

## Epidemiology Alert

24 March 2026

### Relevant for travel advice / General

ECDC weekly communicable disease threats report (CDTR): [2026-WCP-0013 Draft.docx](#)

Reporting on:

- Invasive meningococcal disease, UK (England)
- Imported dengue, ex-Maldives
- Chikungunya, serious adverse events to IXCHIQ vaccine
- Avian influenza (H5N1), global human cases

Hantavirus, global updates: Argentina: pulmonary syndrome; and Udmurtia (Russia): renal syndrome: [Argentina: 27 cases in 2026, six fatal. Transmission primarily linked to rodent exposure.](#) Udmurtia (Russia): [567 cases with renal syndrome cases linked to infected red voles.](#) - H-Radar

### Classical vaccine preventable diseases

- Measles, global updates
  - USA (national): [Measles Cases and Outbreaks | Measles \(Rubeola\) | CDC](#)
  - Canada: [Measles and Rubella Weekly Monitoring Report – Canada.ca](#)
  - Mexico: [13,408 cases and 35 deaths, cases across all states.](#) - BEACON
  - Latvia: [First outbreak since 2018 in Riga, Latvia, March 2026.](#) - BEACON
  - Yemen: [530 cases over 11 weeks.](#) - BEACON
  - Israel: [17th death, unvaccinated teenager with comorbidities.](#) - H-Radar
  - Japan: [100 cases, primarily Tokyo and Aichi.](#) - Outbreak News Today
- Meningococcal disease
  - UK (Kent, England): [Invasive meningococcal serogroup B outbreak among Kent university students reaches 29 cases.](#) - BEACON
  - Low risk for EU/EEA, ECDC-report: [Very low risk for the EU/EEA from the outbreak of invasive meningococcal disease in Kent, England](#)
- Hepatitis A, Italy (Campania): [133 cases, contaminated bivalve mollusks.](#) - BEACON
- Tetanus, Spain (Catalonia): [Severe case, unvaccinated adolescent.](#) - BEACON
- Yellow fever
  - Venezuela: [Six cases, including areas without vaccine recommendation.](#) - Outbreak News Today
  - Colombia: [30 cases, 11 deaths, also unvaccinated travelers](#) - BEACON
- Japanese encephalitis, South Korea: [Nationwide alert after early vector detection in Jeju Province.](#) - Outbreak News Today
- Dengue, Panama: [1,232 cases, 149 hospitalizations, 4 deaths](#) - Outbreak News Today

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## Europe

- **Shigellosis**, ex-Cabo Verde, ECDC-alert: [Epidemiological update: Shigellosis and other gastrointestinal infections in travellers returning from Cabo Verde](#)

## North America

- **E. coli** (STEC), USA (multi-state): [Multistate outbreak, linked to raw \(unpasteurized\) cheddar cheese - BEACON](#)

## Latin America & Caribbean

- **Leptospirosis**, Peru: [Cases in Peru increase to 1045 with five deaths; Ministry of Health issues epidemiological alert amid rainfall conditions - BEACON](#)

## Asia

- **Severe fever with thrombocytopenia syndrome** (SFTS), Taiwan: [Third domestically acquired case, suggesting established local tick-borne transmission. - BEACON](#)

## Africa

- **Malaria**, Namibia: [Resurgence, 11,327 cases and 21 deaths. - Outbreak News Today](#)

## Oceania

- **Syphilis**, Australia: [Nationally significant outbreak declared in Australia amid rising infectious and congenital cases. - H-Radar](#)

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