was elevated during the first four weeks of 2026, with weekly case counts ranging from 17 to 28 cases. The highest number was reported in EW 2 (28 cases). This indicates continued influenza circulation in the community.

COVID-19 activity remained low overall during EWs 1–4. Two cases were reported in EW 1, with no cases identified in EWs 2 and 3. A small increase to five cases was observed in EW 4. Although numbers remain relatively low, this increase indicates that COVID-19 continues to circulate at low levels in the community.

SARI (Severe Acute Respiratory Infection) cases ranged from 2 to 4 per week, showing a slight upward trend through EW 4. Activity remains within expected levels.

Routine Communicable Disease Surveillance (EWs 1-4, 2026)

Communicable diseases reported in this period are shown in the table below, with cumulative totals compared to the same time last year.

An observed increase in confirmed cases does not necessarily indicate a true increase in disease incidence. Changes may reflect factors such as improved diagnostic capacity, greater access to testing, or increased awareness of circulating infections, both locally and internationally.

Where the relative level is above expected (indicated in red), further epidemiological review may be undertaken to assess whether clusters of illness or outbreaks are occurring. The need for additional investigation depends on several factors, including the severity of the disease, its potential for spread, and the availability of appropriate control measures.

DISEASES/PATHOGENS	Total Lab Conf. Cases	Cumulative Total (Lab Conf. cases)	
		Curr. Yr	Last Yr.
Diseases Reportable under the International Health Regulations			
Cholera	0	0	0
Human Influenza (new sub-type)	0	0	0
Pneumonic Plague	0	0	0
Poliomyelitis	0	0	0
Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)	0	0	0
Yellow Fever	0	0	0
Air Borne Diseases			
Adenoviruses	0	0	4
COVID-19	7	7	2
Human Metapneumovirus [hMPV]	4	4	7
Influenza	82	82	42
Respiratory Syncytial Virus [RSV]	14	14	18
Tuberculosis - ExtraPulmonary	0	0	0
Tuberculosis	0	0	0
Vaccine Preventable Diseases under the Caribbean Expanded Programme on Immunization			
Chicken Pox [Varicella] (clinically confirmed)	0	0	1
Diphtheria	0	0	0
Measles	0	0	0
Meningitis [due to Haemophilus influenzae]	0	0	0
Meningitis [due to Streptococcus pneumoniae]	0	0	0
Meningococcal Infection [due to Neisseria meningitidis]	0	0	0
Mumps	0	0	0
Pertussis [Whooping Cough]	0	0	0
Pneumonia [due to Haemophilus influenzae]	0	0	0
Pneumonia [due to Streptococcus pneumoniae]	0	0	0
Rotavirus	0	0	0
Rubella [Congenital German Measles]	0	0	0
Rubella [German Measles]	0	0	0
Tetanus [excluding Neonatal]	0	0	0
Tetanus Neonatorum	0	0	0
Vector Borne Diseases			
Chagas Disease	0	0	0
Chikungunya	0	0	0
Dengue Fever	0	0	0
Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever/Shock Syndrome	0	0	0
Leptospirosis	0	0	0
Malaria	0	0	0
Zika	0	0	0
Food and Water Borne Pathogens			
Campylobacter	2	2	0
Ciguatera Poisoning (clinically confirmed)	1	1	0
Cryptosporidium	0	0	0
E. Coli (pathogenic)	2	2	0
Giardia	0	0	0
Hepatitis A	0	0	0
Listeria	0	0	0
Norovirus	0	0	0
Salmonella	2	2	0
Shigella	0	0	0
Staphylococcus (pathogenic)	0	0	0
Taxoplasma	0	0	0
Typhoid and Paratyphoid	0	0	0
Vibrio (excluding Cholera)	0	0	0
Other Diseases			
Viral Encephalitis/Meningitis	0	0	0
Hepatitis B	0	0	0
Hepatitis C	0	0	1
Leprosy (Hansens Disease)	0	0	0
Meningitis/Encephalitis (not specified)	0	0	1
Rabies (in Humans)	0	0	0
Specific Diseases under Country Surveillance			
Chlamydia	19	19	18
Gonorrhoea	1	1	1
Herpes	2	2	2
Syphillis	0	0	0

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL WEEKS 2026

WEEK	FROM	TO
1	4-Jan-26	10-Jan-26
2	11-Jan-26	17-Jan-26
3	18-Jan-26	24-Jan-26
4	25-Jan-26	31-Jan-26
5	1-Feb-26	7-Feb-26
6	8-Feb-26	14-Feb-26
7	15-Feb-26	21-Feb-26
8	22-Feb-26	28-Feb-26
9	1-Mar-26	7-Mar-26
10	8-Mar-26	14-Mar-26
11	15-Mar-26	21-Mar-26
12	22-Mar-26	28-Mar-26
13	29-Mar-26	4-Apr-26
14	5-Apr-26	11-Apr-26
15	12-Apr-26	18-Apr-26
16	19-Apr-26	25-Apr-26
17	26-Apr-26	2-May-26
18	3-May-26	9-May-26
19	10-May-26	16-May-26
20	17-May-26	23-May-26
21	24-May-26	30-May-26
22	31-May-26	6-Jun-26
23	7-Jun-26	13-Jun-26
24	14-Jun-26	20-Jun-26
25	21-Jun-26	27-Jun-26
26	28-Jun-26	4-Jul-26

WEEK	FROM	TO
27	5-Jul-26	11-Jul-26
28	12-Jul-26	18-Jul-26
29	19-Jul-26	25-Jul-26
30	26-Jul-26	1-Aug-26
31	2-Aug-26	8-Aug-26
32	9-Aug-26	15-Aug-26
33	16-Aug-26	22-Aug-26
34	23-Aug-26	29-Aug-26
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38	20-Sep-26	26-Sep-26
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40	4-Oct-26	10-Oct-26
41	11-Oct-26	17-Oct-26
42	18-Oct-26	24-Oct-26
43	25-Oct-26	31-Oct-26
44	1-Nov-26	7-Nov-26
45	8-Nov-26	14-Nov-26
46	15-Nov-26	21-Nov-26
47	22-Nov-26	28-Nov-26
48	29-Nov-26	5-Dec-26
49	6-Dec-26	12-Dec-26
50	13-Dec-26	19-Dec-26
51	20-Dec-26	26-Dec-26
52	27-Dec-26	2-Jan-27