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Weekly Epidemiological Report

Week 12: 17th – 23rd March 2025

Highlight of the week

LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT IN ACTION: HOUSE COMMITTEE VISITS NCDC



On March 21, 2025, the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) welcomed members of the House of Representatives Committee on Healthcare Services, led by Chairman Honourable Amos Gwamna Magaji, as part of their statutory oversight responsibilities.

The Director General of NCDC, Dr. Jide Idris, along with the agency's senior management team, received the delegation at the NCDC headquarters. The visit provided an opportunity for open and constructive dialogue on strengthening Nigeria's public health infrastructure and emergency preparedness through robust legislative backing.

Discussions focused on critical areas such as disease surveillance, funding for health security, workforce development, and the need for sustained political will to support NCDC's mandate. The committee expressed its commitment to ensuring that policies and legislative instruments are aligned with the agency's goals for a healthier and more resilient Nigeria.

This visit reinforces the vital role of legislative oversight in fostering transparency, accountability, and collaboration across sectors. It also highlights the shared commitment of both arms of government to improve Nigeria's health security architecture and readiness to respond to current and future public health threats.

Summary of Incidents

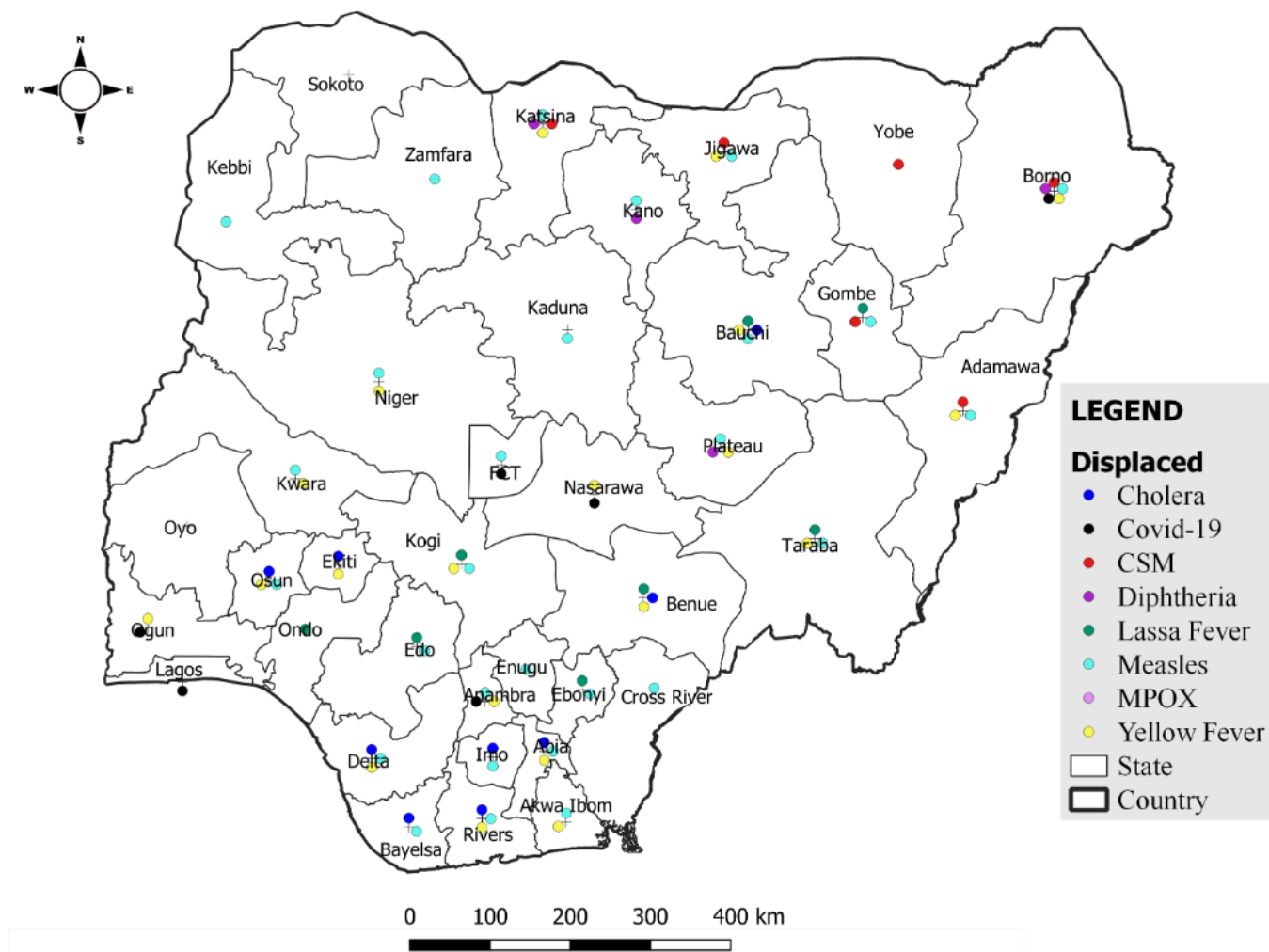
Ongoing incidents

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The Ongoing incidents within the reporting week are Lassa Fever, Cholera, Mpox, CSM and Diphtheria.

**Ongoing incidents are defined as confirmed cases where a national EOC or equivalent has been activated.*

Figure 1: Priority Diseases under surveillance in Nigeria, week 12, 2025.



Summary of Diseases

Table 1: Week 12 (17th – 23rd March 2025)

Lassa Fever ₁	Cerebrospinal Meningitis (CSM) ₂	Yellow Fever ₂
242 Suspected case(s)	535 Suspected case(s)	44 Suspected case(s)
41 Confirmed case(s)	38 Confirmed case(s)	0 Confirmed case(s)
6 Death(s)	31 Death(s)	0 Death(s)
Cholera ₂	Measles ₂	Mpox ₂
19 Suspected case(s)	78 Suspected case(s)	39 Suspected case(s)
0 Confirmed case(s)	11 Confirmed case(s)	7 Confirmed case(s)
0 Death(s)	0 Death(s)	0 Death(s)
Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) ₂	Coronavirus Disease ₂	Diphtheria ₂
107 Suspected case(s)	62 Suspected case(s)	18 Suspected case(s)
0 Confirmed case(s)	2 Confirmed case(s)	3 Confirmed case(s)
0 Death(s)	0 Death(s)	2 Death(s)
National Sentinel influenza surveillance ₃		
61 Suspected case(s)		
0 Confirmed case(s)		

Information for this disease was retrieved from the Technical Working Group and Situation Reports of Nigerian Centre for Disease Control and Prevention

1. Case Fatality Rate (CFR) for this disease is reported for confirmed cases only.
2. CFR for this disease is reported for total cases i.e. suspected + confirmed.
3. Information for sentinel influenza was retrieved from the laboratory.

Lassa Fever

Table 1: Week 12

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
242	41	6	State: 12 + FCT LGA: 21

Table 2: Lassa Fever Year to date (week 1 – 12, 2024/2025)

Suspected cases		Confirmed cases		Deaths		CFR	
2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
5029	3465	791	645	149	119	18.8%	18.4%

Figure 2: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Lassa Fever by epidemiological week, 2025.

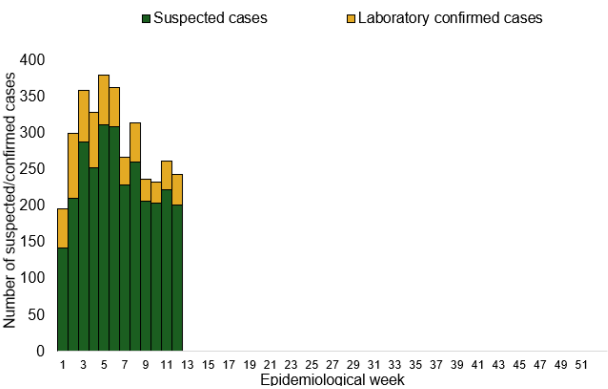
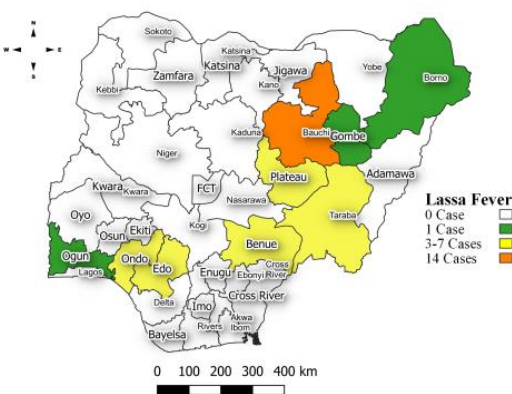


Figure 3: Confirmed cases of Lassa Fever by State, Nigeria, week 12, 2025.



Key points

- There were 242 suspected cases of Lassa Fever reported from 21 LGAs in 12 states and FCT. There were 41 laboratory confirmed cases and six deaths were recorded.

Actions

To date:

- National Lassa fever multi-partner, multi-sectoral Technical Working Group (TWG) continues to coordinate the response activities at all levels.
- Optimization of University of Benin Teaching Hospital, Benin and Federal Medical Centre, Makurdi.
- Implementation of Nigeria Lassa fever epidemiological Study supported by CEPI.
- Sensitization of healthcare workers and other community structures across hotspot LGAs.
- Developed a targeted communication strategy based on the data from the community survey conducted in 3 states.

Cerebrospinal Meningitis (CSM)

Table 4: Week 12

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
535	38	31	State: 12 LGA: 49

Table 5: CSM Year to date (week 1 – 12, 2024/2025)

Suspected cases		Confirmed cases		Deaths		CFR	
2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
1907	1752	47	109	110	150	5.8%	8.6%

Figure 4: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of CSM by epidemiological week, 2025.

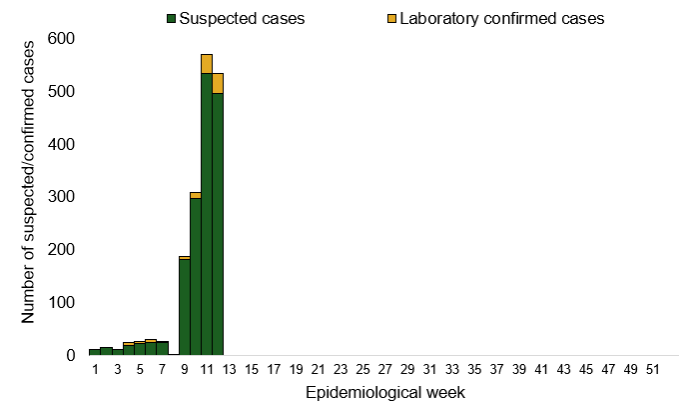
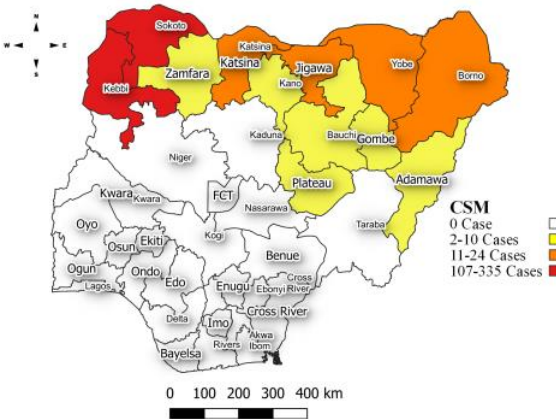


Figure 5: Suspected cases of CSM by State, Nigeria, week 12, 2025.



Key points

- There were 535 suspected cases of Cerebrospinal meningitis (CSM) reported from 49 LGAs in 11 states. There were 38 laboratory confirmed cases and 31 deaths imo recorded.

Actions

To date:

- National CSM multi-partner Technical Working Group (TWG) continues to coordinate activities across states.
- Implementation of targeted risk communication activities across high-risk states.
- CSM advisory developed and circulated across high-risk states.
- Multi-sectoral state-level Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) was activated in Jigawa, Yobe, Gombe, Katsina, Kebbi and Sokoto states.

Yellow Fever

Table 6: Week 12

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
44	0	0	State: 20 LGA: 37

Table 7: Yellow Fever Year to date (week 1 – 12, 2024/2025)

Suspected cases		Confirmed cases		Deaths		CFR	
2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
761	731	2	1	1	0	0.1%	0%

Figure 6: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Yellow Fever by epidemiological week, 2025.

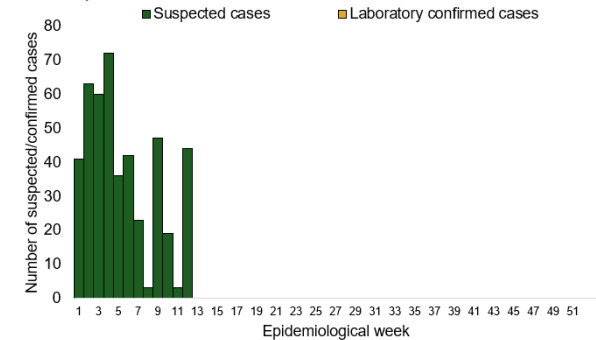
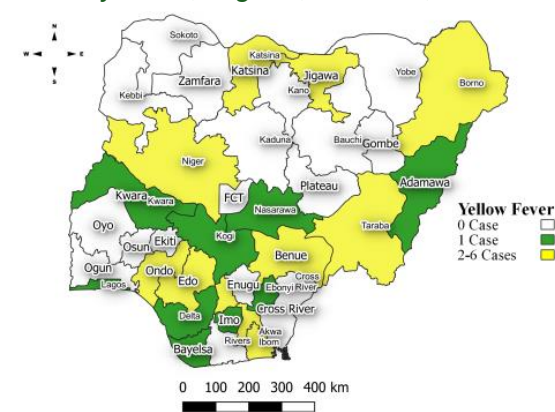


Figure 7: Suspected cases of Yellow Fever by State, Nigeria, week 12, 2025.



Key points

- There were 44 suspected cases of Yellow Fever (YF) reported from 37 LGAs in 20 states. There was no laboratory confirmed case and no death was recorded.

Actions

To date:

- National YF multi-partner Technical Working Group (TWG) continues to coordinate activities across states.
- Harmonizing surveillance and laboratory data.
- Provision of off-site surveillance support to affected States.

Cholera

Table 8: Week 12

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
19	0	0	State: 5 LGA: 8

Table 9: Cholera Year to date (week 1 – 12, 2024/2025)

Suspected cases		Confirmed cases		Deaths		CFR	
2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
1514	1226	3	36	18	28	1.2%	2.3%

Figure 8: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Cholera by epidemiological week, 2025.

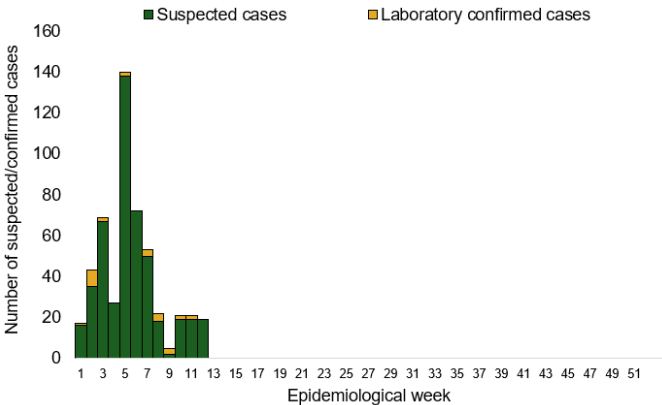
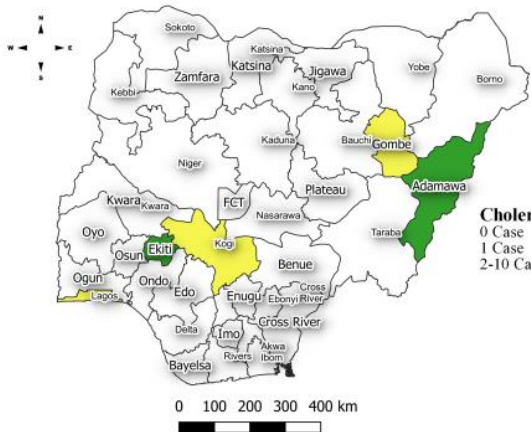


Figure 9: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Cholera, weeks 12, 2025.



Key points

- There were 19 suspected cases of Cholera reported from eight LGAs in five states. There was no laboratory confirmed case and no death recorded.

Actions

To date:

- National Cholera Multi-Sectoral Technical Working Group (TWG) is monitoring all states and supporting affected states.
- Multi-sectoral State-level Emergency Operation Centres (EOCs) activated in Lagos State.
- Community social mobilisation, media interviews, distribution of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials and awareness campaigns ongoing in affected communities.
- Cholera advisory developed and circulated.
- Advocacy visits to the community and traditional leaders for Cholera prevention and treatment sensitization.

Measles

Table 10: Week 12

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
78	11	0	State: 20 LGA: 50

Table 11: Measles Year to date (week 1 – 12, 2024/2025)

Suspected cases		Confirmed cases		Deaths		CFR	
2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
9131	4377	1406	985	66	0	0.7%	0%

Figure 10: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Measles by epidemiological week, 2025.

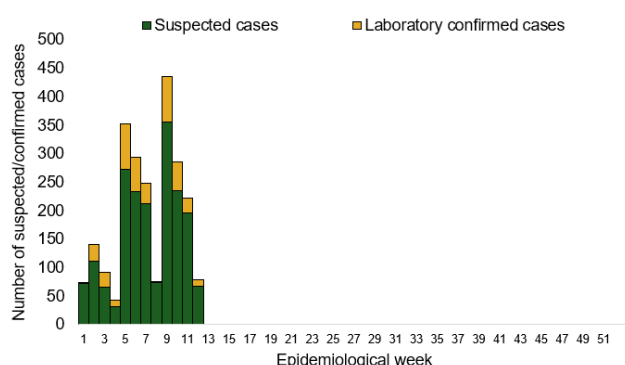
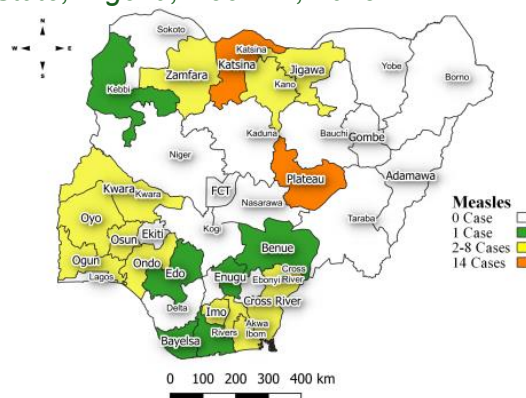


Figure 11: Suspected cases of Measles by State, Nigeria, week 12, 2025.



Key points

- There were 78 suspected cases of Measles reported from 50 LGAs in 20 states. There were 11 laboratory confirmed cases and no death was recorded.

Actions

To date:

- National Measles Multi-Sectoral Technical Working Group (TWG) is closely monitoring measles surveillance data and providing feedback to relevant agencies and development partners.
- Testing of samples ongoing in the eight Reference Laboratories across the country.
- Weekly harmonisation of laboratory results from across the laboratories ongoing.
- Weekly feedback of key performance indicators to measles laboratories.

Mpox

Table 12: Week 12

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
39	7	0	State: 14 + FCT LGA: 28

Table 13: Year to date (week 1 – 12, 2024/2025)

Suspected cases		Confirmed cases		Deaths		CFR	
2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
288	557	12	105	0	2	0%	0.3%

Figure 12: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Mpox by epidemiological week, 2025.

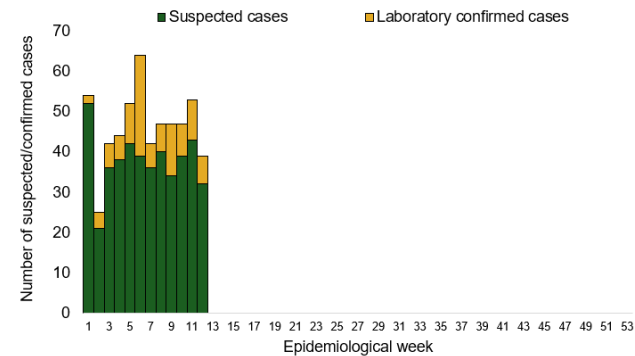
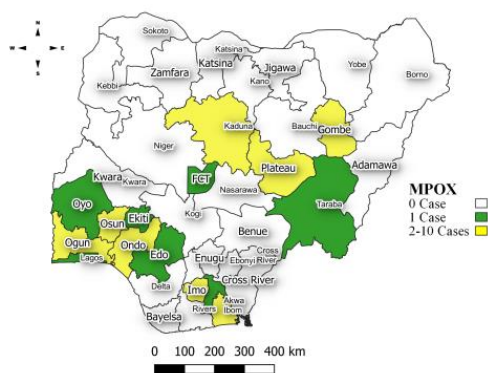


Figure 13: Suspected cases of Mpox by State, Nigeria, week 12, 2025.



Key points

- There were 39 suspected cases of Mpox reported from 28 LGAs in 14 states and FCT. There were seven laboratory confirmed cases and no death was recorded.

Actions

To date:

- National Monkeypox Technical Working Group (TWG) is monitoring activities in all states.
- Harmonisation of surveillance and laboratory data from across states and laboratories.
- Provision of off-site surveillance support to affected States.
- Weekly EOC meetings.

Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP)

Table 14: Week 12

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
107	0	0	State: 30 LGA: 107

Table 15: AFP Year to date (week 1 – 12, 2024/2025)

Suspected cases		Confirmed cases		Deaths		CFR	
2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
2020	1545	0	0	0	0	0%	0%

Figure 14: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of AFP by epidemiological week, 2025.

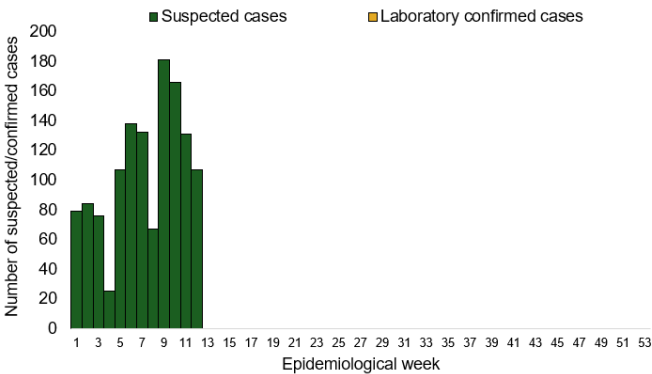
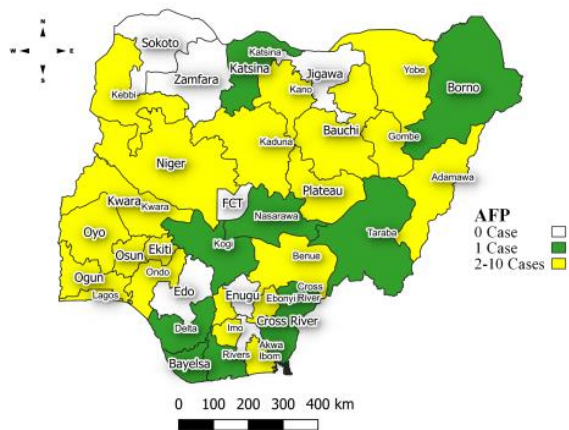


Figure 15: Suspected cases of AFP by State, Nigeria, week 12, 2025.



Key points

- There were 107 suspected cases of AFP reported from 107 LGAs in 30 states. There was no laboratory confirmed case and no death was recorded.

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Table 16: Week 12

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
62	2	0	State: 7 + FCT LGA: 26

Table 17: Covid 19 Year to date (Week 1- 12, 2024/2025)

Suspected cases		Confirmed cases		Deaths		CFR	
2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
711	655	711	20	0	0	0%	0%

Figure 16: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Covid 19 by epidemiological week, 2025.

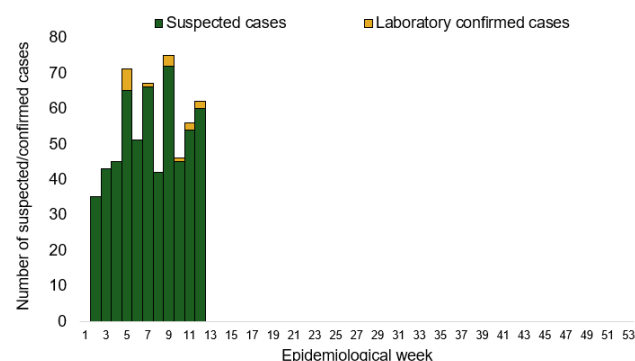
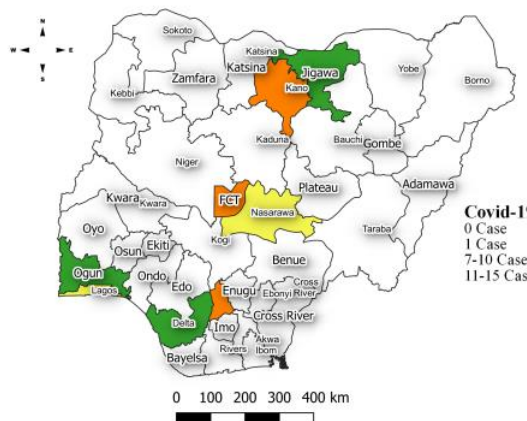


Figure 17: Suspected cases of Covid 19 by State, Nigeria, week 12, 2025.



Key points

- There were 62 suspected cases of Covid 19 reported from 26 LGAs in seven states and FCT. There were two laboratory confirmed case and no death was recorded.

Actions

To date:

- National Covid 19 Technical Working Group (TWG) is monitoring activities in all states.
- Harmonisation of surveillance and laboratory data from across states and laboratories.
- Provision of off-site surveillance support to affected States.

Diphtheria

Table 18: Week 12

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
18	3	2	State: 3 LGA: 10

Table 19: Diphtheria Year to date (week 1 – 12, 2024/2025)

Suspected cases		Confirmed cases		Deaths		CFR	
2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
6798	1605	3866	1149	82	65	1.2%	4%

Figure 18: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Diphtheria by epidemiological week, 2025.

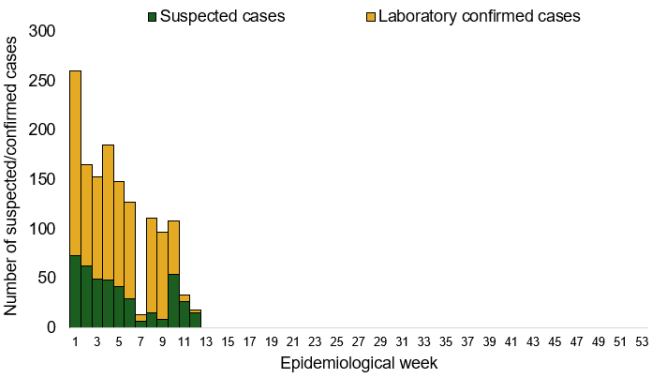
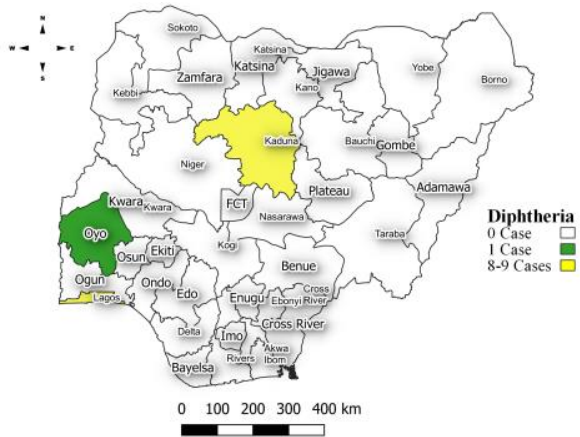


Figure 19: Suspected cases of Diphtheria by State, Nigeria, week 12, 2025.



Key points

- There were 18 suspected cases of Diphtheria reported from 10 LGAs in three states. There were three confirmed cases and two deaths were recorded.

Actions

To date:

- National Diphtheria Technical Working Group (TWG) is monitoring activities in all states.
- Analysis of sequenced *Corynebacterium diphtheriae* isolates.
- Continues engagement with key influencers (Religious and Traditional) in affected states and community. This is done by leveraging on National traditional and religious leaders' platform.
- Routine Immunization across public and private facilities in all states.
- Reactive vaccination in the affected states.

National Influenza Sentinel Surveillance

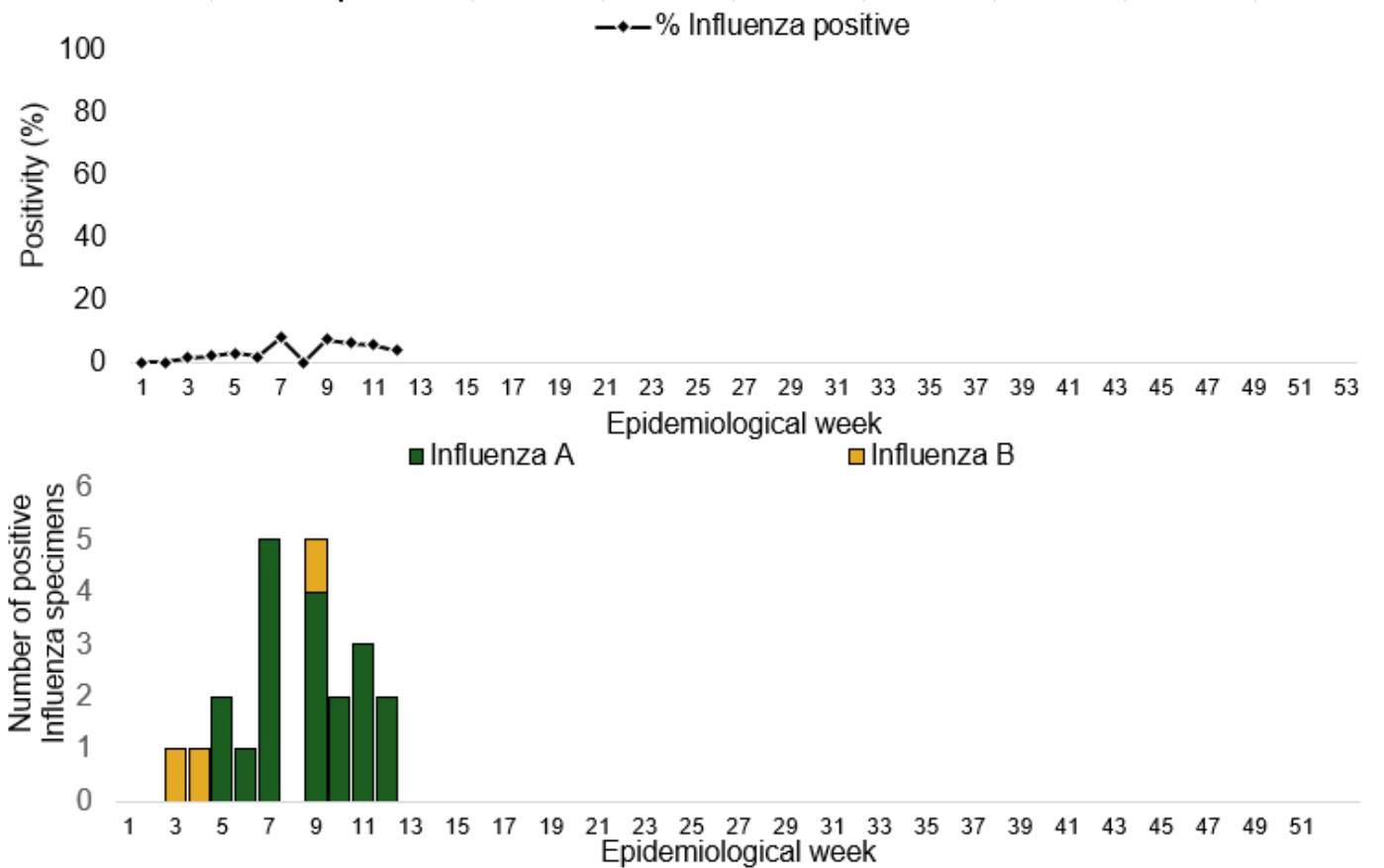
Table 20: Week 12

Suspected Cases	Confirmed Cases	Confirmed Case by type	
		Influenza A	Influenza B
61	2	2	0

Table 21: Year to date (week 1 – 12)

Suspected cases	Total Confirmed Cases	Confirmed cases by type	
		Influenza A	Influenza B
689	39	35	4

Figure 20: Number of influenza positive specimens by type and percentage positive by epidemiological week, 2025.



Event Based Surveillance (EBS)

Week 12

Key points

Epi Week 12

- 137 calls were successfully routed to agents and answered.
- 500 articles scanned through Epidemic Intelligence from Open Sources (EIOS).
- From the calls and EIOS, four signals (Mpox, Diphtheria, Unknown illness and strange deaths) were picked and escalated to the corresponding TWG.

Cumulatively, from week 1 - 12

- 1489 calls were successfully routed to agents and answered.
- 24 Signals were picked and escalated.

Figure 22: Number of signals/events per week, 2025.

