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Summary

D.R. Congo declared its 17th Ebola outbreak on 15 May 2026 (Bundibugyo virus); WHO declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. As of 24 May, 867 suspected cases and 204 deaths span Ituri, North and South Kivu, with two imported cases in Uganda and no licensed vaccine. The cruise ship hantavirus outbreak has reached 12 cases including three deaths; the ship is docked in Rotterdam and EU/EEA risk remains very low. Measles transmission continues across the EU/EEA, with 3,607 cases (April 2025-March 2026), with outbreaks in Bulgaria, France, Portugal, and Spain. Globally, Bangladesh recorded 8,067 cases and 481 deaths, the Americas 18,088, and Africa 96,455 across 22 countries; Peru declared a health emergency over a measles outbreak involving 231 cases. The first West Nile Virus cases in 2026 were reported in Italy and the United States. Mauritius has surpassed 3,300 chikungunya cases, and French Guiana reports 249 autochthonous cases.

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ECDC CDTR: [Week 21, 14-22 May 2026](#)

Reporting on:

- Hantavirus disease outbreak on cruise ship - South Atlantic - 2026
- Ebola disease outbreak caused by Bundibugyo virus - Democratic Republic of the Congo and
- Avian influenza A(H9N2) - Multi-country (World) - Monitoring human cases
- Chikungunya virus disease - French Guiana, France - 2026
- Measles - Multi-country (World) - Monitoring European outbreaks - Monthly monitoring

› West Nile virus disease

- Italy (Sardinia): Single laboratory-confirmed case reported in Oristano in mid-May, earlier than typical seasonal onset. Source: [BEACON](#)
- United States (Texas): First human neuroinvasive case of 2026 reported in Texas, with early-season detection in Tennessee. Source: [BEACON](#)

› Hantavirus disease, International waters: 10 confirmed and 2 probable cases, including 3 deaths, linked to a cruise ship. Source: [BEACON](#)

› Chikungunya, Mauritius: Outbreak surpasses 3300 cases in 2026, following rapid transmission across several districts. Source: [BEACON](#)

› Ebola virus disease, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda, South Sudan (Ituri Province): 867 suspected cases and 204 deaths reported; PHEIC declared following cross-border spread. Source: [BEACON](#)

Classical vaccine preventable diseases

› Dengue

- Mali (Dakar): 121 new cases reported since mid-May, with Dakar and Mopti regions most affected. Source: [H-Radar](#)
- Sri Lanka (Western Province): Nearly 30,000 cases reported across all 25 districts ahead of the monsoon peak. Source: [BEACON](#)

› Measles

- Africa: 96,455 suspected and confirmed cases and 633 deaths reported across 22 AU Member States. Source: [H-Radar](#)
- Bangladesh: Over 60,540 suspected cases and 499 suspected deaths reported across all 64 districts. Source: [BEACON](#)
- Peru (Puno Region): Health emergency declared following 231 confirmed and 115 suspected cases, including clusters in Puno. Source: [BEACON](#)
- Spain (Murcia): Twelve confirmed cases reported in an outbreak in Alcantarilla, including an unvaccinated infant. Source: [H-Radar](#)

› Tick-borne encephalitis, Kazakhstan: Two cases reported in unvaccinated individuals amid an 11% increase in tick bites. Source: [H-Radar](#)

› Yellow fever, Brazil (São Paulo): Nine confirmed human cases and five deaths reported in São Paulo State during 2025-2026. Source: [BEACON](#)

Europe

- › **Borna virus disease**, Germany (Mecklenburg-Vorpommern): Three human cases, including one fatality, reported in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and Bavaria in 2026. Source: [BEACON](#)

North America

- › **Brucellosis**, United States (California): Human cluster linked to imported unpasteurized cheese in Los Angeles; bovine cases in Montana. Source: [BEACON](#)
- › **Murine typhus**, United States (Louisiana): 17 hospitalized cases and two deaths in Louisiana; 220 cases in Los Angeles County. Source: [BEACON](#)
- › **Salmonellosis**, United States: Multistate outbreak linked to backyard poultry reports 184 cases with an elevated hospitalisation rate. Source: [BEACON](#)

Latin America & Caribbean

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Asia

- › **Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever**, Afghanistan: Request for information issued regarding an increase in suspected cases across the country. Source: [BEACON](#)
- › **Malaria**, Yemen (Taiz): 116,000 confirmed cases in 2025, including 14,000 in Taiz, expanding into low-risk areas. Source: [BEACON](#)

Africa

- › **Mpox**
 - Madagascar (Mahajanga): Ongoing clade Ib outbreak with active community transmission and six deaths across multiple regions. Source: [BEACON](#)
 - Sudan (South Darfur): 347 suspected cases reported in Jebel Marra amid mass displacement and healthcare collapse. Source: [BEACON](#)
- › **Lassa fever**, Nigeria: Death toll from the ongoing outbreak has risen to 191 due to detection gaps. Source: [H-Radar](#)

Oceania