

Weekly Epidemiological Report

Week 11: 9th – 15th March 2026

Highlight of the week

NCDC and NMA Strengthen Collaboration on Lassa Fever Response



The Nigeria Centre for Disease Control and Prevention and Nigerian Medical Association held a strategic engagement to review the rising cases of Lassa fever in Nigeria, with a focus on protecting healthcare workers and strengthening clinical vigilance across health facilities.

The meeting, convened by Dr Jide Idris, discussed the current epidemiological situation, increasing risks to frontline healthcare workers, and the critical role of doctors in early detection, reporting, and infection prevention.

As part of the engagement, NCDC and NMA jointly issued and signed a national advisory to doctors and healthcare professionals, calling for heightened vigilance during the ongoing Lassa fever transmission season.

The advisory emphasized maintaining a high index of suspicion for febrile illnesses, ensuring prompt isolation and reporting of suspected cases, strict adherence to infection prevention and control measures, and responsible antimicrobial use. Both institutions reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening outbreak response and protecting healthcare workers across Nigeria.

Summary of Incidents

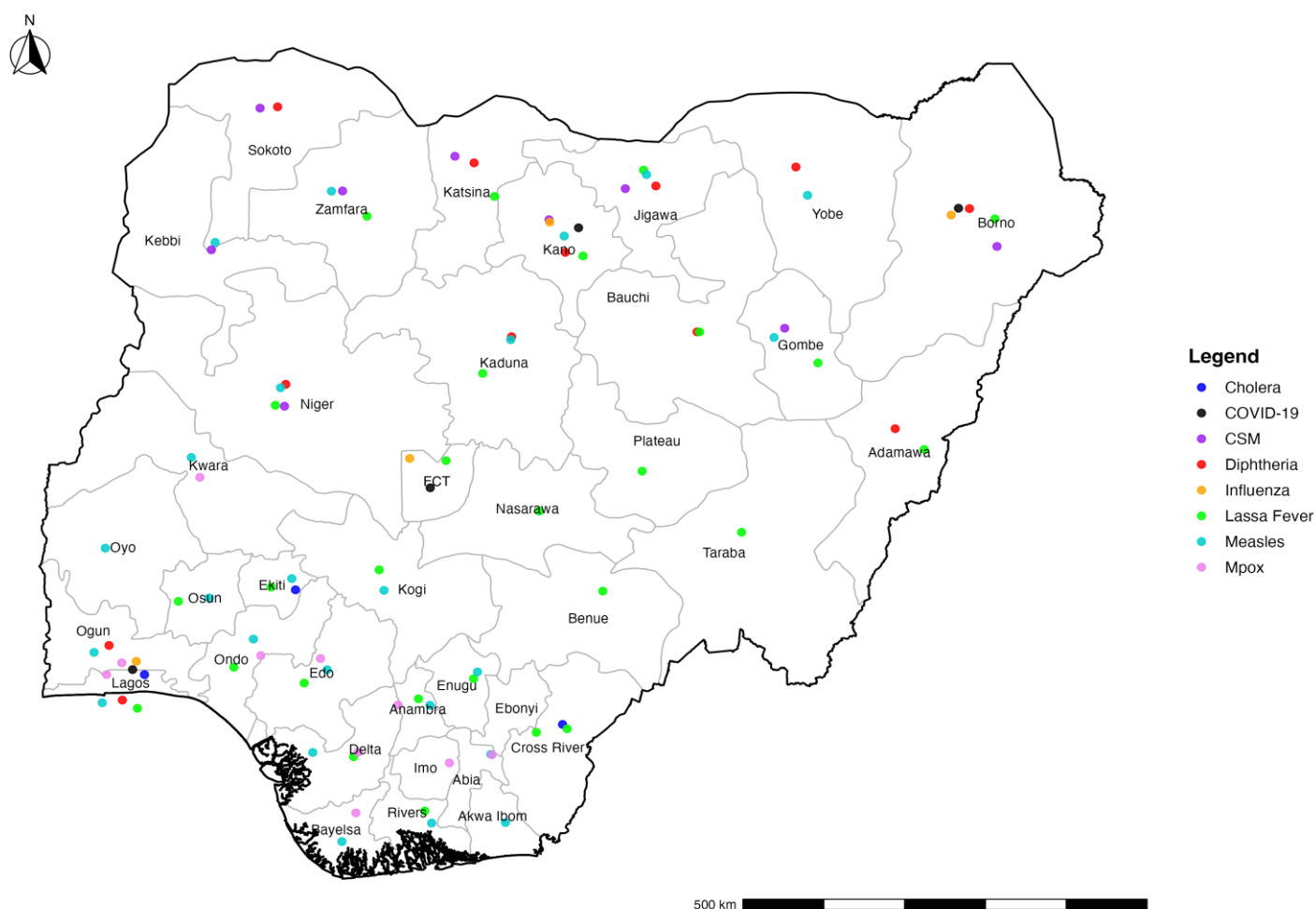
Ongoing Incidents

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The Ongoing incidents within the reporting week are Lassa fever, Cholera, Mpox 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 11, 2026



Summary of Diseases

Table 1: Week 11, 9th – 15th March 2026

Lassa Fever_{1,4}	Cerebrospinal Meningitis (CSM)_{2,4}	Yellow Fever_{2,4}
423 Suspected case(s)	52 Suspected case(s)	24 Suspected case(s)
66 Confirmed case(s)	0 Confirmed case(s)	0 Confirmed case(s)
12 Death(s)	9 Death(s)	5 Death(s)
Cholera_{2,4}	Measles_{2,4}	Mpox_{2,4}
4 Suspected case(s)	119 Suspected case(s)	23 Suspected case(s)
0 Confirmed case(s)	115 Confirmed case(s)	2 Confirmed case(s)
0 Death(s)	0 Death(s)	0 Death(s)
Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP)_{2,4}	COVID-19_{2,4}	Diphtheria_{2,4}
0 Suspected case(s)	52 Suspected case(s)	564 Suspected case(s)
0 Confirmed case(s)	0 Confirmed case(s)	472 Confirmed case(s)
0 Death(s)	0 Death(s)	9 Death(s)
National Sentinel influenza surveillance₃		
52 Suspected case(s)		
3 Confirmed case(s)		

Information for all the diseases was retrieved from the Technical Working Group and Situation Reports of the 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.
4. The data published in 2025 WER may vary with the data of 2025 in this WER due to data harmonisation and updates.

Lassa Fever

Table 2: Week 11

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
423	66	12	State: 27 + FCT LGA: 95

Table 3: Lassa Fever Year to date (Week 1 – 11, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	3223	604	113	18.7%
2026	3301	586	127	21.7%

Figure 2: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Lassa Fever by epidemiological, Week 11, 2026

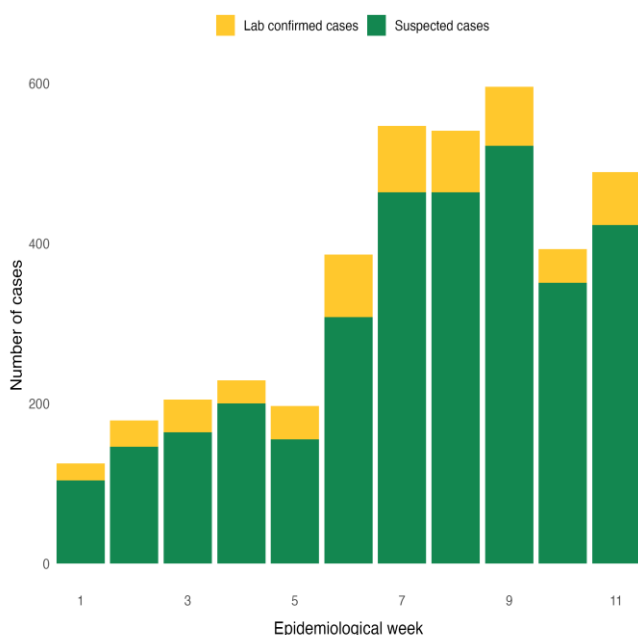
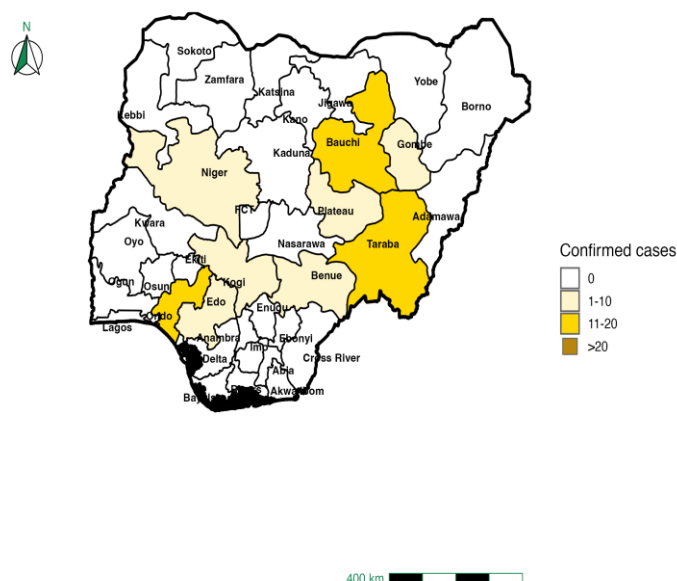


Figure 3: Confirmed cases of Lassa Fever by State, Nigeria, Week 11, 2026



Key Point

- There were 423 suspected cases of Lassa Fever reported from 95 LGAs in 27 states and FCT.
- There were 66 laboratory confirmed cases and 12 deaths were recorded.

Actions

- National Lassa fever multi-partner, multi-sectoral Technical Working Group (TWG) continues to coordinate the preparedness and response activities at all levels.
- A high-level advocacy to Benue State with the support of WHO, UNICEF and MSF was conducted.
- A joint advisory for Medical Doctors and healthcare workers to bolster ongoing efforts for Lassa fever control and management.

Cerebrospinal Meningitis (CSM)

Table 4: Week 11

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
52	0	9	State: 9 LGA: 17

Table 5: CSM Year to date (Week 1 – 11, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	1692	49	178	10.5%
2026	355	0	42	11.8%

Figure 4: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of CSM by epidemiological, Week 11, 2026

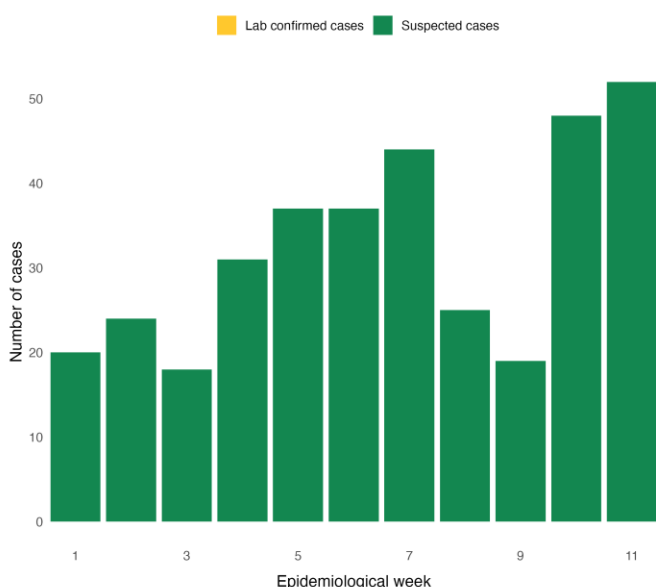
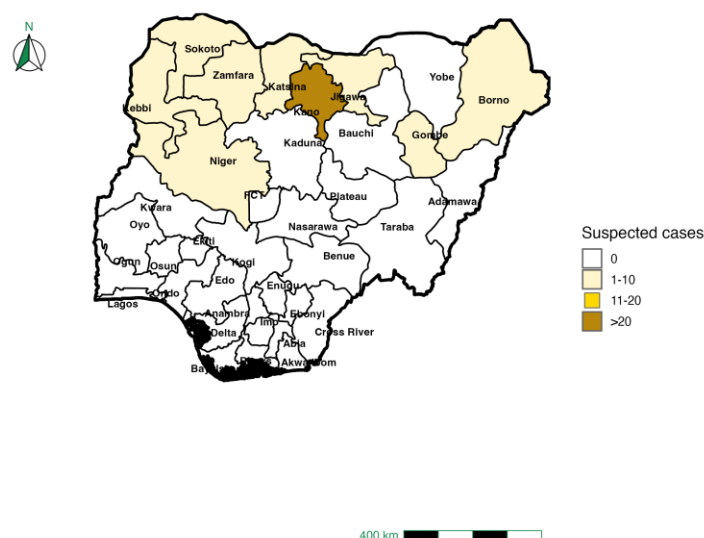


Figure 5: Suspected cases of CSM by State, Nigeria, Week 11, 2026



Key Point

- There were 52 suspected cases of Cerebrospinal Meningitis (CSM) reported from 17 LGAs in nine states.
- There was no laboratory confirmed case and nine deaths were recorded.

Actions

- National CSM multi-partner, multi-sectoral Technical Working Group (TWG) continues to coordinate the preparedness and response activities at all levels.
- Providing offsite/onsite support to states.

Yellow Fever

Table 6: Week 11

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
24	0	0	State: 10 LGA: 19

Table 7: Yellow Fever Year to date (Week 1 – 11, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	630	0	5	0.8%
2026	327	4	0	0%

Figure 6: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Yellow Fever by epidemiological, Week 11, 2026

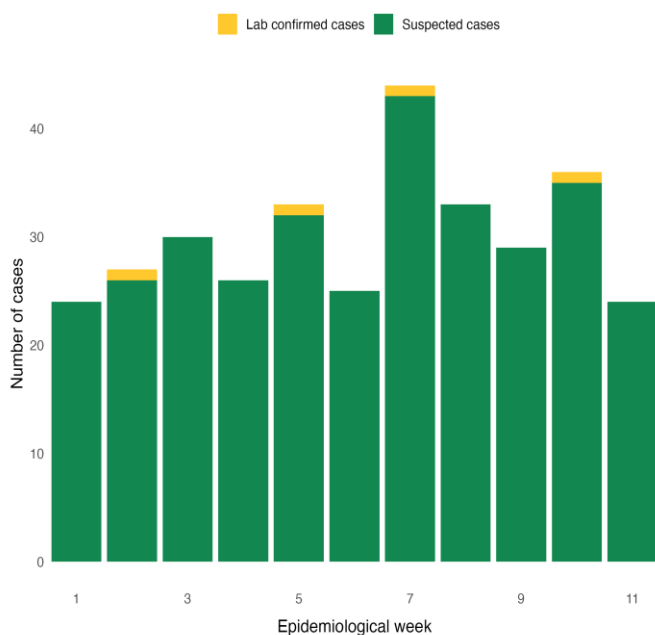
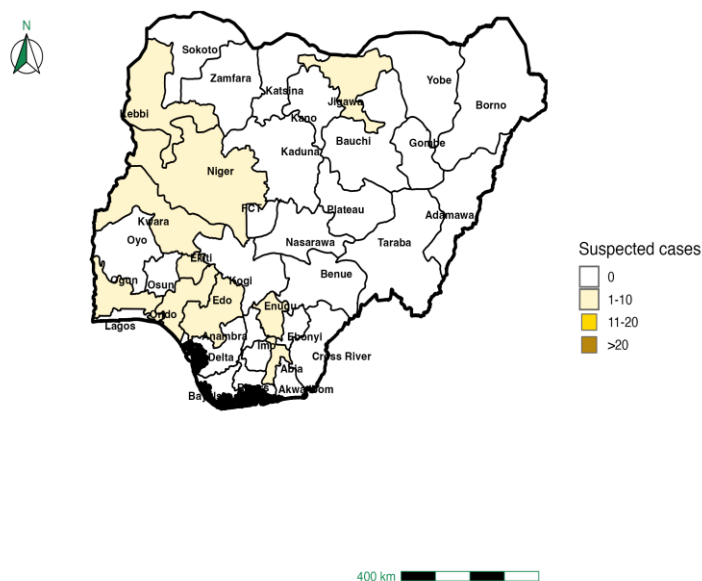


Figure 7: Suspected cases of Yellow Fever by State, Nigeria, Week 11, 2026



Key Point

- There were 24 suspected cases of Yellow Fever reported from 19 LGAs in 10 states.
- There was no confirmed cases and five deaths were recorded.

Actions

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

Cholera

Table 8: Week 11

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
4	0	0	State: 3 LGA: 3

Table 9: Cholera Year to date (Week 1 – 11, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	377	128	11	2.9%
2026	343	85	0	0%

Figure 8: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Cholera by epidemiological, Week 11, 2026

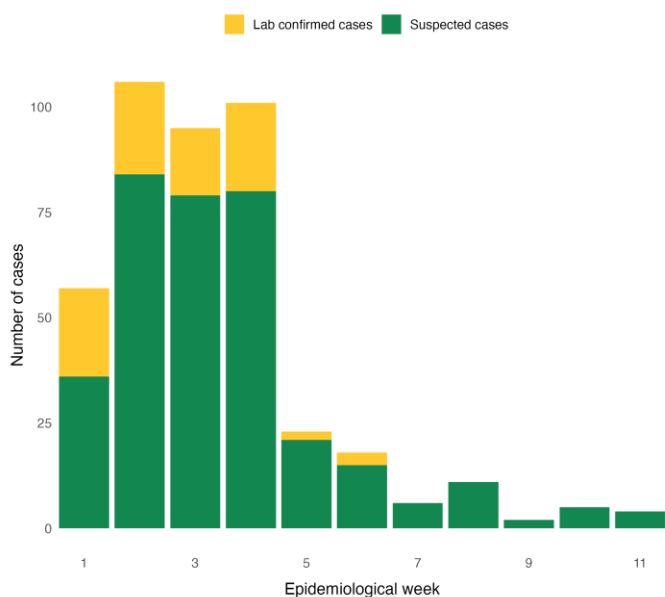
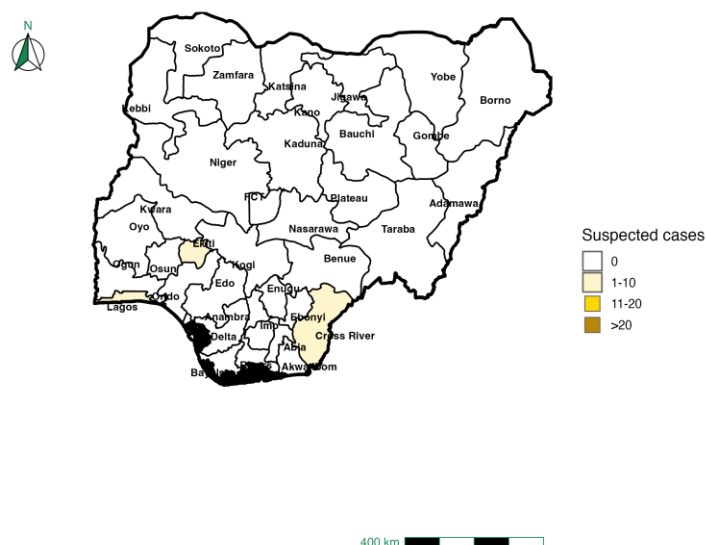


Figure 9: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Cholera, Week 11, 2026



Key Point

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

Actions

- National Cholera multi-partner, multi-sectoral Technical Working Group (TWG) continues to coordinate the preparedness and response activities at all levels.
- Biweekly EOC Meetings.
- Providing offsite/onsite support to states.

Table 10: Week 11

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
119	115	0	State: 25 LGA: 76

Table 11: Measles Year to date (Week 1 – 11, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	10543	7101	56	0.5%
2026	1669	1502	0	0%

Figure 10: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Measles by epidemiological, Week 11, 2026

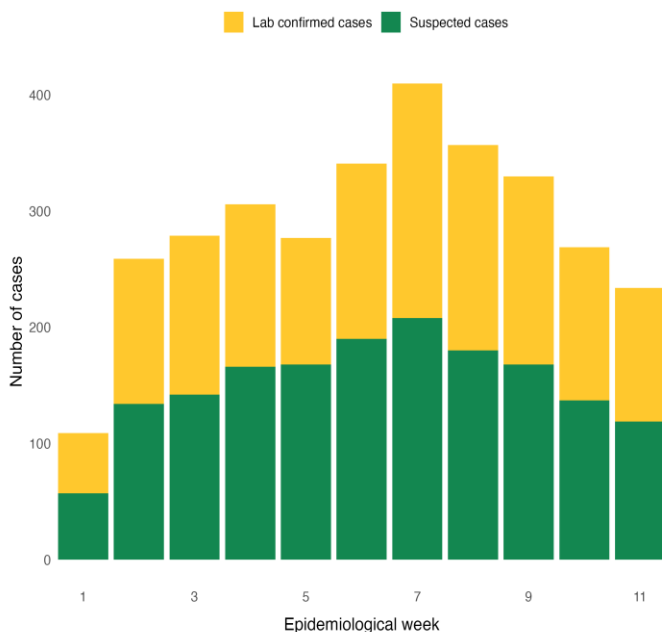
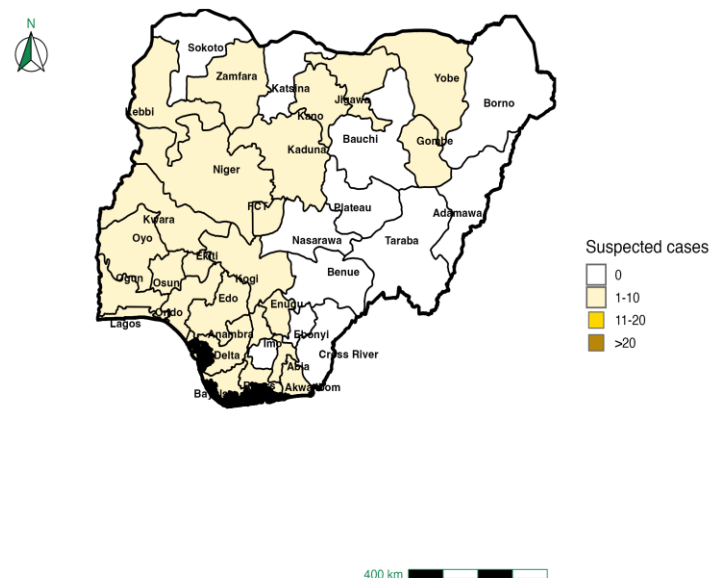


Figure 11: Suspected cases of Measles by State, Nigeria, Week 11, 2026



Key Point

- There were 119 suspected cases of Measles reported from 76 LGAs in 25 states.
- There were 115 confirmed cases and no death was recorded.

Actions

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

Table 12: Week 11

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
23	2	0	State: 10 LGA: 15

Table 13: Mpox Year to date (Week 1 – 11, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	537	106	1	0.2%
2026	194	16	0	0%

Figure 12: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Mpox by epidemiological, Week 11, 2026

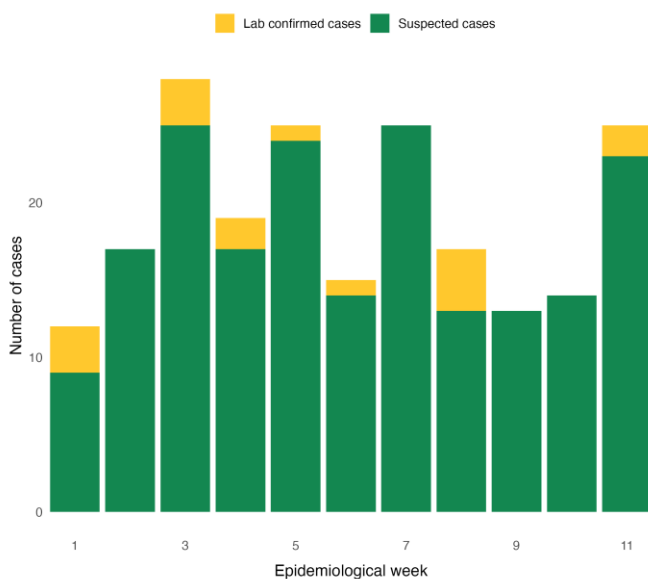
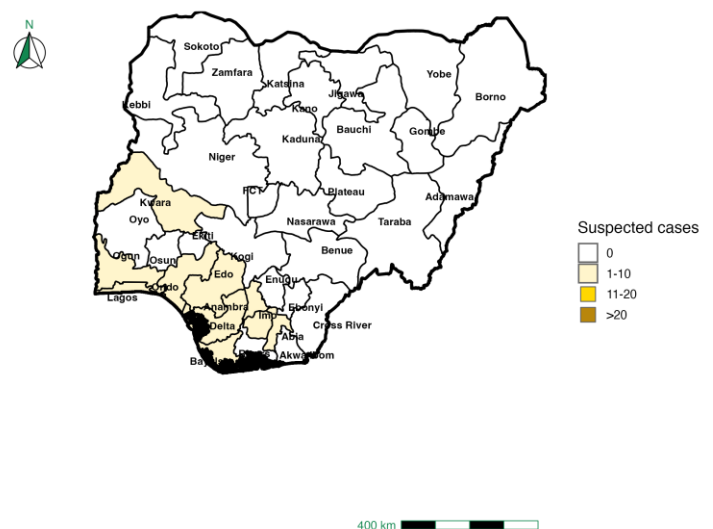


Figure 13: Suspected cases of Mpox by State, Nigeria, Week 11, 2026



Key Point

- There were 23 suspected cases of Mpox reported from 15 LGAs in 10 states.
- There were two laboratory confirmed cases and no death was recorded.

Actions

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

Acute Flaccid Paralysis (APF)

Table 14: Week 11

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Death(s)	Number of States and LGAs affected
0	0	0	State: 0 LGA: 0

Table 15: AFP Year to date (Week 1 – 11, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Death(s)	CFR (%)
2025	2373	7	4	0.2%
2026	280	0	1	0.4%

Figure 14: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of AFP by epidemiological, Week 11, 2026

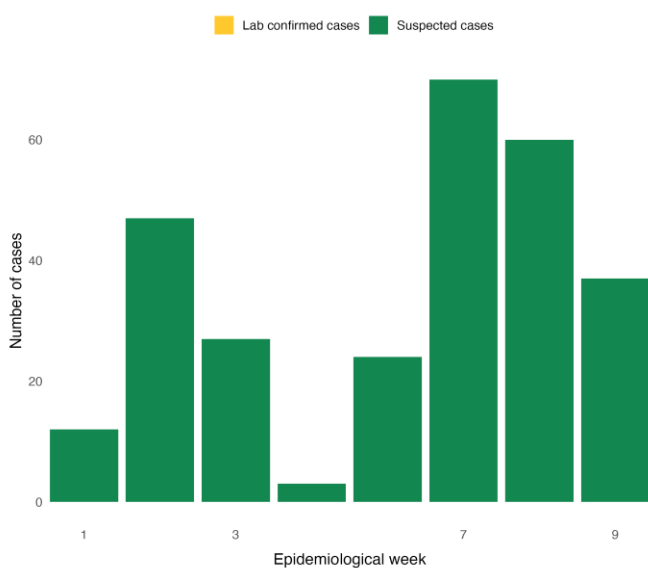
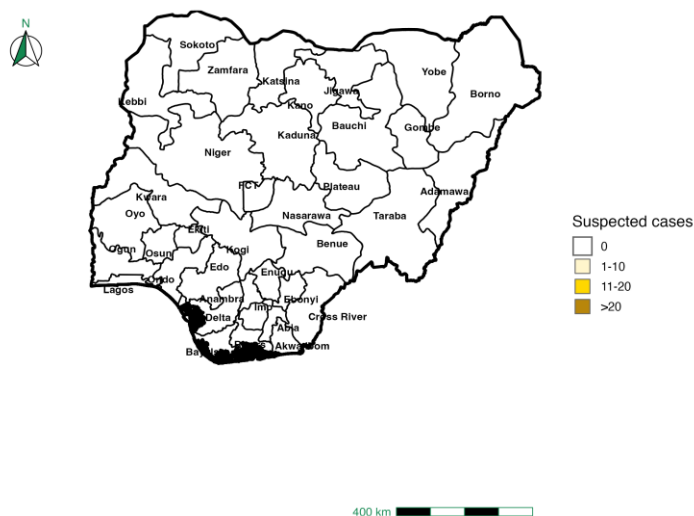


Figure 15: Suspected cases of AFP by State, Nigeria, Week 11, 2026



Key Point

- There was no case of Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) reported for the week.

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Table 16: Week 11

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
52	0	0	State: 3 + FCT LGA: 25

Table 17: COVID-19 Year to date (Week 1 – 11, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	645	23	0	0%
2026	449	7	0	0%

Figure 16: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19 by epidemiological, Week 11, 2026

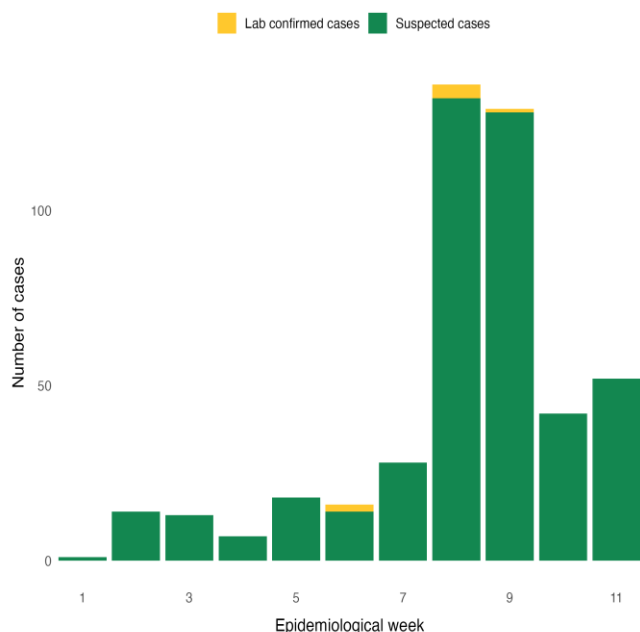
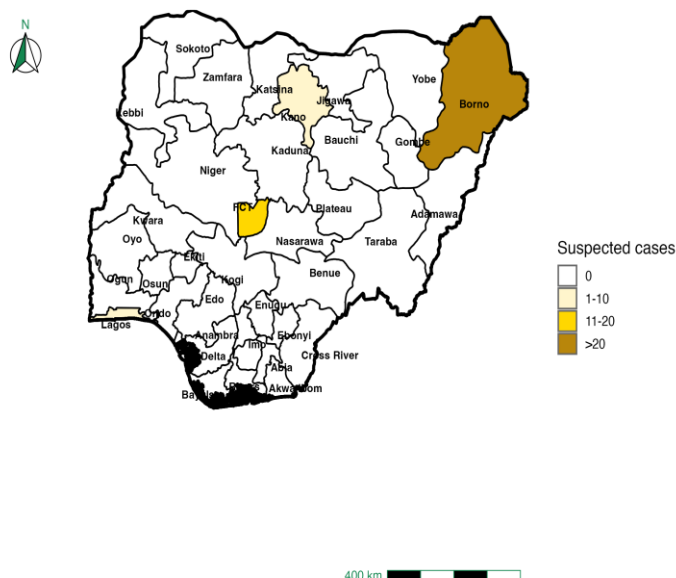


Figure 17: Suspected cases of COVID-19 by State, Nigeria, Week 11, 2026



Key Point

- There were 52 suspected cases of COVID-19 reported from 25 LGAs in three states and FCT.
- There was no laboratory confirmed case and no death was recorded.

Actions

- 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 11

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
564	472	9	State: 12 LGA: 48

Table 19: Diphtheria Year to date (Week 1 – 11, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	4547	3229	258	5.7%
2026	6730	5774	163	2.4%

Figure 18: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Diphtheria by epidemiological, Week 11, 2026

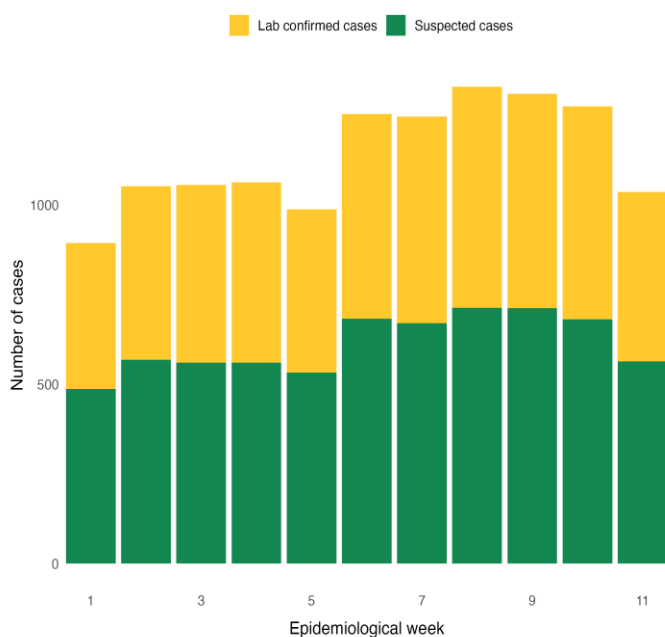
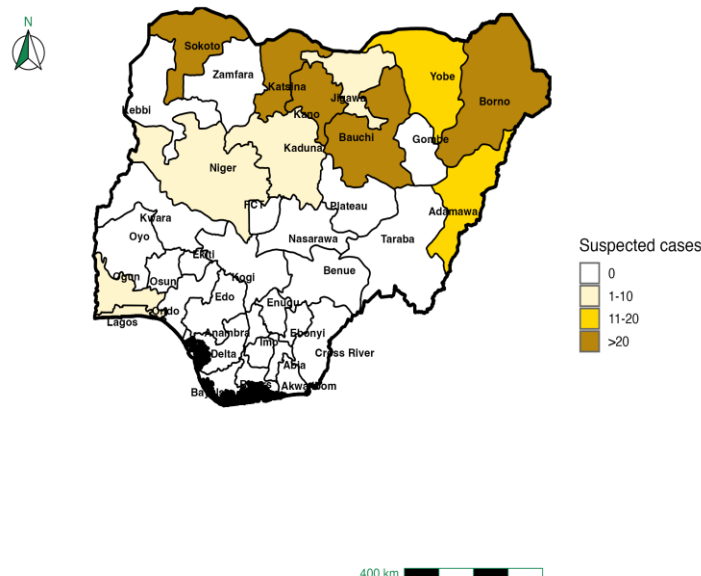


Figure 19: Suspected cases of Diphtheria by State, Nigeria, Week 11, 2026



Key Point

- There were 564 suspected cases of Diphtheria reported from 48 LGAs in 12 states.
- There were 472 confirmed cases and nine deaths were recorded.

Actions

- National Diphtheria Technical Working Group (TWG) is monitoring activities in all states.
- Weekly EOC meeting.
- Provide technical and off-site support to states on case identification, reporting, and response, especially to non-reporting and low-burden states.

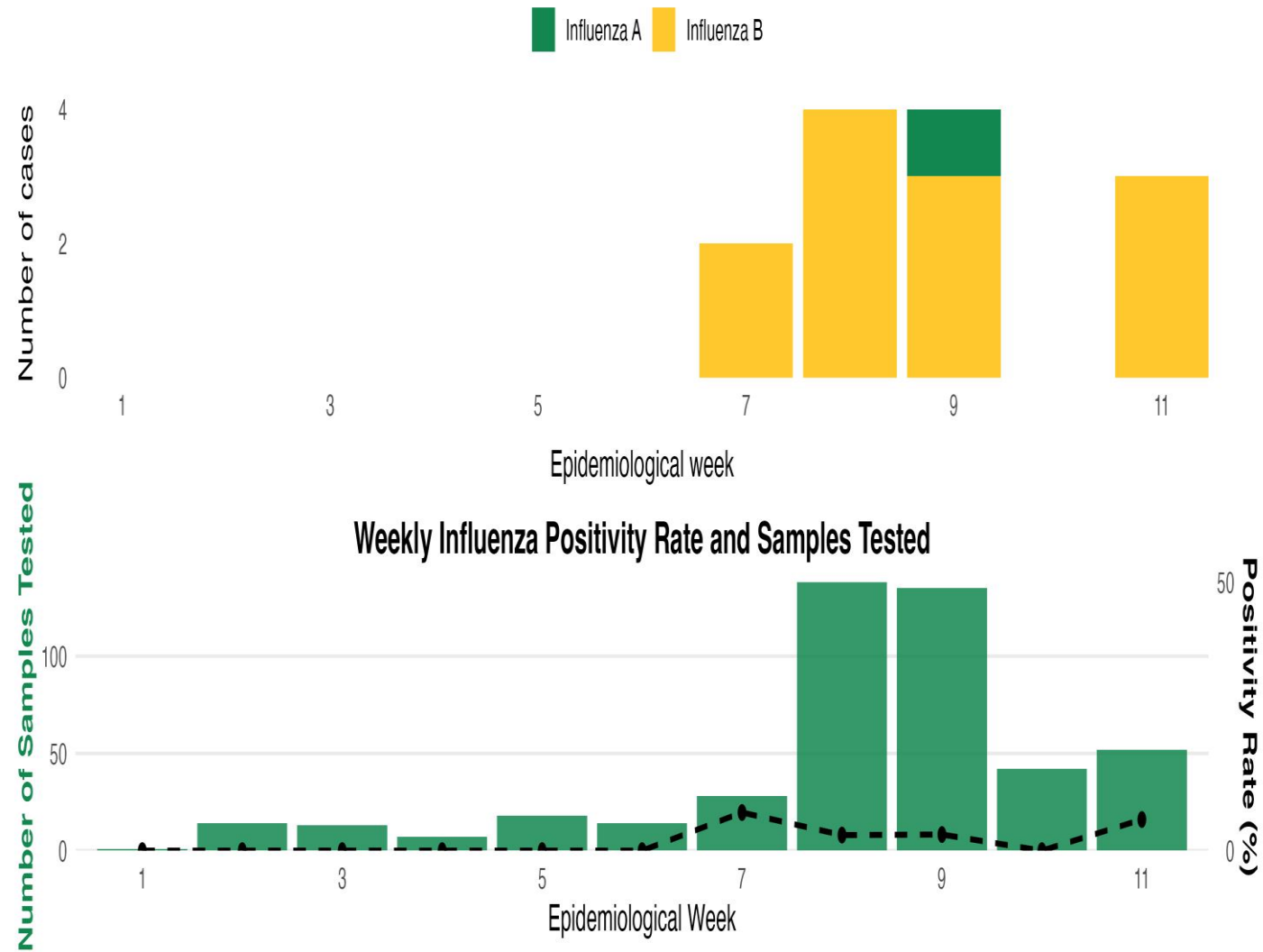
National Influenza Sentinel Surveillance

Table 20: Week 11

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Confirmed Case by type	
		Influenza A	Influenza B
52	3	0	3

Table 21: Year to date (Week 1 – 11, 2025/2026)

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Confirmed Case by type	
		Influenza A	Influenza B
462	13	1	12



Event-based Surveillance (EBS)

Key Point

Epi Week 11

- 209 Calls were successfully routed to agents and answered.
- Over 1500 articles scanned through Epidemic Intelligence from Open Sources (EIOS) and other manual sources.
- From the calls, EIOS, and other manual sources, four signals were picked.

Cumulatively, Week 1 - 11

- 2,899 calls were successfully routed to agents and answered.
- 42 Signals picked and escalated.

Figure 21: Number of signals/events per week, 2026.

