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Summary

Ebola virus disease caused by the Bundibugyo virus continues to expand in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which has now passed 10,000 confirmed cases and 4,992 deaths, with exported cases in Kenya (nine cases, two deaths) and Nigeria (one case, medically evacuated to Switzerland). In Europe, Czechia is experiencing an unprecedented surge in Lyme borreliosis, recording 12,711 cases by late October. Meanwhile, Peru has reported 13,962 leptospirosis cases and 50 deaths, exacerbated by El Niño-related flooding. In Venezuela, yellow fever has prompted mandatory vaccination for travellers to four states. In Australia, the geographic range of Buruli ulcer has expanded, with 294 cases notified this year. Other notable events include a nationwide increase in rabies exposures and six human deaths in the United States, and 1,488 cholera cases with 29 deaths across six provinces in Zambia.

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Relevant for travel advice / General

ECDC CDTR: No new ECDC report since the last CDTR, 10 - 16 October 2026, week 42 (last published)

Reporting on:

- No ECDC Communicable Disease Threats Report has been published since week 42 (10–16 October 2026). The link above is the last available report.

› **Ebola virus disease**, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda, France, Kenya, Nigeria (North Ubangi): DRC passes 10,000 cases and 4,992 deaths; update on the imported cases in Kenya and Nigeria. Source: ECDC

Vaccine preventable diseases

› **Diphtheria**, South Africa (Western Cape): 44 confirmed cases with 9 deaths. Source: H-Radar

› **Japanese encephalitis**, Vietnam (Thanh Hoa): 7 hospitalised pediatric cases, mostly unvaccinated. Source: H-Radar

› **Measles**, EU/EEA: 3 countries reported new 66 cases. Source: ECDC

› **Pertussis**, Chile: 79 cases up to week 39, primarily in adults over 60. Source: H-Radar

› **Rabies**, United States (California): Nationwide increase in human exposures, including six human deaths. Source: BEACON

Europe

› **Lyme disease**, Czechia: Unprecedented surge with 12,711 cases amid prolonged tick activity. Source: BEACON

North America

› **West Nile virus disease**, United States: 1,621 cases in 2026, with California accounting for 452 (387 neuroinvasive infections and 29 deaths). Source: CDC

Latin America & Caribbean

› **Chagas disease**, Venezuela: Recurring food-borne outbreaks reported in Caracas. Source: BEACON

› **Cryptosporidiosis**, Brazil: Waterborne gastroenteritis outbreak with 2600 cases involving Cryptosporidium and E. coli. Source: BEACON

› **Influenza**, Brazil (Santa Catarina): Fatal human infection with swine-origin variant. Source: BEACON

› **Leptospirosis**, Peru (Piura): 13,962 cases and 50 deaths amid El Niño-related precipitation. Source: BEACON

› **Yellow fever**, Venezuela: 36 confirmed cases prompt an emergency vaccination campaign. Source: BEACON

Asia

- **Dengue**
  - Bangladesh: 1,929 cases and 8 deaths in 24 hours; 136,929 so far this year. Source: Outbreak News Today
  - Vietnam: Over 42,500 cases and 11 deaths reported this year. Source: Outbreak News Today
- **Hand foot and mouth disease**, Vietnam: Record levels with 100,000 cases nationwide and EV-A71 circulation. Source: BEACON
- **Hantavirus disease**, Russian Federation (Nizhny Novgorod): 1,512 cases linked to autumn rodent migration to residential areas. Source: H-Radar
- **Malaria**, Philippines (MIMAROPA): 2,217 cases reported in Palawan so far. Source: H-Radar

Middle East

- **Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever**, Afghanistan: 1,669 suspected cases and 71 deaths following livestock exposure. Source: BEACON

Africa

- **Cholera**, Zambia: 1,488 cases and 29 deaths across six provinces, with most in Lusaka. Source: Outbreak News Today

Oceania

- **Buruli ulcer**, Australia: Range expands with 294 cases year to date. Source: BEACON