

Epidemiology Alert

20 January 2026

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ECDC communicable disease threats report: [ECDC CDTR week 3, 2026](#)

Classical vaccine-preventable diseases

- **Measles:**
 - Canada (national): [32 new cases bringing the total to 5,425 cases - State](#)
 - USA (national): [Measles Cases and Outbreaks | Measles \(Rubeola\) | CDC](#)
 - Mexico: [500 confirmed cases in first two weeks of 2026](#)
 - Guatemala: [Outbreak Santiago Atitlán, Sololá department - Outbreaknewstoday](#)
 - Australia: [4 cases so far in 2026, total of 179 cases in 2025 - Reliefweb](#)
 - Philippines: [Measles-rubella cases rose by 32% last year - via H-radar](#)
 - Kazakhstan: [191 cases in Taraz, Zhambyl Region; 370 cases nationally - BEACON](#)
 - Senegal: [22 cases in Kédougou in January 2026 - BEACON](#)
- **Poliomyelitis (WPV1), Pakistan:** [New case of wild poliovirus type 1 \(WPV1\) in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, bringing the total for 2025 to 31 cases - BEACON](#)
- **Typhoid fever, D.R. Congo:** [Outbreak in Kwango province - Outbreaknewstoday](#)
- **Yellow fever, fatal, Colombia (Tolima):** [Death reported in teen - Outbreaknewstoday](#)
- **Rabies, Yemen:** [481 cases Recorded in Taiz During 2025 - Yemen Online - via H-radar](#)
- **Japanese encephalitis**
 - India (Kerala): [JE threat grows in Malappuram and Kozhikode districts](#)
 - Australia (New South Wales): [Probable case, population risk - via H-radar](#)

Europe

- **Anaplasmosis, France:** [Retrospective study of Human Granulocytic Anaplasmosis, France, 2012-2024 - Emerging Infectious Diseases journal - CDC](#)
- **Lyme disease, Germany, update:** [Significant increase in Germany in 2025 - BEACON](#)

North America

- **Histoplasmosis, USA (Tennessee):** [Histoplasmosis cases in Williamson and Maury counties, Tennessee, USA, increase to 35, including one death - BEACON](#)
- **Salmonellosis, USA (multi-state), link to contaminated dietary supplement powder:** [Multistate Salmonella Typhimurium outbreak reported in the USA - BEACON](#)

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Latin America & Caribbean

- **Chikungunya**, Cuba: [More than 50,000 cases in 2025 - Outbreaknewstoday](#)
- **Hantavirus**, Argentina: [Hantavirus in Argentina 2025 - Outbreaknewstoday](#)
 - Buenos Aires Province: [Four deaths in Buenos Aires province in 2026 - BEACON](#)
 - Rio Negro Province: [One case in Río Negro Province - BEACON](#)

Asia

- **Severe fever with thrombocytopenia syndrome**, Japan: [Record of 191 cases in 2025, with geographic expansion into eastern prefectures - BEACON](#)
- **Nipah virus**, India (West Bengal): [Follow-up report: total of five cases - BEACON](#)
- **Syphilis**, Japan: [Fourth consecutive year with cases exceeding 13 000 - BEACON](#)
- **Bat Reovirus**, human disease, Bangladesh: [Causing acute respiratory disease and encephalitis in humans - Emerging Infectious Diseases journal - CDC](#)

Africa

- ***Haemophilus ducreyi***, cutaneous ulcers, Sierra Leone: [Outbreak in Bombali District, Northern Province, with 267 cases in children - BEACON](#)
- **Cholera**
 - D.R. Congo: [Outbreak intensifies, 1348 cases in EW1 of 2026 - BEACON](#)
 - Namibia: [22 cases in Grootfontein, Otjozondjupa Region - BEACON](#)
- **Mpox**, Madagascar: [Increase to 78 confirmed and 212 suspected cases - BEACON](#)

Oceania

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