

Weekly Epidemiological Report

Week 20: 11th – 17th May, 2026

Highlight of the week

National One Health Technical Committee Strengthens Multisectoral Coordination for Health Security



The National One Health Technical Committee (NOHTC) convened its meeting, bringing together key stakeholders from Nigeria's human, animal, and environmental health sectors to strengthen multisectoral collaboration and coordination through the One Health approach.

The meeting provided a platform for partners to review progress on national One Health priorities and discuss emerging public health challenges. Key deliberations focused on Lassa fever preparedness and identified response gaps, progress towards the Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Inter-Ministerial Conference, developments under the Health Security Programme (HeSP), and strategies to strengthen coordination, accountability, and information sharing across sectors.

Technical presentations and strategic planning sessions enabled participants to identify priority actions for enhancing preparedness and response to zoonotic diseases, antimicrobial resistance, and other health security threats. The discussions also emphasized the importance of sustained advocacy, resource mobilization, capacity building, and strengthened cross-sectoral collaboration to advance the implementation of the National One Health Strategic Plan.

The meeting was supported by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA)

Summary of Incidents

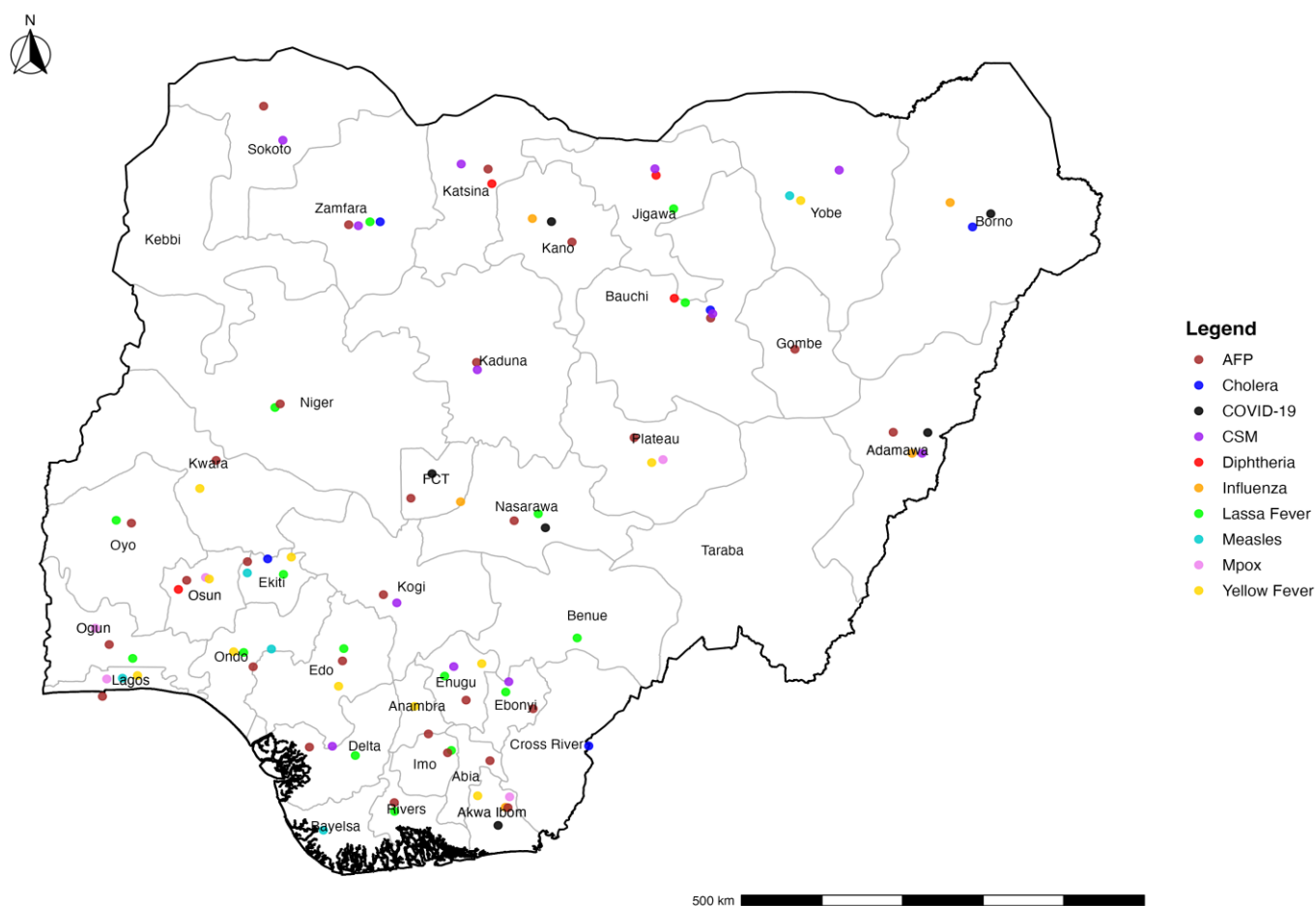
Ongoing Incidents

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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 20, 2026



Summary of Diseases

Table 1: Week 20, 11th – 17th May 2026

Lassa Fever_{1,4}	Cerebrospinal Meningitis (CSM)_{2,4}	Yellow Fever_{2,4}
189 Suspected case(s)	191 Suspected case(s)	20 Suspected case(s)
24 Confirmed case(s)	0 Confirmed case(s)	0 Confirmed case(s)
4 Death(s)	3 Death(s)	0 Death(s)
Cholera_{2,4}	Measles_{2,4}	Mpox_{2,4}
58 Suspected case(s)	62 Suspected case(s)	10 Suspected case(s)
3 Confirmed case(s)	0 Confirmed case(s)	1 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}
142 Suspected case(s)	48 Suspected case(s)	84 Suspected case(s)
0 Confirmed case(s)	0 Confirmed case(s)	47 Confirmed case(s)
0 Death(s)	0 Death(s)	0 Death(s)
National Sentinel influenza surveillance₃		
48 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 20

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
189	24	4	State: 16 LGA: 50

Table 3: Lassa Fever Year to date (Week 1 – 20, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	5169	738	0	0%
2026	5235	818	149	18.2%

Figure 2: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Lassa Fever by epidemiological, Week 20, 2026

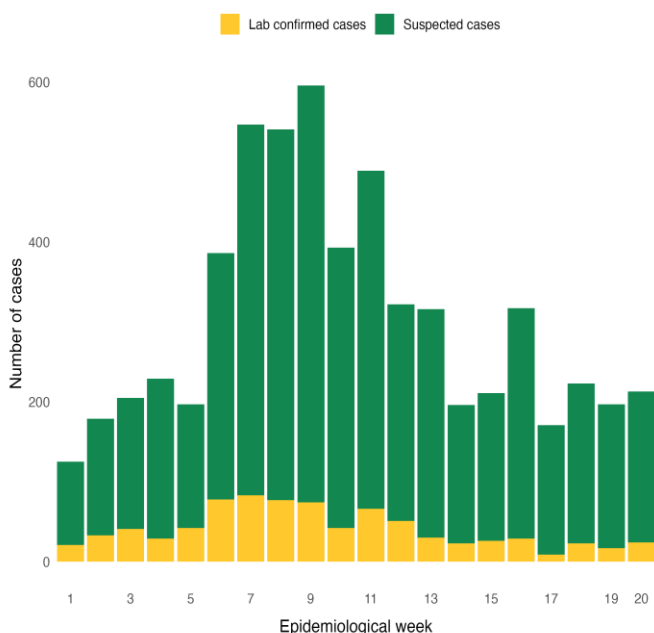
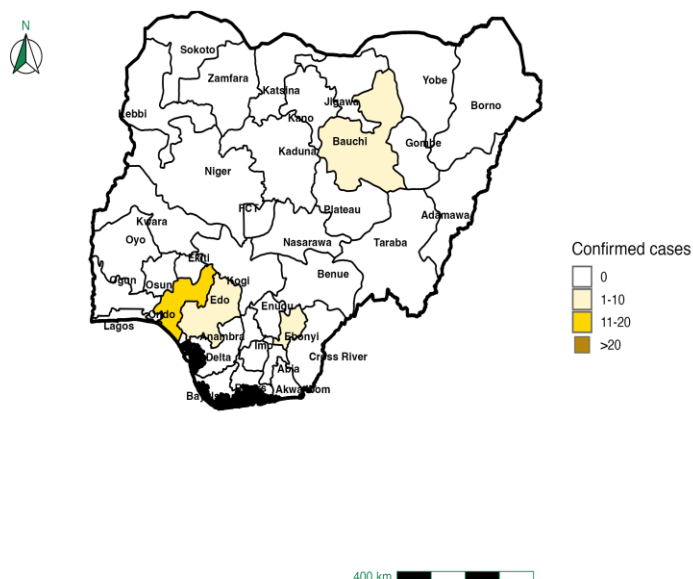


Figure 3: Confirmed cases of Lassa Fever by State, Nigeria, Week 20, 2026



Key Point

- There were 189 suspected cases of Lassa Fever reported from 50 LGAs in 16 states.
- There were 24 laboratory confirmed cases and four 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.
- Held a review of the National Case Management Guidelines (Workshop I) with the support of WHO
- Conducted workshop to strengthen State IPC programmes for Akwa-Ibom, Bauchi, and Lagos States.

Cerebrospinal Meningitis (CSM)

Table 4: Week 20

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
191	0	3	State: 12 LGA: 21

Table 5: CSM Year to date (Week 1 – 20, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	4402	82	308	7%
2026	1415	0	103	7.3%

Figure 4: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of CSM by epidemiological, Week 20, 2026

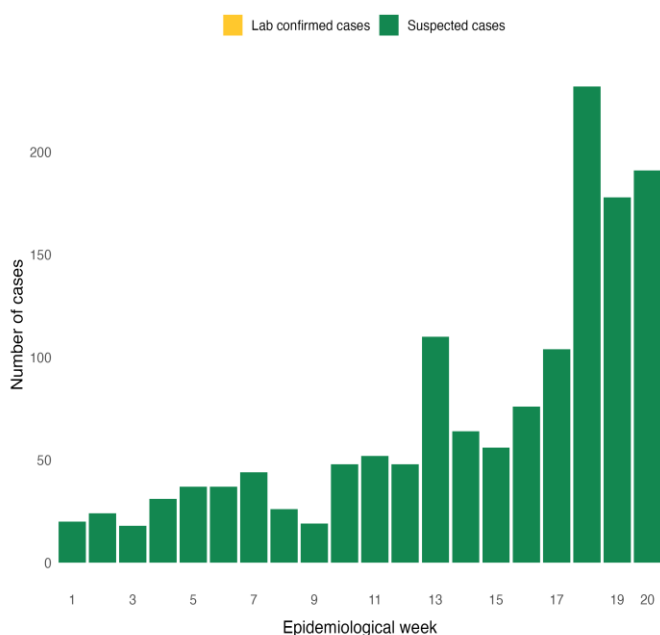
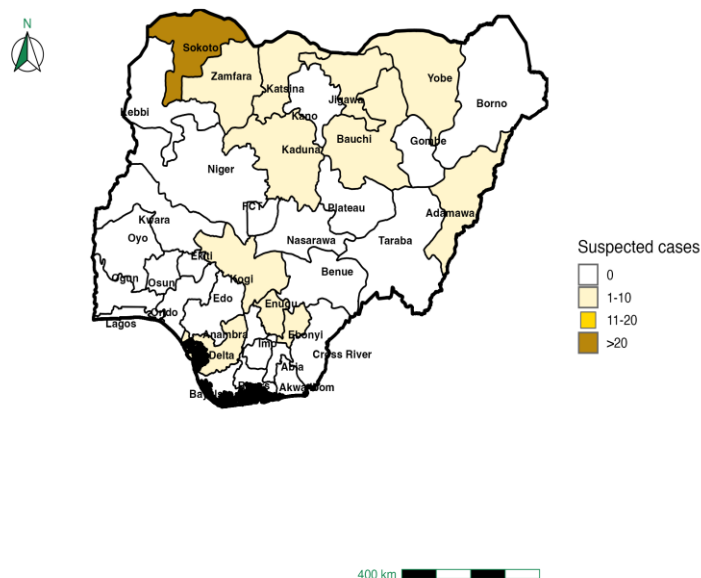


Figure 5: Suspected cases of CSM by State, Nigeria, Week 20, 2026



Key Point

- There were 191 suspected cases of Cerebrospinal Meningitis (CSM) reported from 21 LGAs in 12 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 20

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
20	0	0	State: 11 + FCT LGA: 17

Table 7: Yellow Fever Year to date (Week 1 – 20, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	998	3	6	0.6%
2026	582	4	0	0%

Figure 6: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Yellow Fever by epidemiological, Week 20, 2026

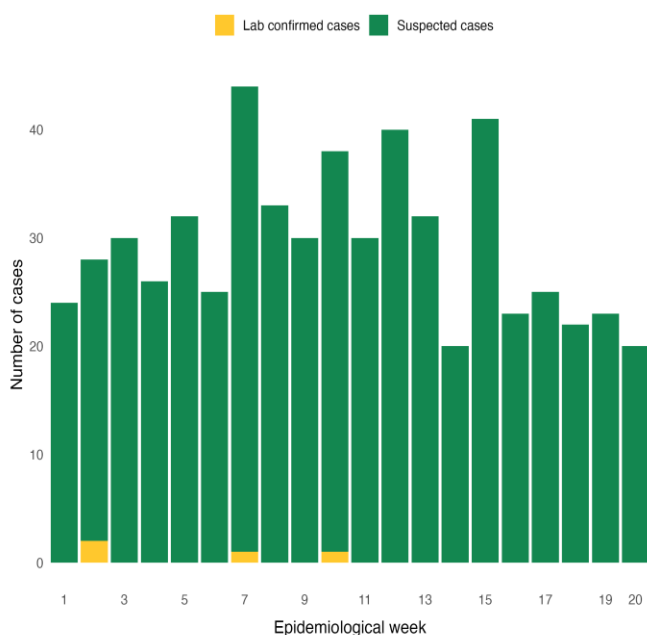
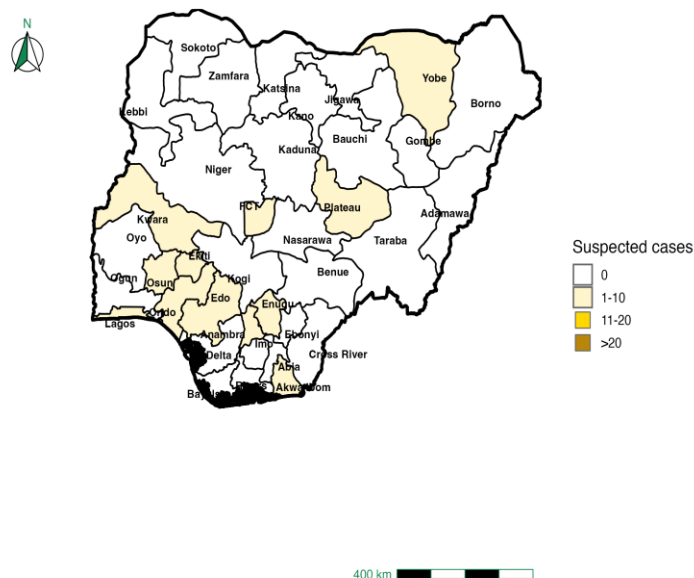


Figure 7: Suspected cases of Yellow Fever by State, Nigeria, Week 20, 2026



Key Point

- There were 20 suspected cases of Yellow Fever reported from 17 LGAs in 11 states and FCT.
- 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 20

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
58	3	0	State: 5 LGA: 8

Table 9: Cholera Year to date (Week 1 – 20, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	491	146	18	3.7%
2026	561	140	2	0.4%

Figure 8: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Cholera by epidemiological, Week 20, 2026

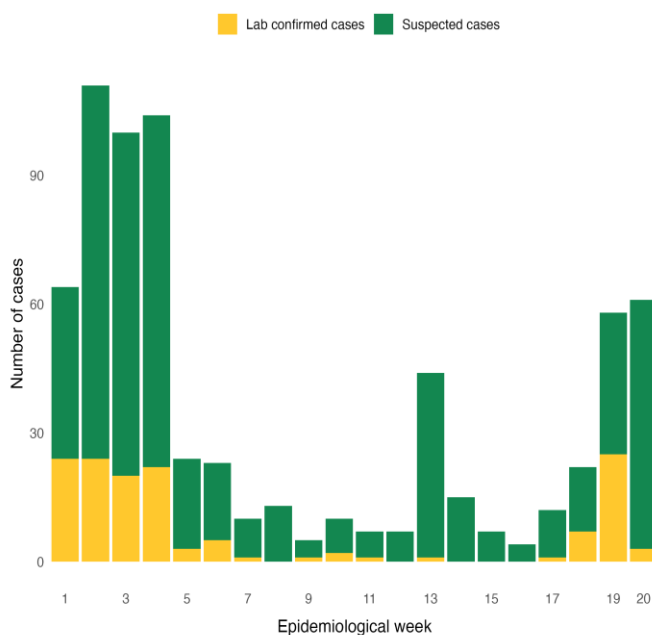
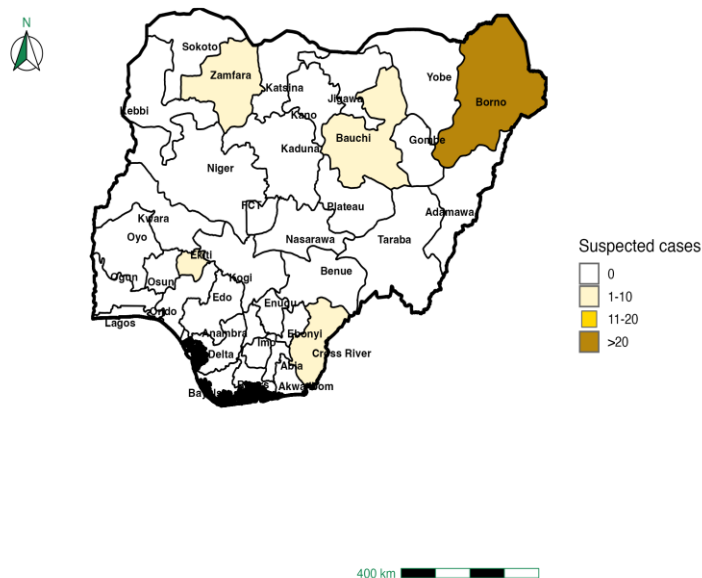


Figure 9: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Cholera, Week 20, 2026



Key Point

- There were 58 suspected cases of Cholera reported from eight LGAs in five states.
- There were three 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 20

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
62	0	0	State: 5 LGA: 16

Table 11: Measles Year to date (Week 1 – 20, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	18413	13331	144	0.8%
2026	5410	294	108	2%

Figure 10: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Measles by epidemiological, Week 20, 2026

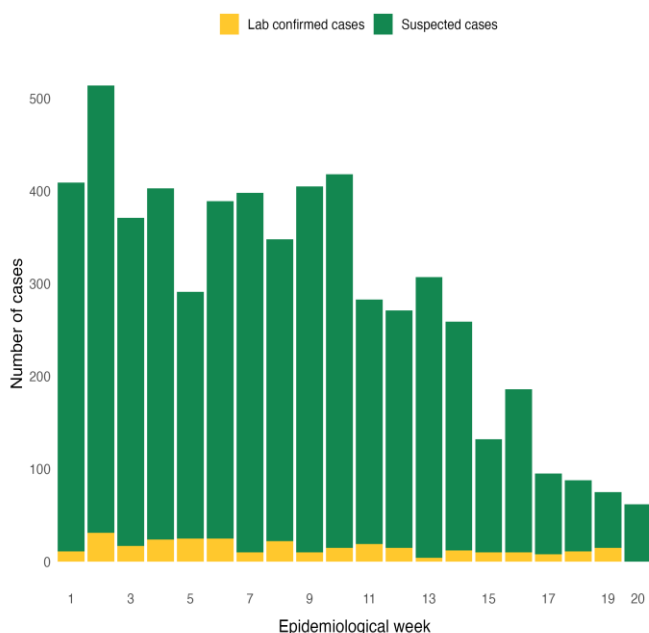
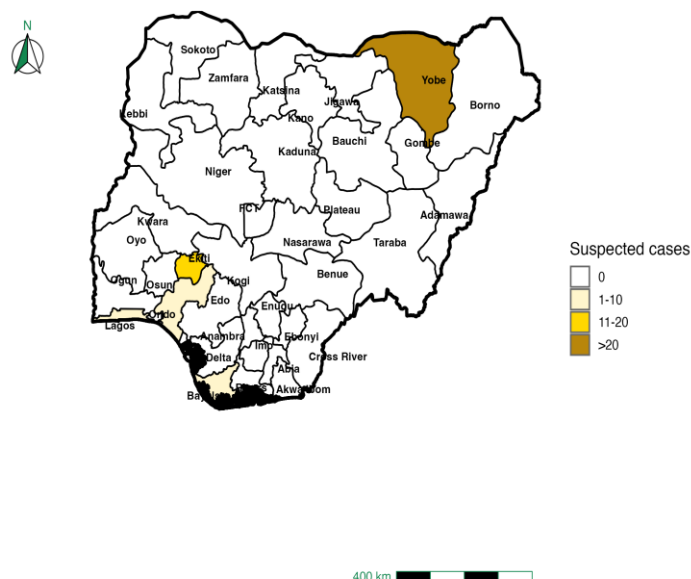


Figure 11: Suspected cases of Measles by State, Nigeria, Week 20, 2026



Key Point

- There were 62 suspected cases of Measles reported from 16 LGAs in five states.
- There were no confirmed case 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 20

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
10	1	0	State: 5 LGA: 8

Table 13: Mpox Year to date (Week 1 – 20, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	775	157	3	0.4%
2026	343	31	0	0%

Figure 12: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Mpox by epidemiological, Week 20, 2026

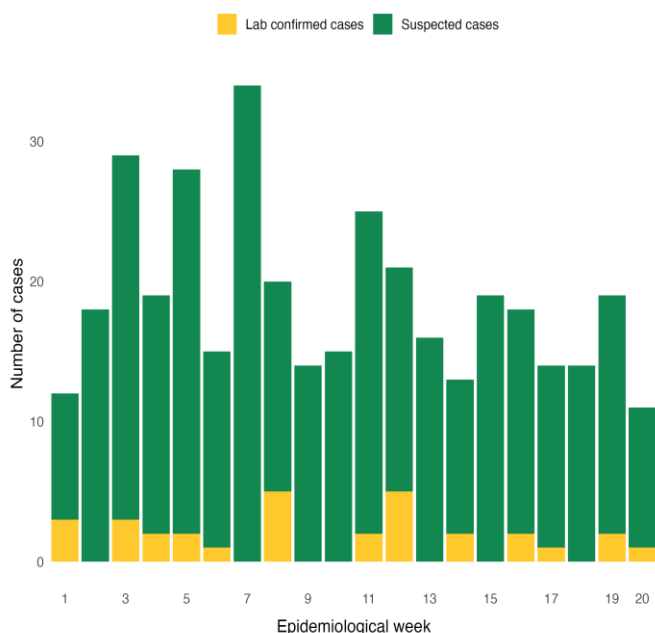
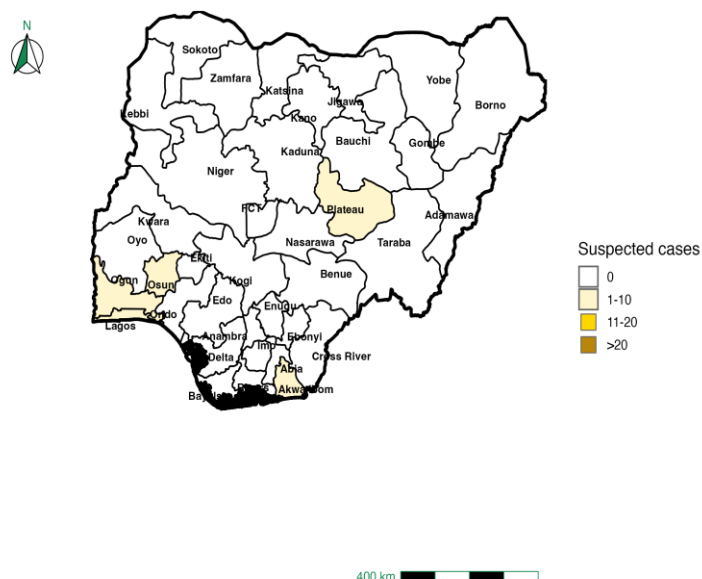


Figure 13: Suspected cases of Mpox by State, Nigeria, Week 20, 2026



Key Point

- There were 10 suspected cases of Mpox reported from eight LGAs in five states.
- There was one laboratory confirmed case 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 20

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Death(s)	Number of States and LGAs affected
142	0	0	State: 28 + FCT LGA: 111

Table 15: AFP Year to date (Week 1 – 20, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Death(s)	CFR (%)
2025	4053	16	6	0.1%
2026	2270	0	0	0%

Figure 14: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of AFP by epidemiological, Week 20, 2026

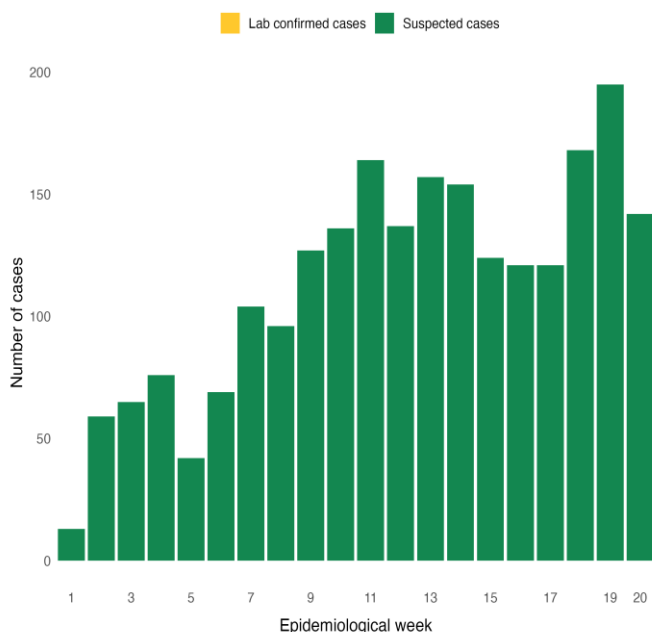
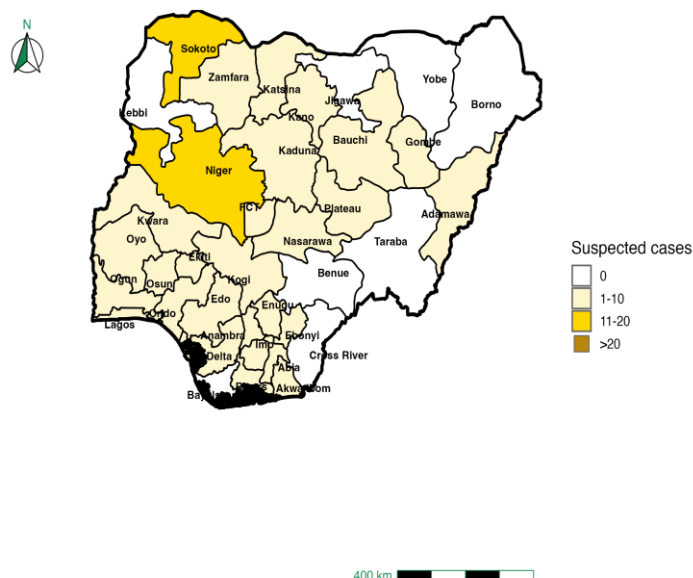


Figure 15: Suspected cases of AFP by State, Nigeria, Week 20, 2026



Key Point

- There were 142 suspected cases of Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) reported from 111 LGAs in 28 states and FCT.
- There was no laboratory confirmed case and no death was recorded.

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Table 16: Week 20

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
48	0	0	State: 5 + FCT LGA: 16

Table 17: COVID-19 Year to date (Week 1 – 20, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	1324	34	0	0%
2026	897	11	0	0%

Figure 16: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19 by epidemiological, Week 20, 2026

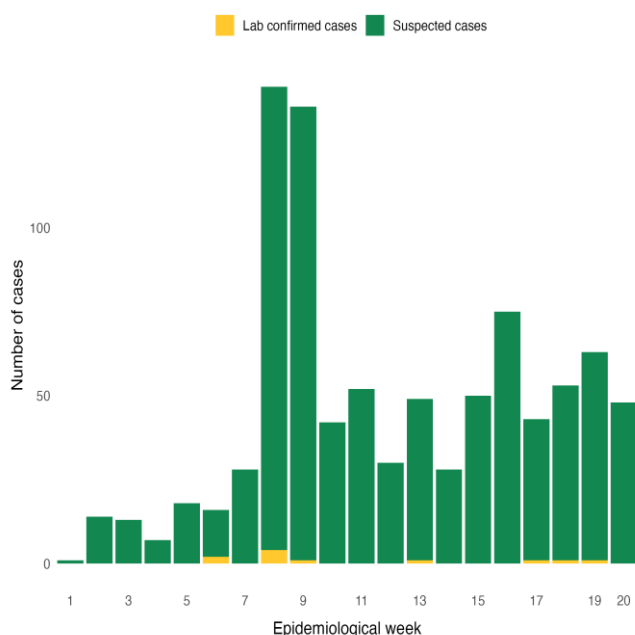
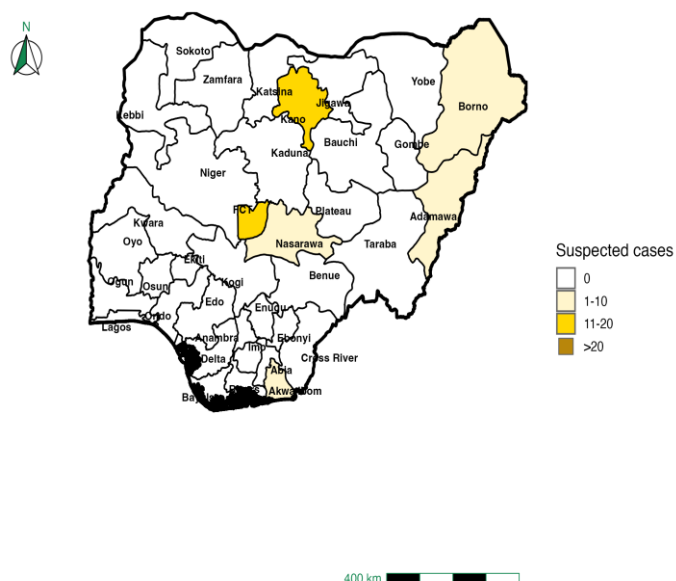


Figure 17: Suspected cases of COVID-19 by State, Nigeria, Week 20, 2026



Key Point

- There were 48 suspected cases of COVID-19 reported from 16 LGAs in five 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 20

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
84	47	0	State: 4 LGA: 11

Table 19: Diphtheria Year to date (Week 1 – 20, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	6533	4567	381	5.8%
2026	10014	8450	205	2%

Figure 18: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Diphtheria by epidemiological, Week 20, 2026

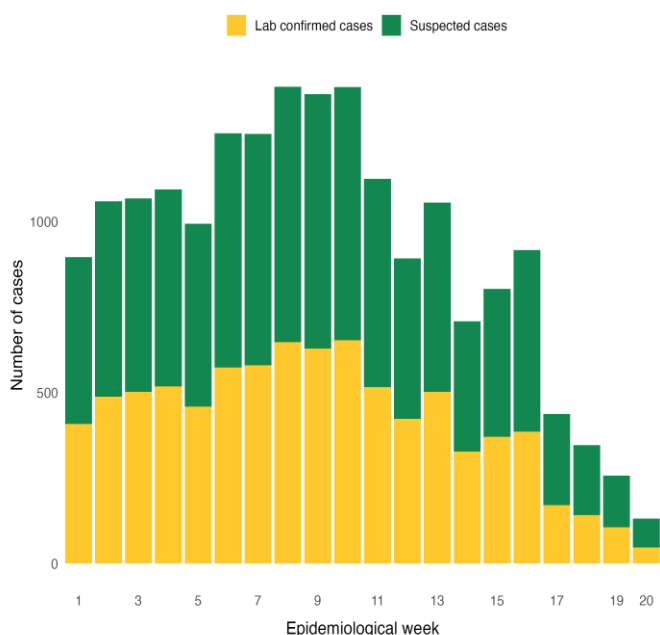
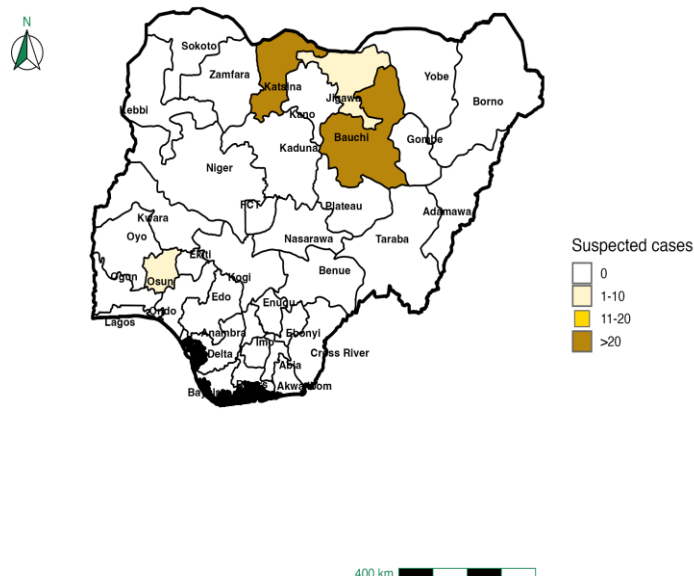


Figure 19: Suspected cases of Diphtheria by State, Nigeria, Week 20, 2026



Key Point

- There were 84 suspected cases of Diphtheria reported from 11 LGAs in four states.
- There were 47 confirmed cases and no death was 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.

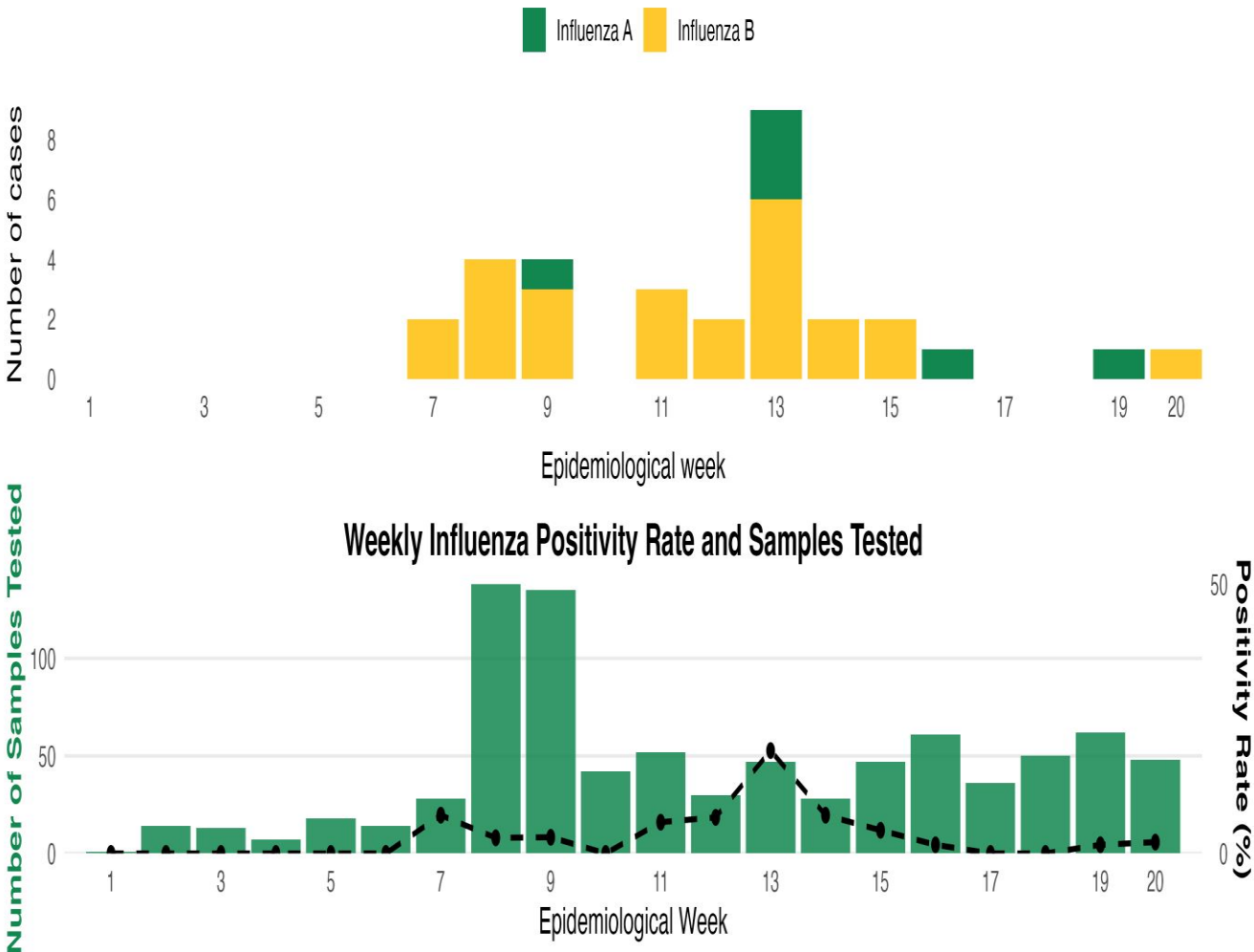
National Influenza Sentinel Surveillance

Table 20: Week 20

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Confirmed Case by type	
		Influenza A	Influenza B
48	1	0	1

Table 21: Year to date (Week 1 – 20, 2025/2026)

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Confirmed Case by type	
		Influenza A	Influenza B
871	31	6	25



Event-based Surveillance (EBS)

Key Point

Epi Week 20

- 33 Calls were successfully routed to agents and answered.
- Over 1,045 articles scanned through Epidemic Intelligence from Open Sources (EIOS) and other manual sources.
- From the calls, EIOS, and other manual sources, two signals were picked and escalated.

Cumulatively, Week 1 - 20

- 4,246 calls were successfully routed to agents and answered.
- 62 Signals picked and escalated.

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

