



GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA
Ministry of Health

SURVEILLANCE SUMMARY REPORT

2025:
EPIDEMIOLOGICAL WEEKS 13-16: 23 MARCH 2025 – 19 APRIL 2025

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 23 APRIL 2025

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

The data presented in this section reflects reports submitted to the Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit through Bermuda's sentinel surveillance system.

Syndromes reported in EWs 13-16 included Fever and Rash (chickenpox), Fever and Respiratory (adenovirus, common cold, coronavirus "seasonal", COVID-19, human metapneumovirus, influenza, parainfluenza, RSV, strep throat) Gastroenteritis (c.difficile, campylobacter, e.coli, plesiomonas, salmonella) and Conjunctivitis.

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

During EWs 13-16, there were alerts for Fever and Rash, Fever and Respiratory and Gastroenteritis.

Epidemiological Week 13

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	1	LOW
Fever and Neurological Symptoms	0	0	0	0	LOW
Fever and Rash	0	0	1	2	LOW
Fever and Respiratory Symptoms (under 5 years)	6	5	9	17	LOW
Fever and Respiratory Symptoms (5 years and older)	31	31	56	106	LOW
Gastroenteritis (under 5 years)	0	1	2	4	LOW
Gastroenteritis (5 years and older)	1	3	5	9	LOW
Undifferentiated Fever (under 5 years)	0	0	0	0	LOW
Undifferentiated Fever (5 years and older)	0	0	0	0	LOW
% of sentinel sites reporting	89.29%				

Epidemiological Week 14

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	1	LOW
Fever and Neurological Symptoms	0	0	0	1	LOW
Fever and Rash	0	0	1	2	LOW
Fever and Respiratory Symptoms (under 5 years)	5	4	8	15	LOW
Fever and Respiratory Symptoms (5 years and older)	27	26	40	70	LOW
Gastroenteritis (under 5 years)	0	1	1	3	LOW
Gastroenteritis (5 years and older)	3	3	5	9	LOW
Undifferentiated Fever (under 5 years)	0	0	1	2	LOW
Undifferentiated Fever (5 years and older)	0	0	0	0	LOW
% of sentinel sites reporting	92.86%				

Epidemiological Week 15

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	1	LOW
Fever and Neurological Symptoms	0	0	0	1	LOW
Fever and Rash	0	0	1	2	LOW
Fever and Respiratory Symptoms (under 5 years)	6	3	7	14	LOW
Fever and Respiratory Symptoms (5 years and older)	32	24	38	66	LOW
Gastroenteritis (under 5 years)	2	0	1	3	MEDIUM
Gastroenteritis (5 years and older)	5	3	5	10	LOW
Undifferentiated Fever (under 5 years)	0	0	1	2	LOW
Undifferentiated Fever (5 years and older)	0	0	0	0	LOW

Epidemiological Week 16

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	1	LOW
Fever and Neurological Symptoms	0	0	0	1	LOW
Fever and Rash	1	0	1	2	MEDIUM
Fever and Respiratory Symptoms (under 5 years)	2	3	6	12	LOW
Fever and Respiratory Symptoms (5 years and older)	26	23	37	65	LOW
Gastroenteritis (under 5 years)	2	0	1	3	MEDIUM
Gastroenteritis (5 years and older)	3	3	6	11	LOW
Undifferentiated Fever (under 5 years)	0	0	1	2	LOW
Undifferentiated Fever (5 years and older)	0	0	0	1	LOW

4-Week Summary: Epidemiological Weeks 13-16

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	1	3	LOW
Fever and Neurological Symptoms	0	0	1	2	LOW
Fever and Rash	1	1	4	8	LOW
Fever and Respiratory Symptoms (under 5 years)	19	14	29	59	LOW
Fever and Respiratory Symptoms (5 years and older)	116	103	171	307	LOW
Gastroenteritis (under 5 years)	4	2	6	12	LOW
Gastroenteritis (5 years and older)	12	12	21	40	LOW
Undifferentiated Fever (under 5 years)	0	0	2	6	LOW
Undifferentiated Fever (5 years and older)	0	0	0	1	LOW

Cumulative Summary: Epidemiological Weeks 1-16

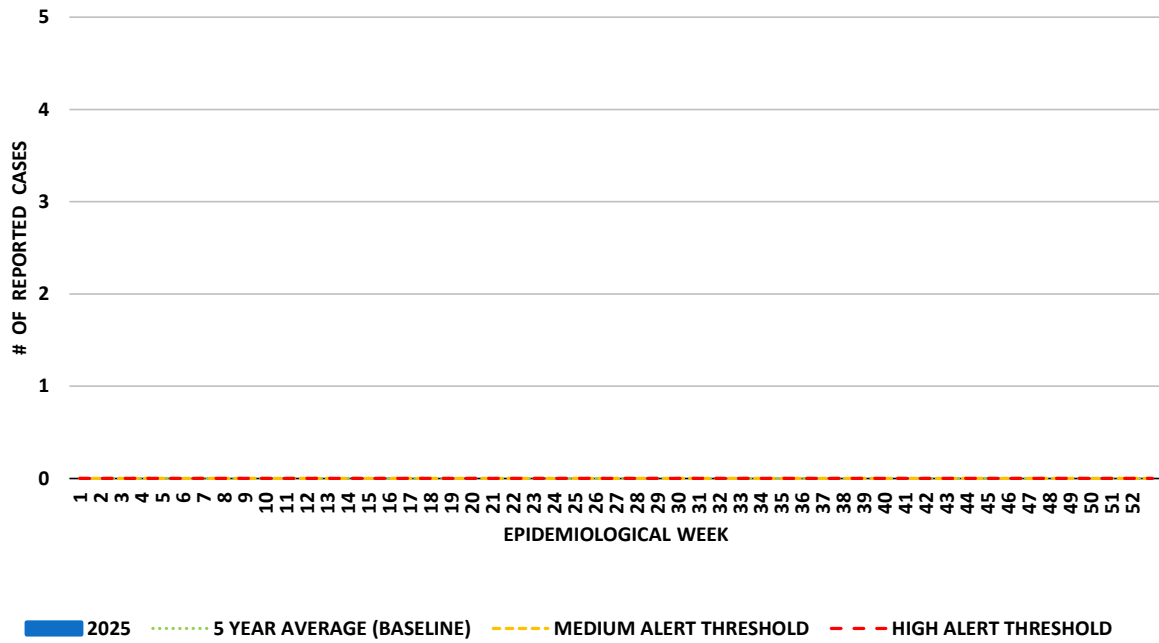
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Acute Flaccid Paralysis	0	0	0	0	LOW
Fever and Haemorrhagic Symptoms	0	0	1	3	LOW
Fever and Neurological Symptoms	1	0	3	7	LOW
Fever and Rash	15	9	25	56	LOW
Fever and Respiratory Symptoms (under 5 years)	91	77	148	291	LOW
Fever and Respiratory Symptoms (5 years and older)	618	657	1153	2146	LOW
Gastroenteritis (under 5 years)	7	12	29	64	LOW
Gastroenteritis (5 years and older)	54	49	87	164	LOW
Undifferentiated Fever (under 5 years)	0	1	3	9	LOW
Undifferentiated Fever (5 years and older)	0	0	1	3	LOW

*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.

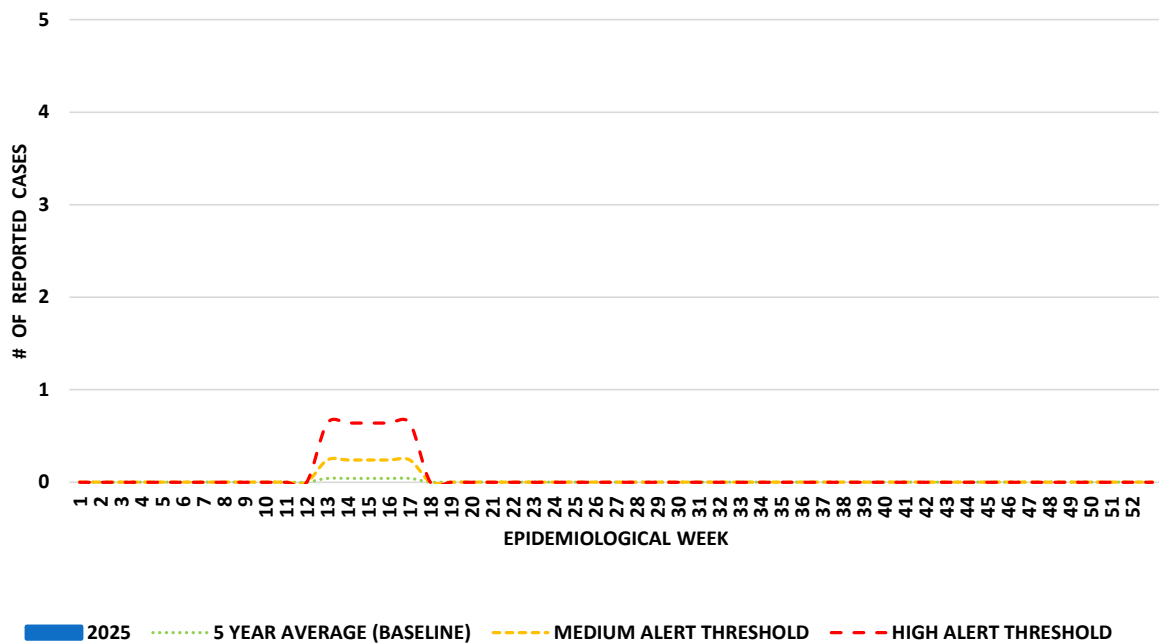
** Medium Alert Threshold is set at 1 standard deviation above 5-yr average

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

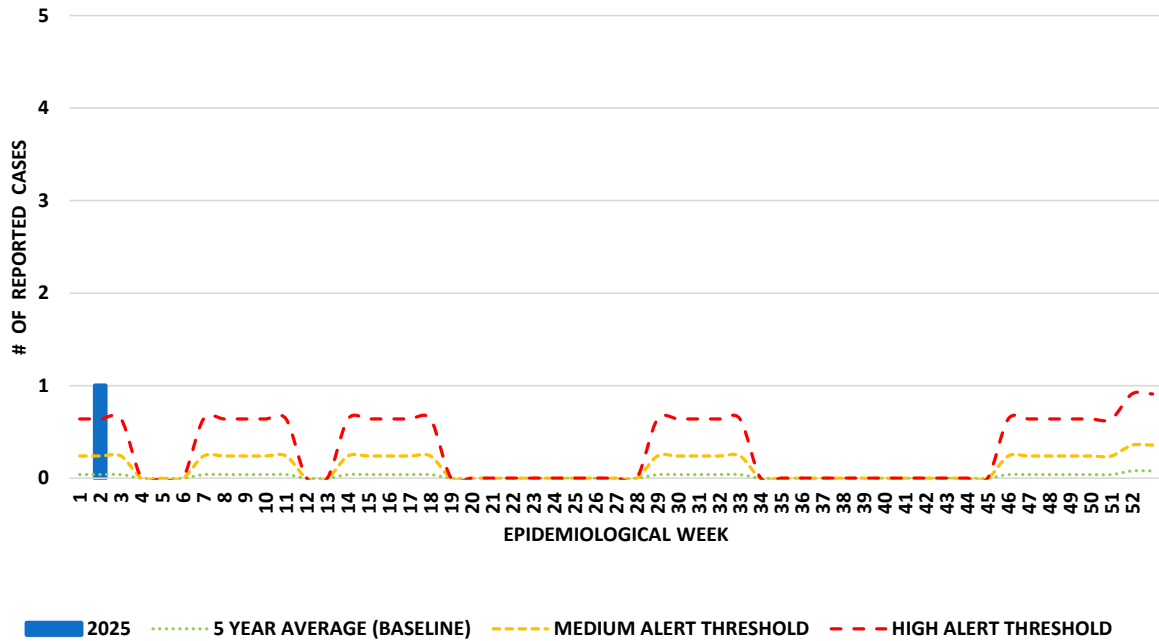
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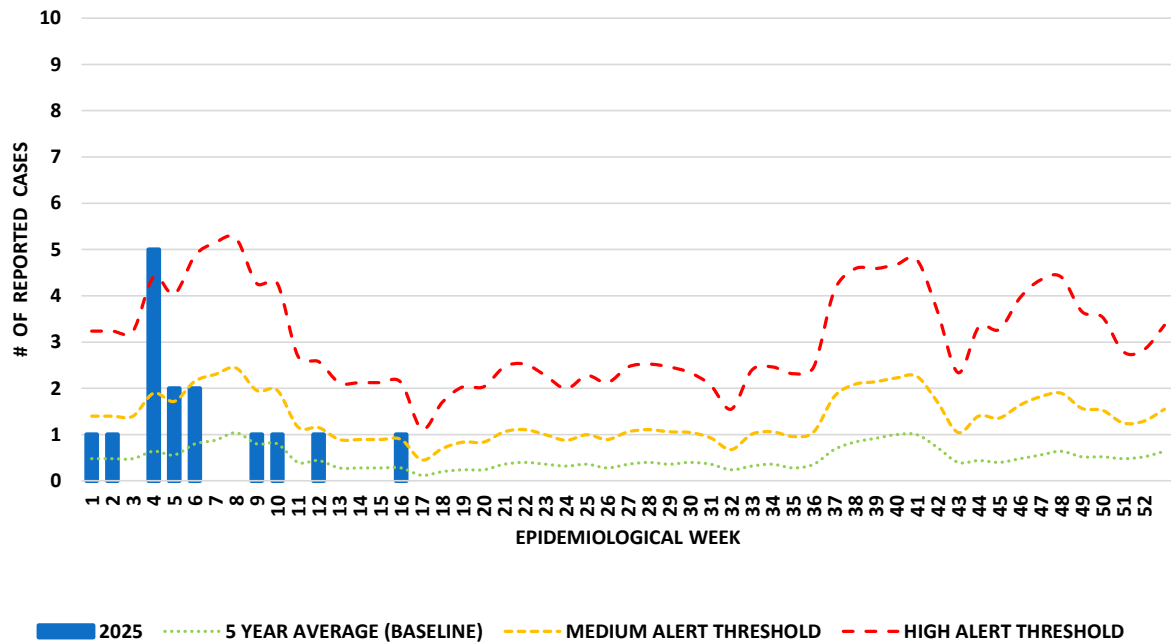
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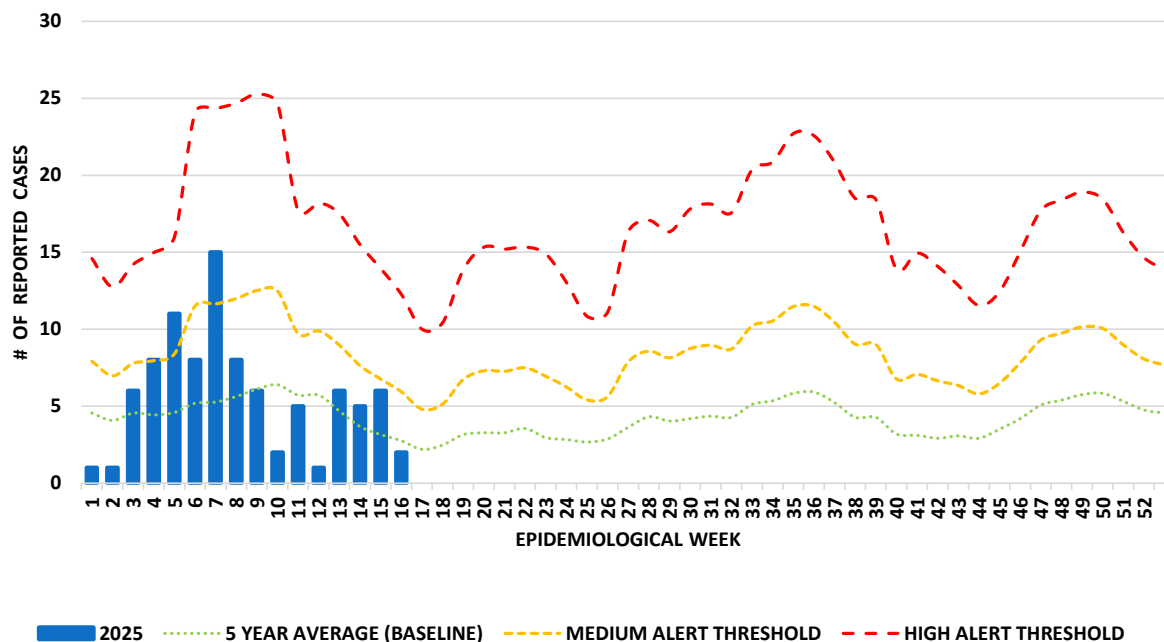
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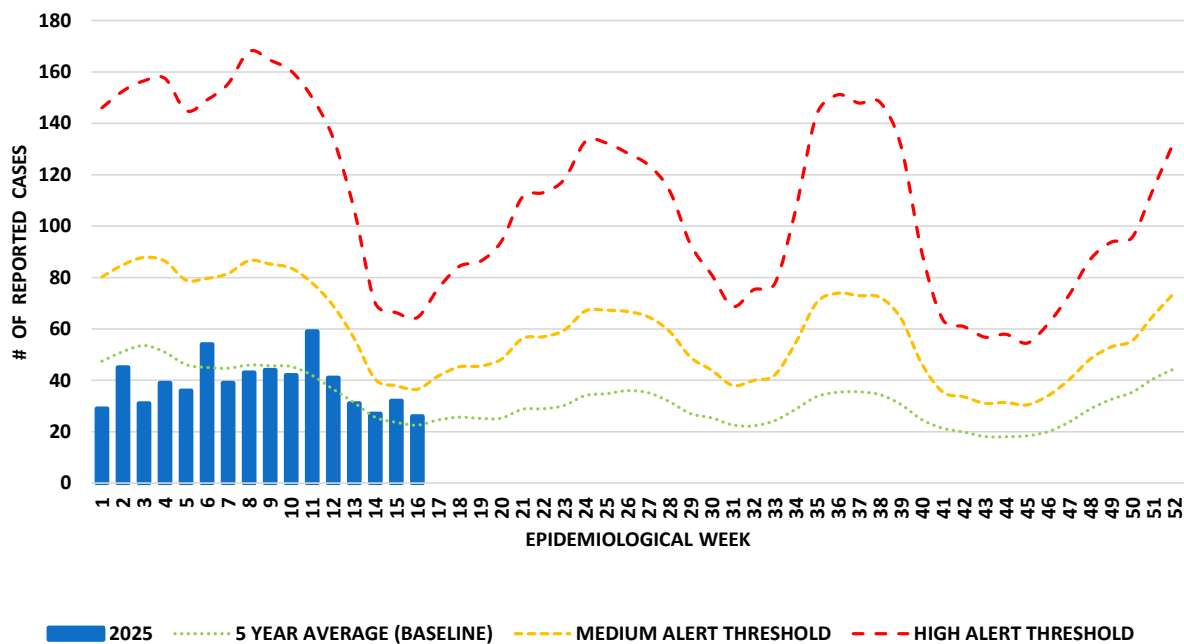
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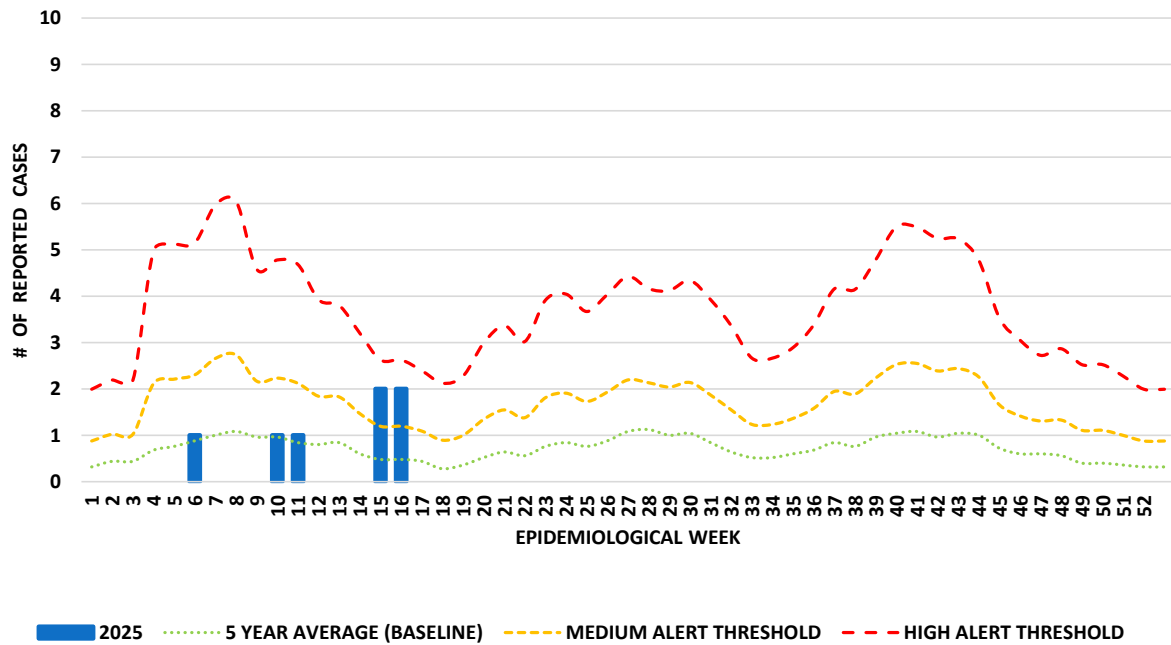
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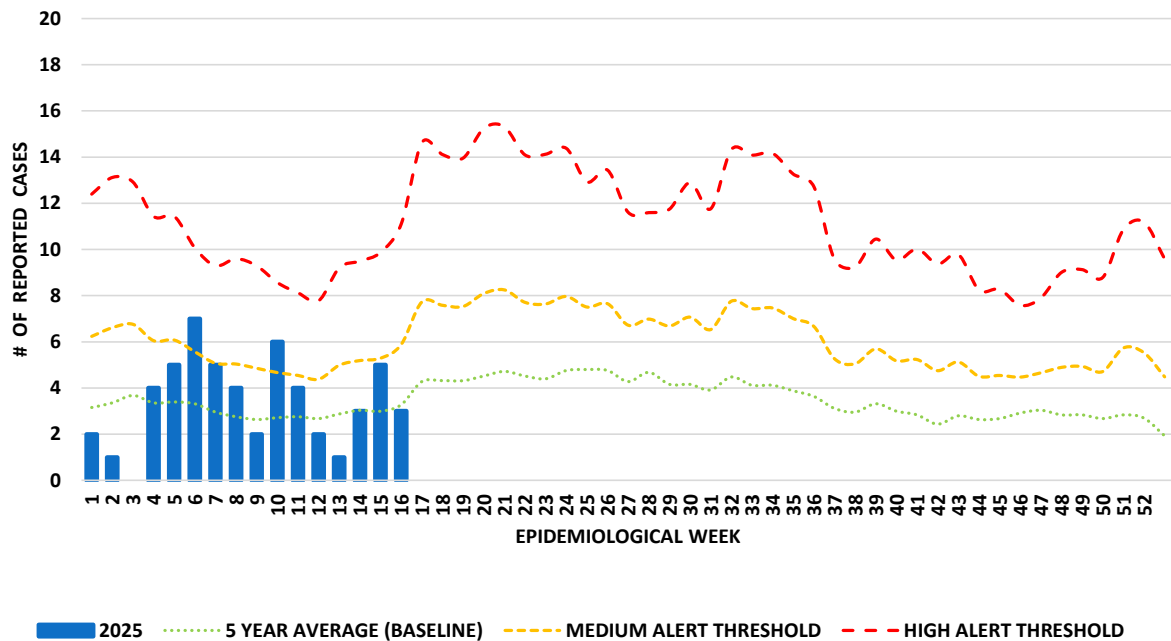
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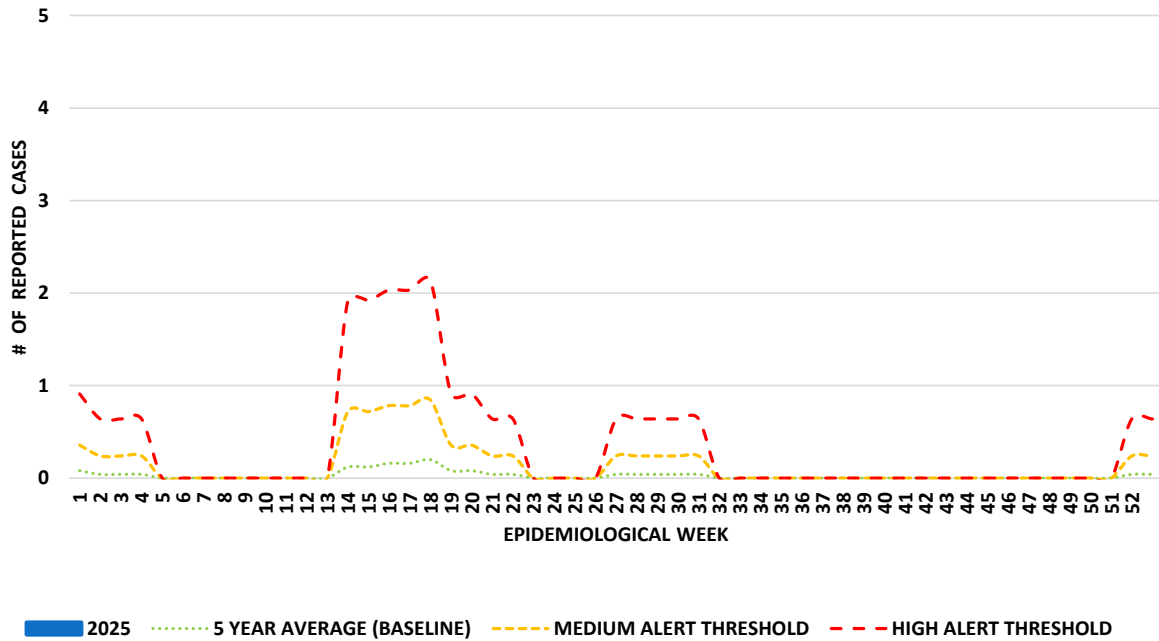
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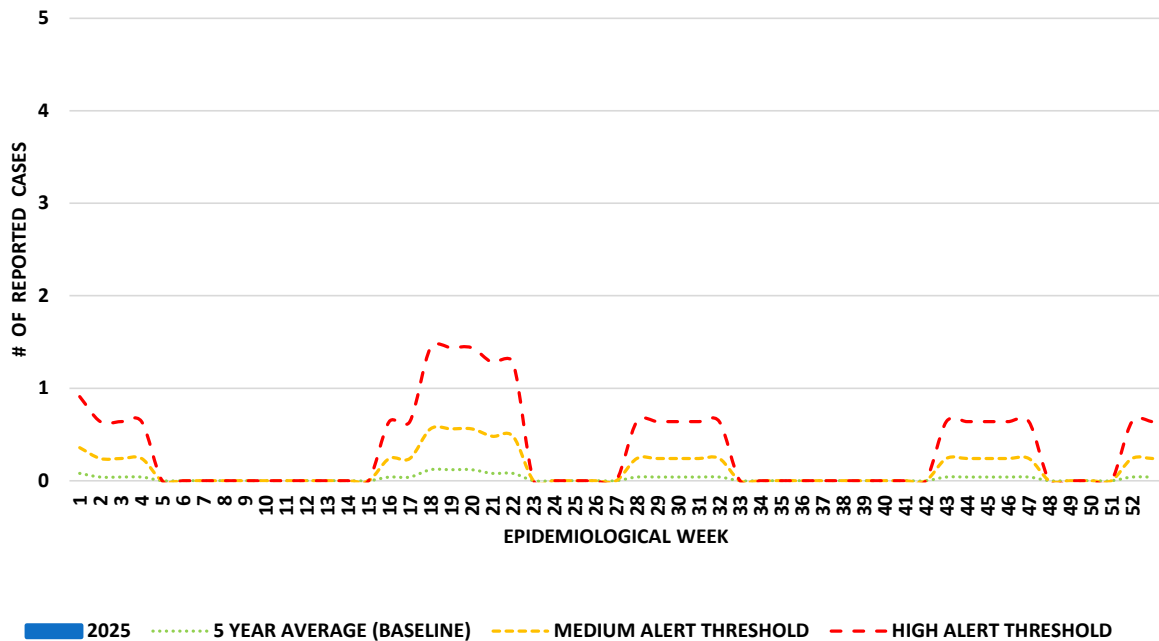
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UNDIFFERENTIATED FEVER IN PERSONS AGED UNDER 5 YEARS



UNDIFFERENTIATED FEVER IN PERSONS AGED 5 YEARS AND OLDER



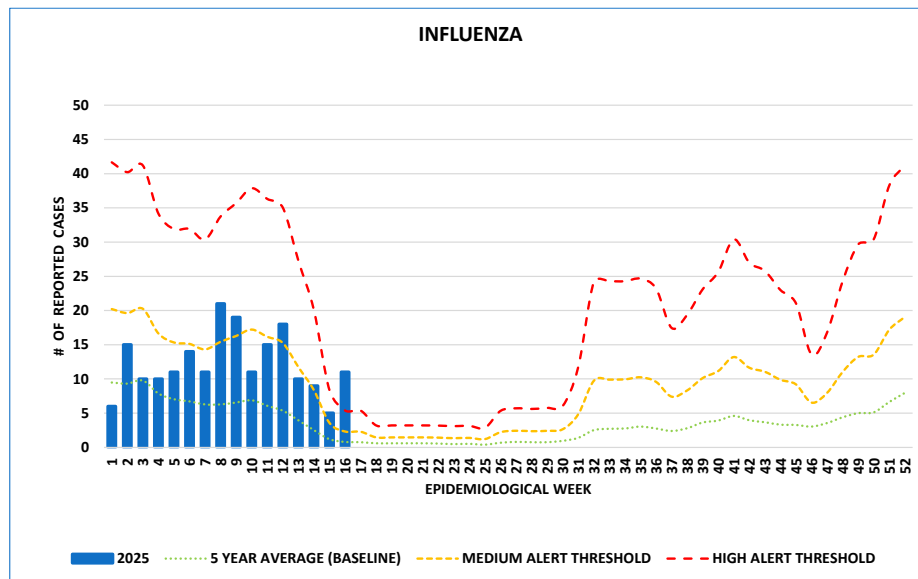
Conditions of Interest: Influenza, COVID-19, and Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI)

Surveillance case definitions included here are as follows:

Influenza:

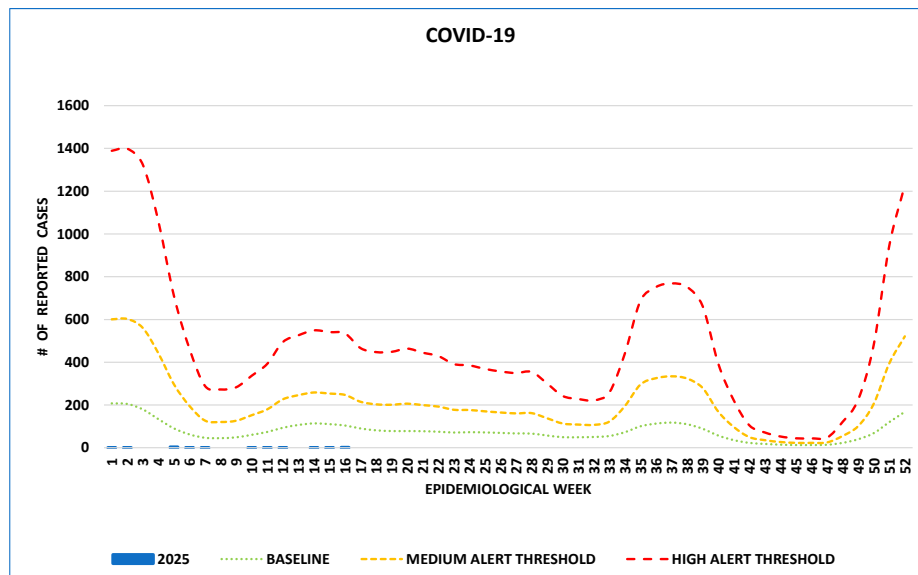
Clinical (or suspect): A person with fever, headache, myalgia, and cough

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



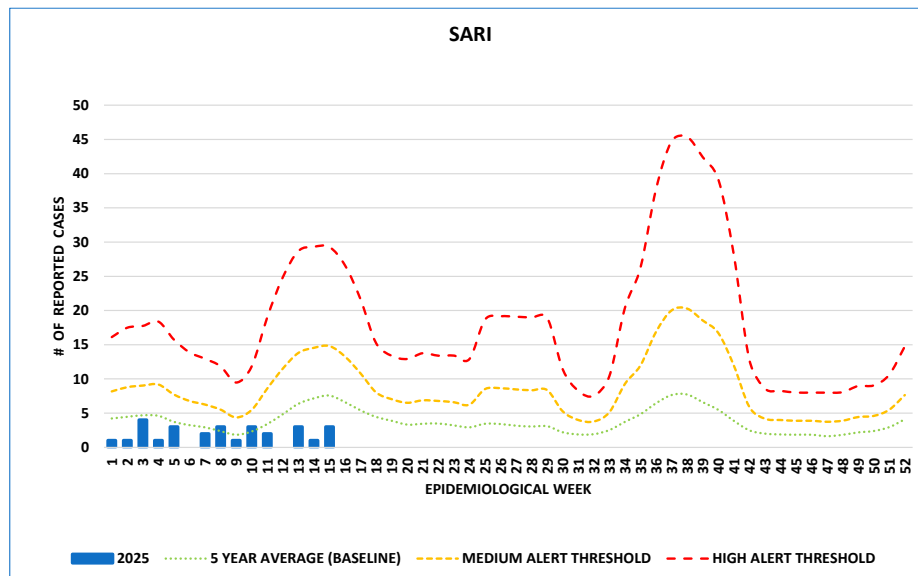
COVID-19:

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 during EWs 13 to 16 remained moderately high, with weekly case counts ranging from 5 to 11. After recording 10 cases in EW13 and 9 in EW14, there was a notable decline to 5 cases in EW15, the lowest for the period, before rebounding to 11 cases in EW16. This pattern suggests continued transmission with short-term variability.

COVID-19 activity was low but showed a slight upward trend over the four weeks. No cases were reported in EW13, followed by one case each in EW14 and EW15, and a modest increase to two cases in EW16. Despite the increase, overall levels remain minimal, indicating limited community spread at this time.

SARI cases fluctuated slightly, with 3 cases in both EW13 and EW15, a dip to 1 case in EW14, and no cases reported in EW16. Although numbers were low, the pattern reflects ongoing but sporadic presentations of severe respiratory illness.

Routine Communicable Disease Surveillance (EWs 13-16 2025)

An observed increase in confirmed diseases may not necessarily indicate a true increase in disease incidence. Such increases may result from factors like enhanced diagnostic capacity, improved access to confirmatory testing, or heightened awareness of circulating diseases—both locally and globally.

In instances where the relative level is above normal (indicated in red), further epidemiological investigation may be conducted to determine if there are clusters of illness or outbreaks occurring. This is dependent on many factors, including the severity of the illness, the potential for spread, and the availability of control measures.

DISEASES/PATHOGENS	Cumulative Total (Lab Conf. cases)	
	Curr. Yr	Last Yr.
Diseases Reportable under the International Health Regulations		
Cholera	0	0
Human Influenza (new sub-type)	0	0
Pneumonic Plague	0	0
Polio	0	0
Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)	0	0
Yellow Fever	0	0
Air Borne Diseases		
Adenoviruses	13	53
COVID-19	13	147
Human Metapneumovirus [hMPV]	28	18
Influenza	202	148
Respiratory Syncytial Virus [RSV]	101	29
Tuberculosis - Extrapulmonary	0	0
Tuberculosis - Pulmonary	1	0
Vaccine Preventable Diseases under the Caribbean Expanded Programme on Immunization		
Chicken Pox [Varicella] (clinically confirmed)	6	6
Diphtheria	0	0
Measles	0	0
Meningitis [due to <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>]	0	0
Meningitis [due to <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>]	0	0
Meningococcal Infection [due to <i>Neisseria meningitidis</i>]	0	0
Mumps	0	0
Pertussis [Whooping Cough]	0	2
Pneumonia [due to <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>]	0	0
Pneumonia [due to <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>]	0	0
Rotavirus	1	0
Rubella [Congenital German Measles]	0	0
Rubella [German Measles]	0	0
Tetanus [excluding Neonatal]	0	0
Tetanus Neonatorum	0	0
Vector Borne Diseases		
Chagas Disease	0	0
Chikungunya Virus	0	0
Dengue Fever	0	0
Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever/Shock Syndrome	0	0
Leptospirosis	0	0
Malaria	0	0
Zika	0	0
Food and Water Borne Pathogens		
Campylobacter	7	10
Ciguatera Poisoning (clinically confirmed)	0	0
Cryptosporidium	0	2
E. Coli (pathogenic)	7	17
Giardia	0	1
Hepatitis A	0	0
Listeria	0	0
Norovirus	4	5
Salmonella	3	15
Shigella	1	1
Staphylococcus (pathogenic)	0	0
Taxoplasma	0	0
Typhoid and Paratyphoid	0	0
Vibrio (excluding Cholera)	0	0
Other Diseases		
Viral Encephalitis/Meningitis	0	0
Hepatitis B	1	1
Hepatitis C	3	3
Leprosy (Hansens Disease)	0	0
Meningitis/Encephalitis (not specified)	1	0
Rabies (in Humans)	0	0
Specific Diseases under Country Surveillance		
Chlamydia	76	79
Gonorrhoea	5	4
Herpes	4	16
Syphilis	1	1

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL WEEKS 2025

WEEK	FROM	TO
1	29-Dec-24	4-Jan-25
2	5-Jan-25	11-Jan-2025
3	12-Jan-25	18-Jan-25
4	19-Jan-25	25-Jan-25
5	26-Jan-25	01-Feb-25
6	02-Feb-25	08-Feb-25
7	09-Feb-25	15-Feb-25
8	16-Feb-25	22-Feb-25
9	23-Feb-25	01-Mar-25
10	02-Mar-25	08-Mar-25
11	09-Mar-25	15-Mar-25
12	16-Mar-25	22-Mar-25
13	23-Mar-25	29-Mar-25
14	30-Mar-25	05-Apr-25
15	06-Apr-25	12-Apr-25
16	13-Apr-25	19-Apr-25
17	20-Apr-25	26-Apr-25
18	27-Apr-25	03-May-25
19	04-May-25	10-May-25
20	11-May-25	17-May-25
21	18-May-25	24-May-25
22	25-May-25	31-May-25
23	01-Jun-25	07-Jun-25
24	08-Jun-25	14-Jun-25
25	15-Jun-25	21-Jun-25
26	22-Jun-25	28-Jun-25

WEEK	FROM	TO
27	29-Jun-25	05-Jul-25
28	06-Jul-25	12-Jul-25
29	13-Jul-25	19-Jul-25
30	20-Jul-25	26-Jul-25
31	27-Jul-25	02-Aug-25
32	03-Aug-25	09-Aug-25
33	10-Aug-25	16-Aug-25
34	17-Aug-25	23-Aug-25
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38	14-Sep-25	20-Sep-25
39	21-Sep-25	27-Sep-25
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41	05-Oct-25	11-Oct-25
42	12-Oct-25	18-Oct-25
43	19-Oct-25	25-Oct-25
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45	02-Nov-25	08-Nov-25
46	09-Nov-25	15-Nov-25
47	16-Nov-25	22-Nov-25
48	23-Nov-25	29-Nov-25
49	30-Nov-25	06-Dec-25
50	07-Dec-25	13-Dec-25
51	14-Dec-25	20-Dec-25
52	21-Dec-25	27-Dec-25