

Weekly Epidemiological Report

Week 19: 4th – 10th May, 2026

Highlight of the week

Strengthening Epidemiological Reporting Through the Nigerian Bulletin of Epidemiology



The Nigeria Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (NCDC), through its Epidemiology Division and with support from Resolve to Save Lives, convened key stakeholders for the Finalization Meeting on the Conceptualization of the Nigerian Bulletin of Epidemiology (NBE). The meeting brought together representatives from relevant technical units and partner organizations to review, harmonize, and finalize the framework, governance structure, and implementation roadmap for the bulletin.

The engagement aimed to establish a standardized and comprehensive national epidemiological reporting platform that complements existing surveillance products and strengthens the generation, analysis, and dissemination of epidemiological information. Discussions focused on defining the scope and structure of the bulletin, clarifying roles and responsibilities, and ensuring alignment with national public health priorities and surveillance systems.

The finalized framework is expected to improve the quality, consistency, and timeliness of epidemiological reporting, support evidence-based decision-making, and enhance coordination across disease programmes and public health stakeholders. The development of the Nigerian Bulletin of Epidemiology represents an important milestone in strengthening Nigeria's disease surveillance architecture and advancing data-driven public health action.

Summary of Incidents

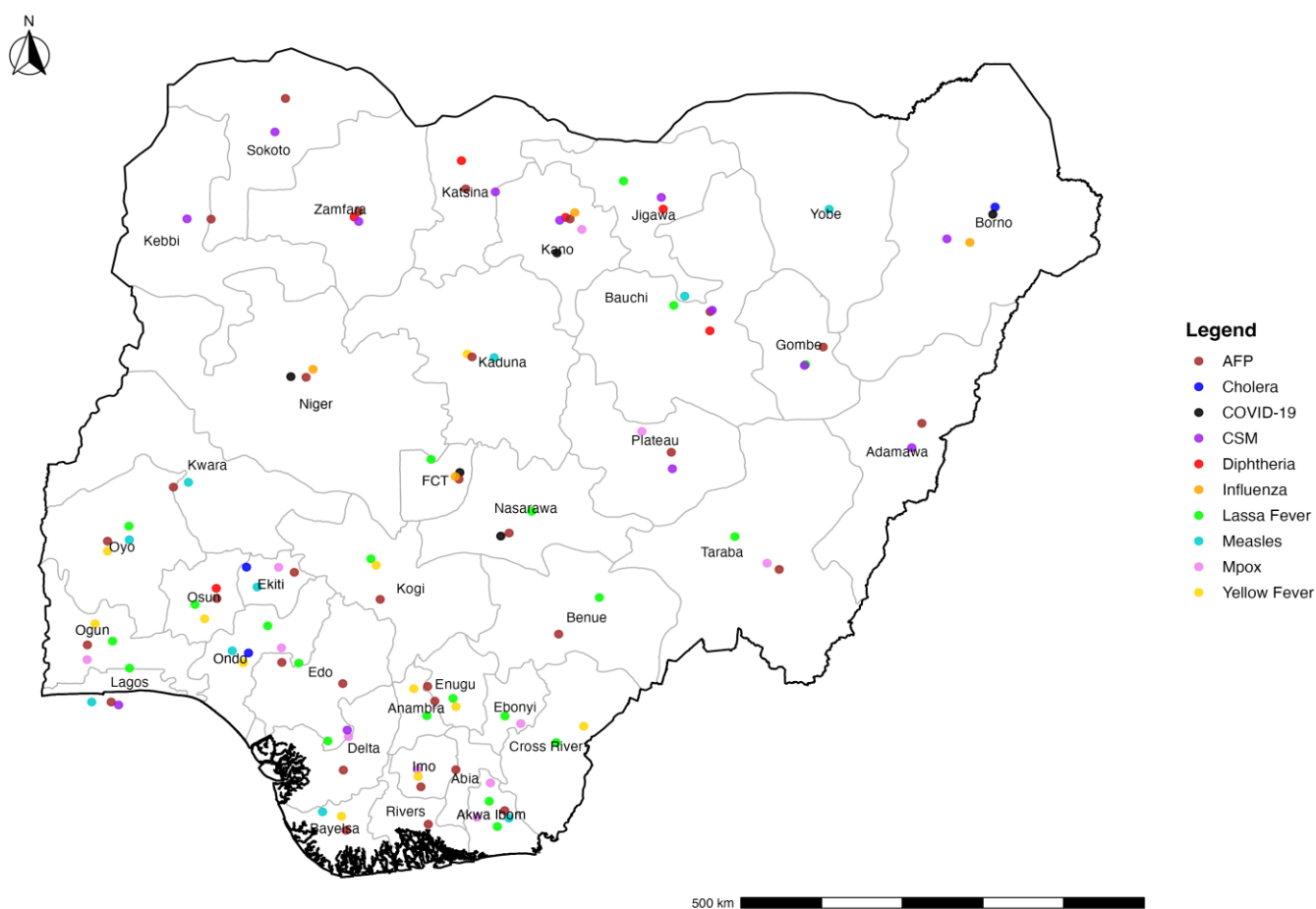
Ongoing Incidents

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

**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 19, 2026



Summary of Diseases

Table 1: Week 19, 4th – 10th May 2026

Lassa Fever_{1,4}	Cerebrospinal Meningitis (CSM)_{2,4}	Yellow Fever_{2,4}
180 Suspected case(s)	178 Suspected case(s)	23 Suspected case(s)
17 Confirmed case(s)	0 Confirmed case(s)	0 Confirmed case(s)
1 Death(s)	3 Death(s)	0 Death(s)
Cholera_{2,4}	Measles_{2,4}	Mpox_{2,4}
33 Suspected case(s)	60 Suspected case(s)	17 Suspected case(s)
25 Confirmed case(s)	15 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}
195 Suspected case(s)	62 Suspected case(s)	151 Suspected case(s)
0 Confirmed case(s)	1 Confirmed case(s)	106 Confirmed case(s)
0 Death(s)	0 Death(s)	3 Death(s)
National Sentinel influenza surveillance₃		
62 Suspected case(s)		
1 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 19

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
180	17	1	State: 21 + FCT LGA: 58

Table 3: Lassa Fever Year to date (Week 1 – 19, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	5003	721	140	19.4%
2026	5046	794	204	25.7%

Figure 2: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Lassa Fever by epidemiological, Week 19, 2026

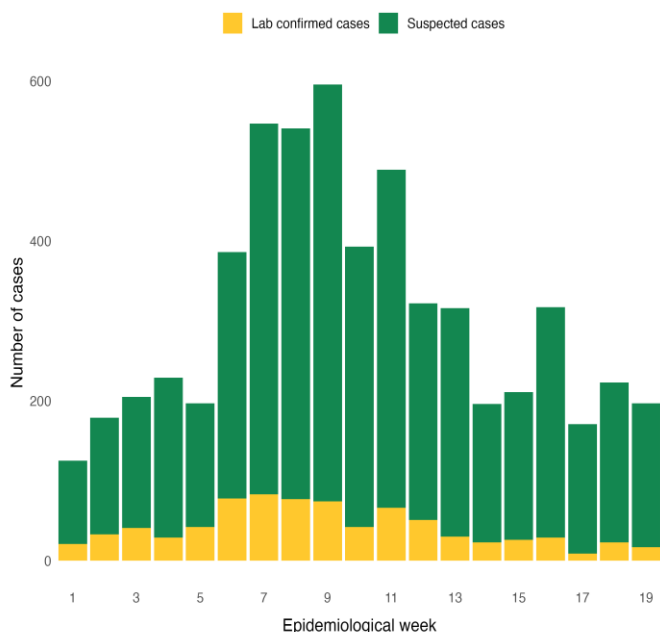
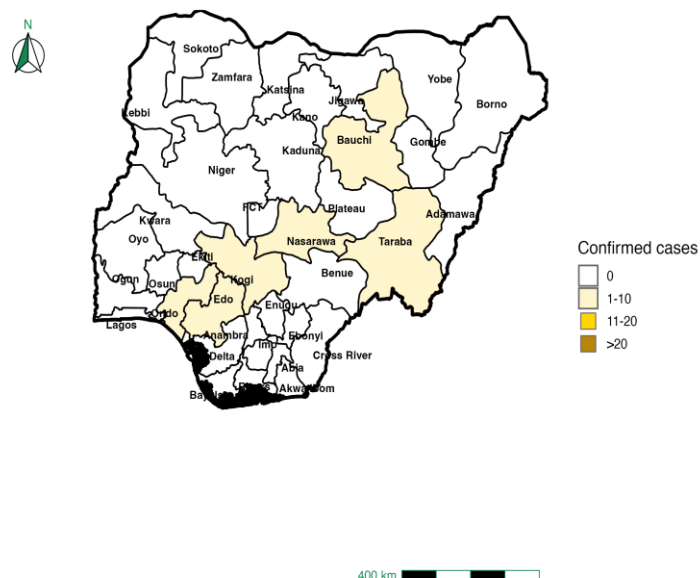


Figure 3: Confirmed cases of Lassa Fever by State, Nigeria, Week 19, 2026



Key Point

- There were 180 suspected cases of Lassa Fever reported from 58 LGAs in 21 states and FCT.
- There were 17 laboratory confirmed cases and one death was recorded.
- One new healthcare workers were affected in the reporting week.

Actions

- National Lassa fever multi-partner, multi-sectoral Technical Working Group (TWG) continues to coordinate the preparedness and response activities at all levels.
- Identifying challenges and providing solutions to all states sending situation reports.

Cerebrospinal Meningitis (CSM)

Table 4: Week 19

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
178	0	3	State: 13 LGA: 25

Table 5: CSM Year to date (Week 1 – 19, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	4286	82	304	7.1%
2026	1224	0	100	8.2%

Figure 4: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of CSM by epidemiological, Week 19, 2026

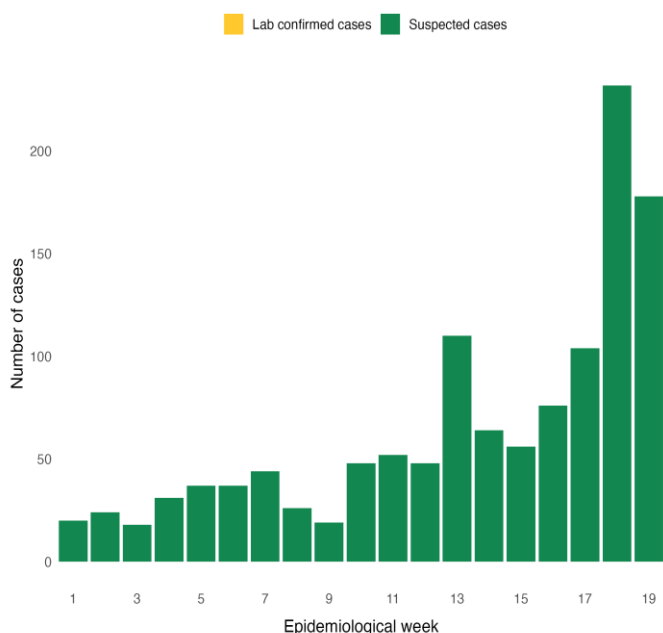
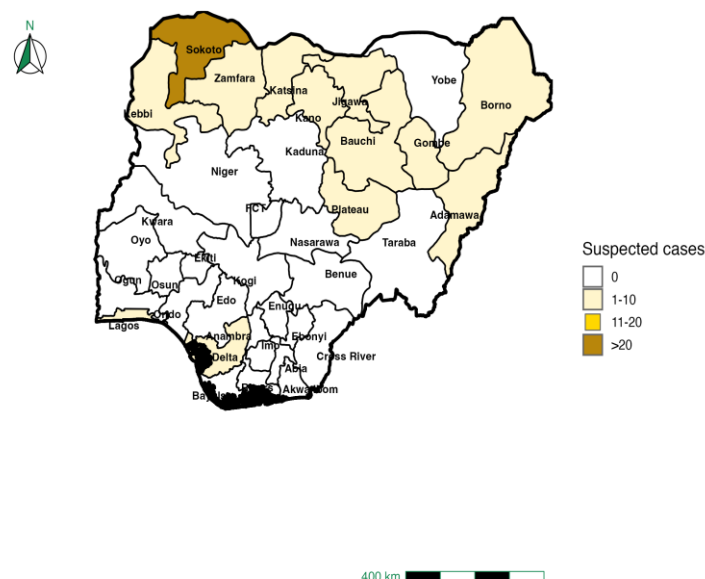


Figure 5: Suspected cases of CSM by State, Nigeria, Week 19, 2026



Key Point

- There were 178 suspected cases of Cerebrospinal Meningitis (CSM) reported from 25 LGAs in 13 states.
- There was no laboratory confirmed case and three 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 19

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
23	0	0	State: 11 LGA: 21

Table 7: Yellow Fever Year to date (Week 1 – 19, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	960	3	6	0.6%
2026	562	4	0	0%

Figure 6: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Yellow Fever by epidemiological, Week 19, 2026

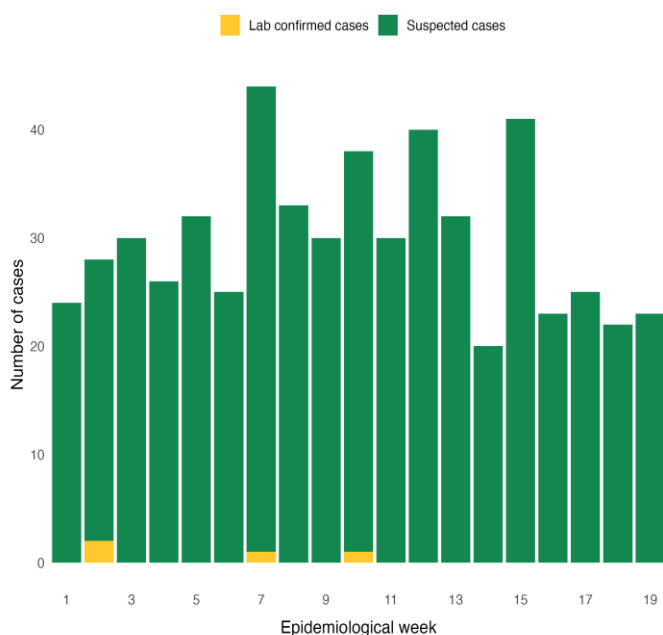
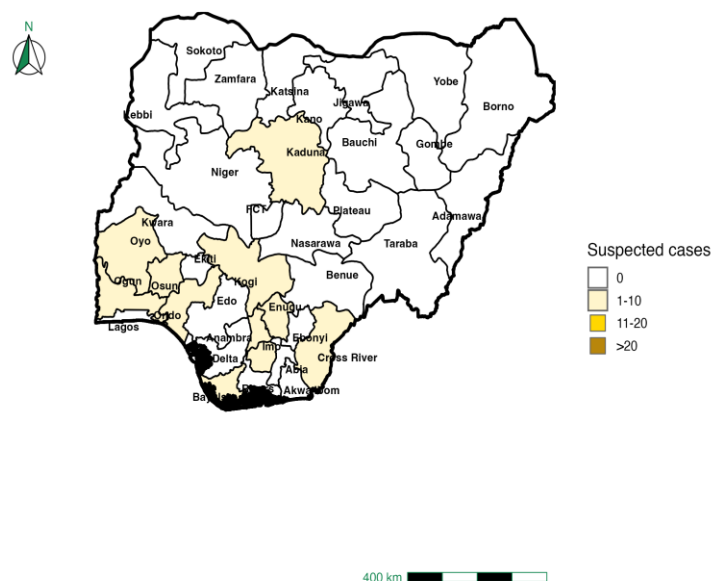


Figure 7: Suspected cases of Yellow Fever by State, Nigeria, Week 19, 2026



Key Point

- There were 23 suspected cases of Yellow Fever reported from 21 LGAs in 11 states.
- There was no laboratory confirmed case and no death was recorded.

Actions

- National Yellow Fever 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.

Cholera

Table 8: Week 19

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
33	25	0	State: 3 LGA: 5

Table 9: Cholera Year to date (Week 1 – 19, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	476	143	17	3.6%
2026	503	137	2	0.4%

Figure 8: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Cholera by epidemiological, Week 19, 2026

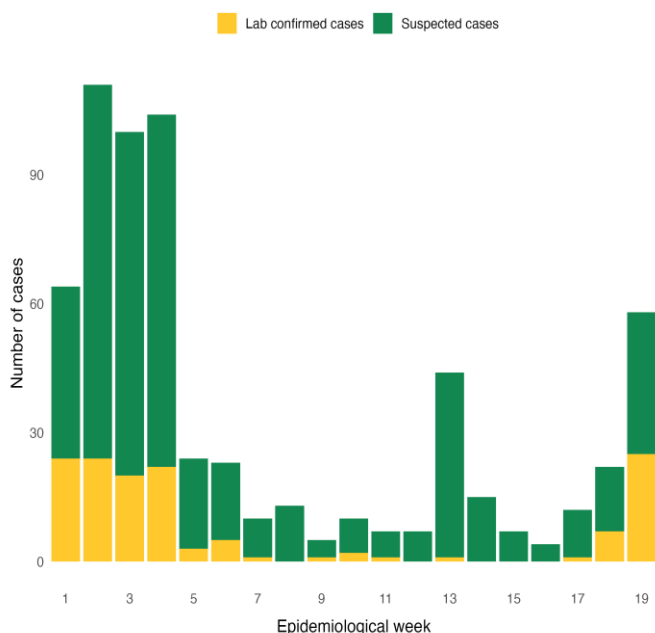
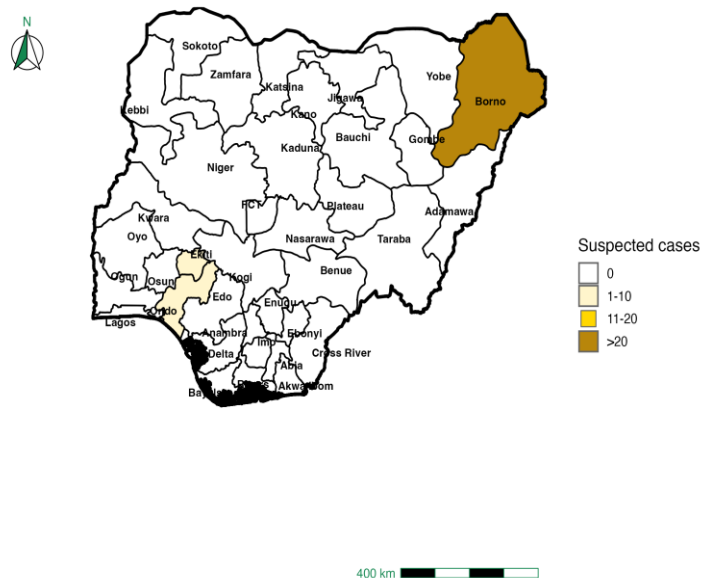


Figure 9: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Cholera, Week 19, 2026



Key Point

- There were 33 suspected cases of Cholera reported from five LGAs in three states.
- There were 25 laboratory confirmed cases and no death was recorded.

Actions

- National Yellow Fever 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.

Measles

Table 10: Week 19

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
60	15	0	State: 10 LGA: 35

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

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	17463	12510	137	0.8%
2026	5348	294	108	2%

Figure 10: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Measles by epidemiological, Week 19, 2026

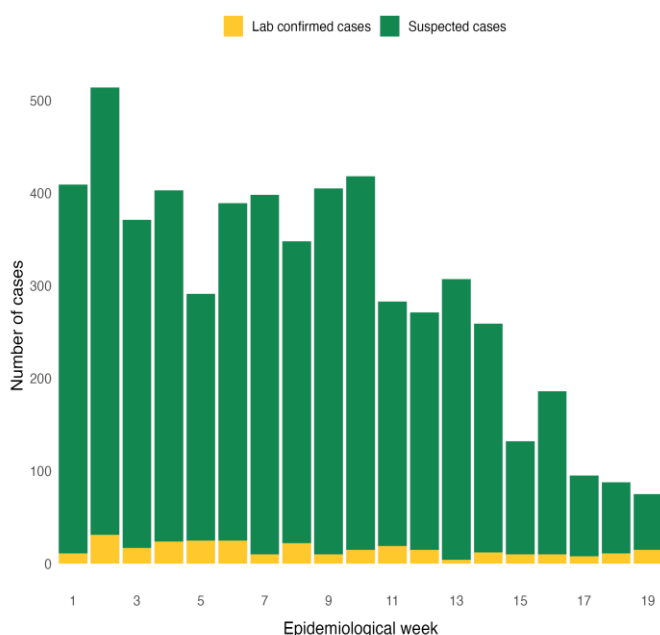
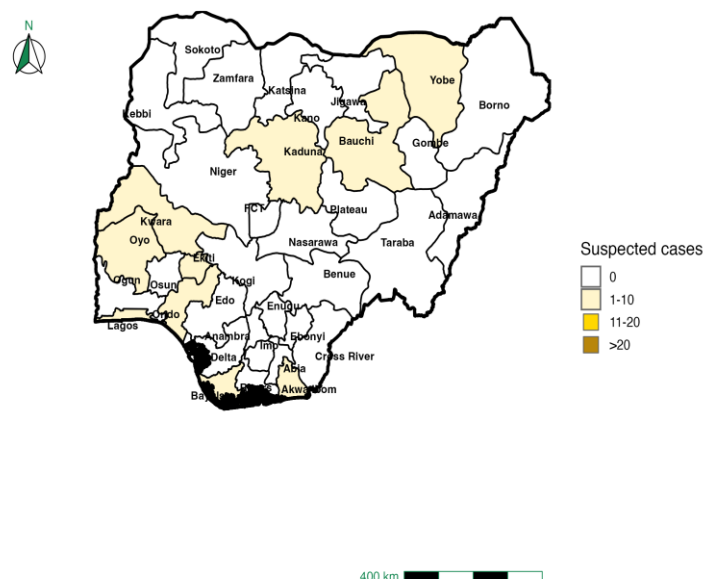


Figure 11: Suspected cases of Measles by State, Nigeria, Week 19, 2026



Key Point

- There were 60 suspected cases of Measles reported from 35 LGAs in 10 states.
- There were 15 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.

Mpox

Table 12: Week 19

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
17	2	0	State: 11 LGA: 15

Table 13: Mpox Year to date (Week 1 – 19, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	760	152	3	0.4%
2026	333	30	0	0%

Figure 12: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Mpox by epidemiological, Week 19, 2026

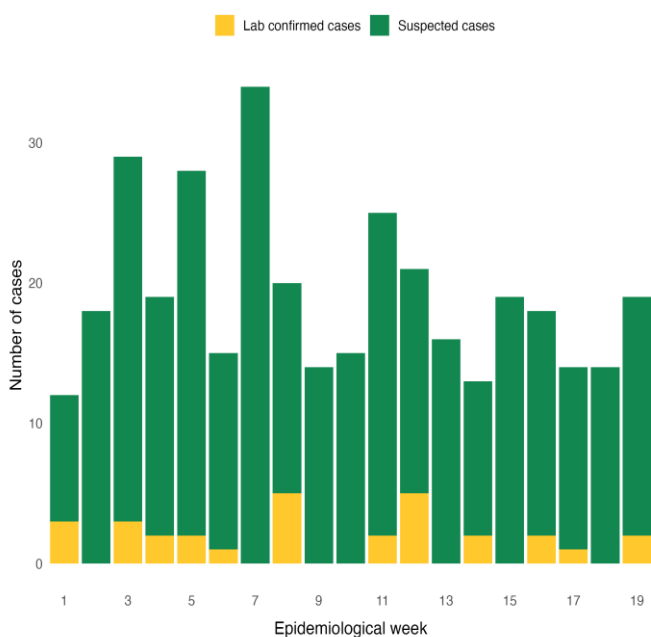
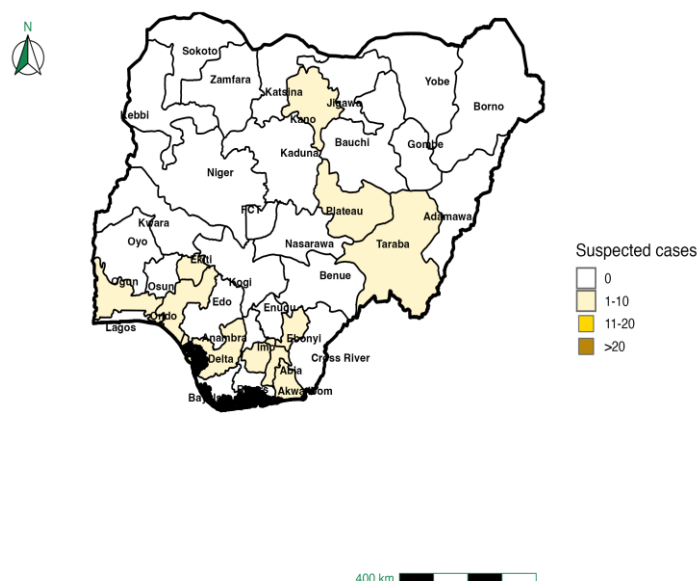


Figure 13: Suspected cases of Mpox by State, Nigeria, Week 19, 2026



Key Point

- There were 17 suspected cases of Mpox reported from 15 LGAs in 11 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 (AFP)

Table 14: Week 19

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Death(s)	Number of States and LGAs affected
195	0	0	State: 31 + FCT LGA: 145

Table 15: AFP Year to date (Week 1 – 19, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Death(s)	CFR (%)
2025	3892	15	6	0.2%
2026	2128	0	0	0%

Figure 14: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of AFP by epidemiological, Week 19, 2026

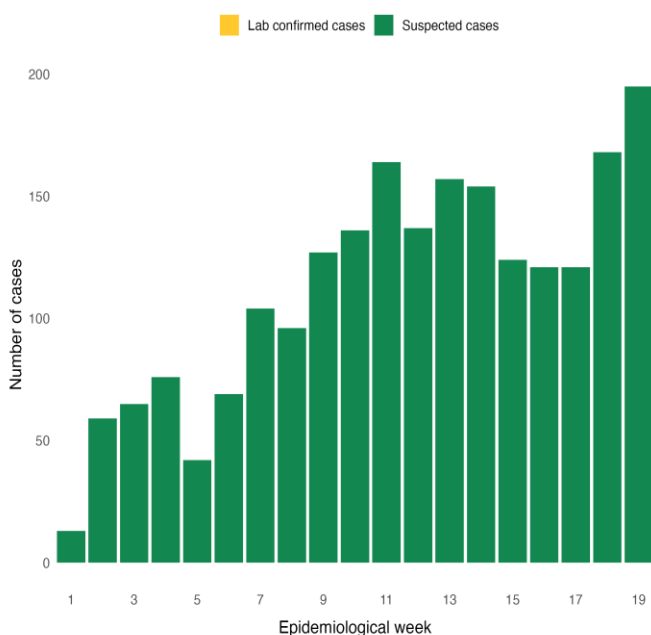
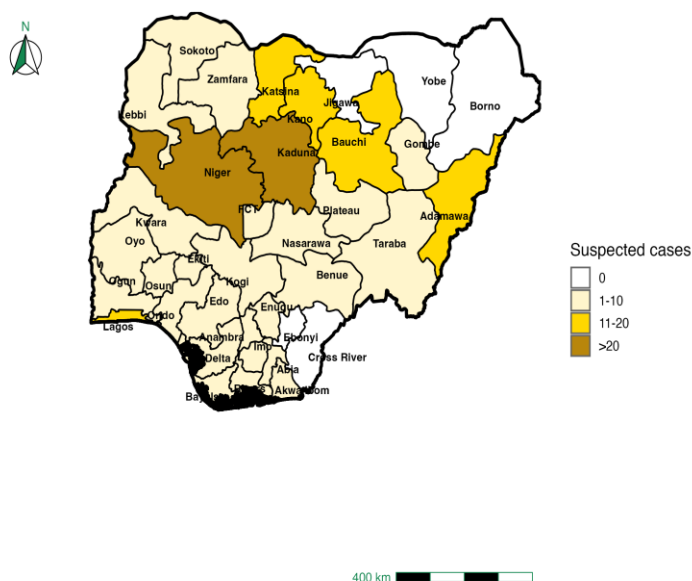


Figure 15: Suspected cases of AFP by State, Nigeria, Week 19, 2026



Key Point

- There were 195 suspected cases of Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) reported from 145 LGAs in 31 states and FCT.
- There was no laboratory confirmed case and no death was recorded.

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Table 16: Week 19

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
62	1	0	State: 4 + FCT LGA: 29

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

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	1237	34	0	0%
2026	849	11	0	0%

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

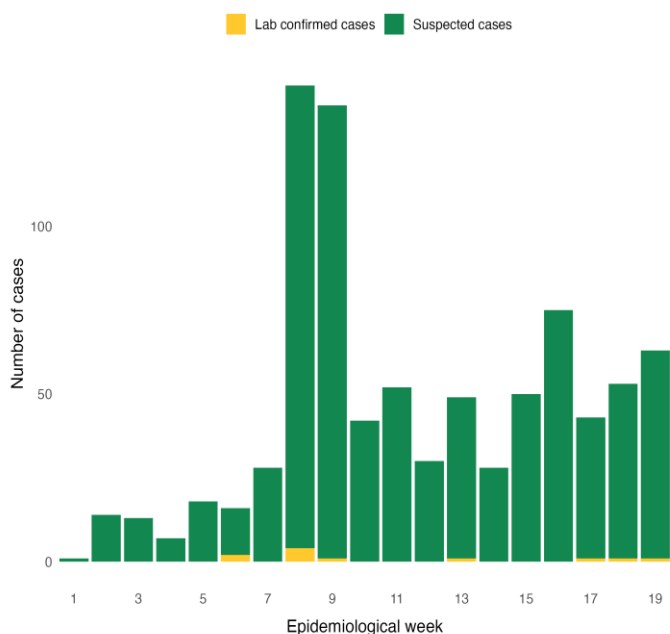
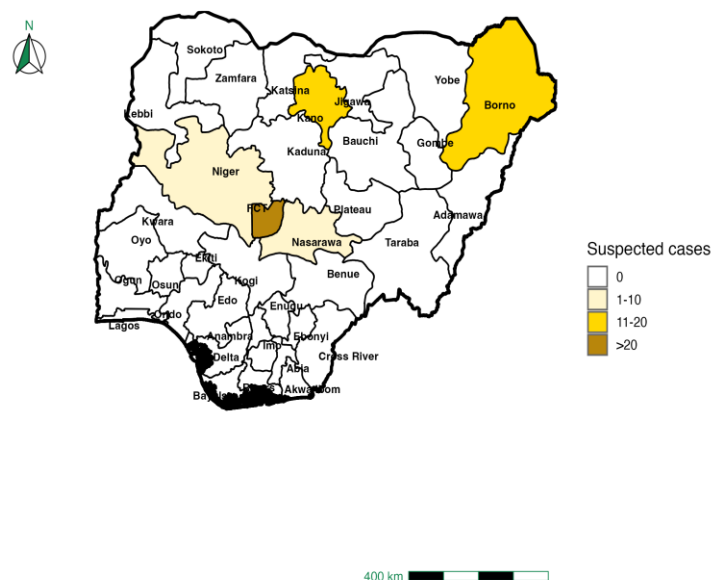


Figure 17: Suspected cases of COVID-19 by State, Nigeria, Week 19, 2026



Key Point

- There were 62 suspected cases of COVID-19 reported from 29 LGAs in four states and FCT.
- There was one 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 19

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
151	106	3	State: 6 LGA: 16

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

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	6351	4440	365	5.7%
2026	9930	8403	205	2.1%

Figure 18: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Diphtheria by epidemiological, Week 19, 2026

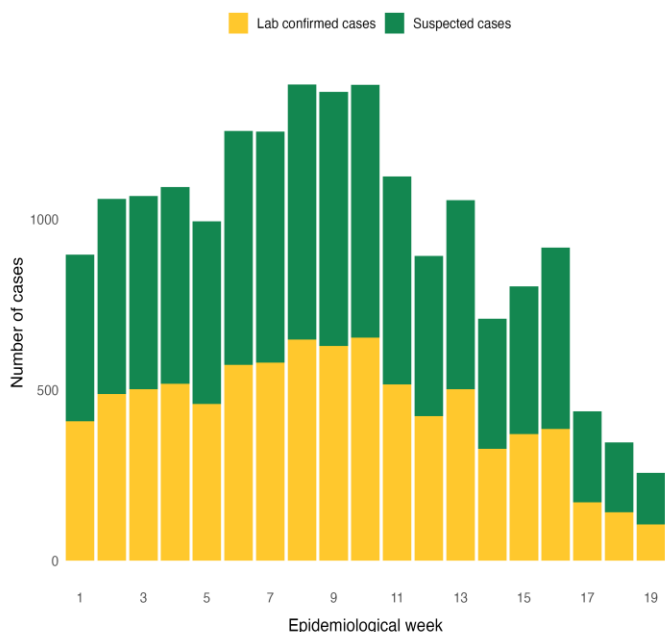
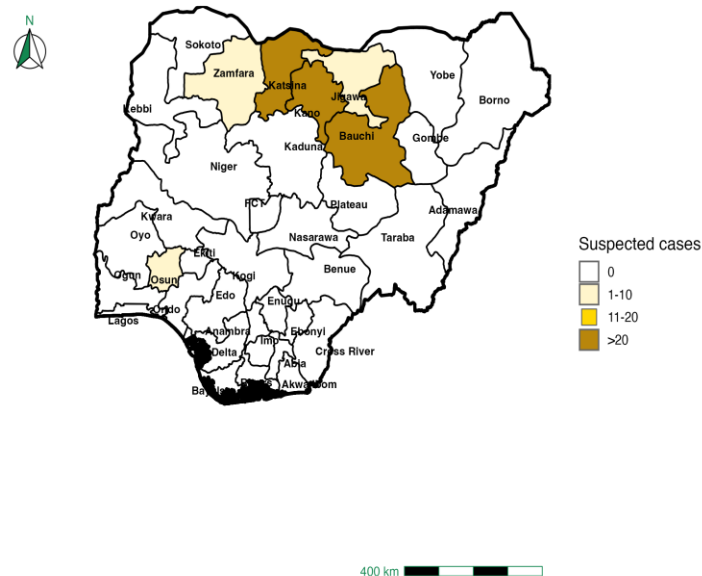


Figure 19: Suspected cases of Diphtheria by State, Nigeria, Week 19, 2026



Key Point

- There were 151 suspected cases of Diphtheria reported from 16 LGAs in six states.
- There were 106 confirmed cases and three 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.

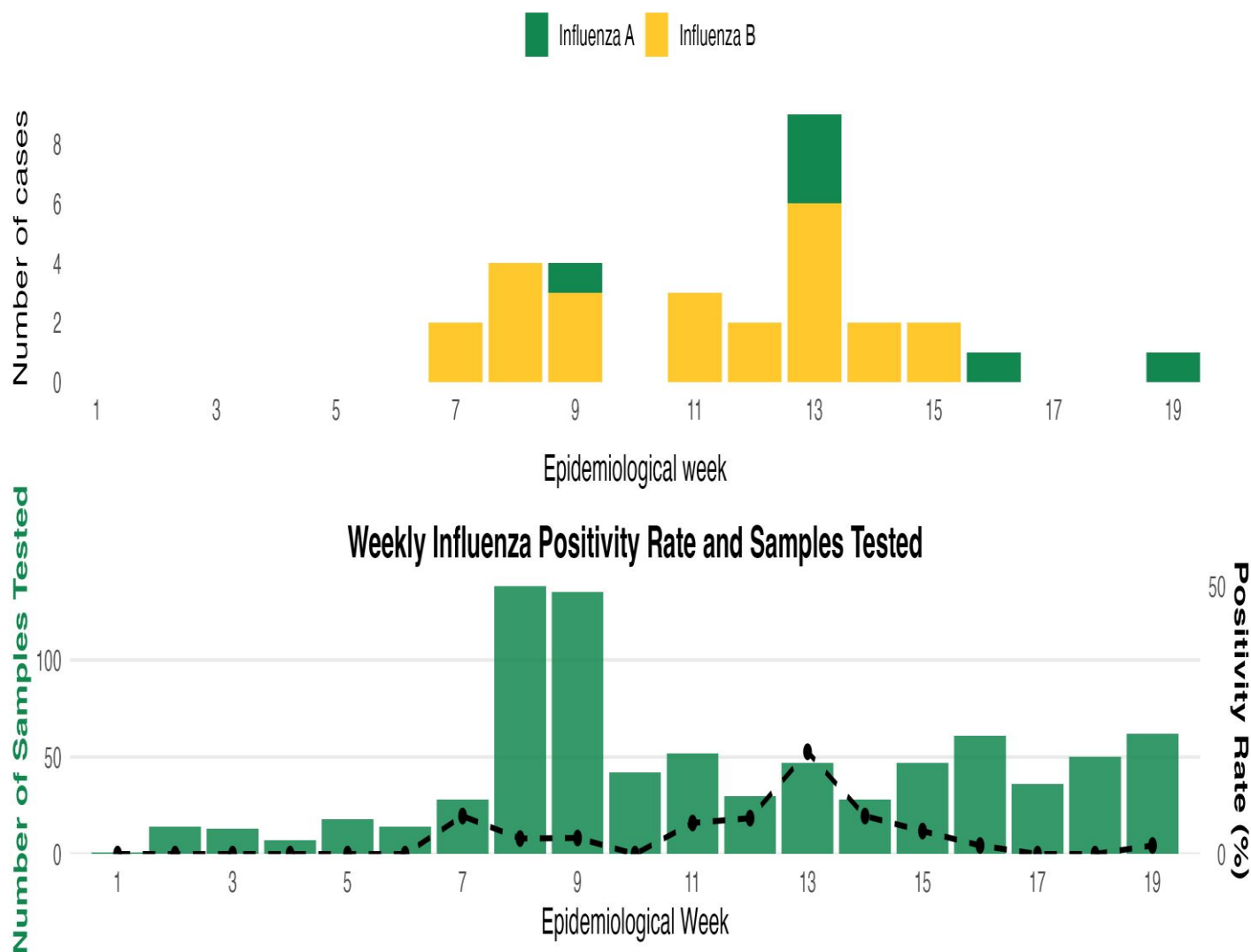
National Influenza Sentinel Surveillance

Table 20: Week 19

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Confirmed Case by type	
		Influenza A	Influenza B
62	1	1	0

Table 21: Year to date (Week 1 – 19, 2025/2026)

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Confirmed Case by type	
		Influenza A	Influenza B
823	30	6	24



Event-based Surveillance (EBS)

Key Point

Epi Week 19

- 14 Calls were successfully routed to agents and answered.
- Over 1,022 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 and escalated.

Cumulatively, Week 1 - 19

- 4,213 calls were successfully routed to agents and answered.
- 60 Signals picked and escalated.

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

