

Weekly Epidemiological Report

Week 21: 18th – 24th May 2026

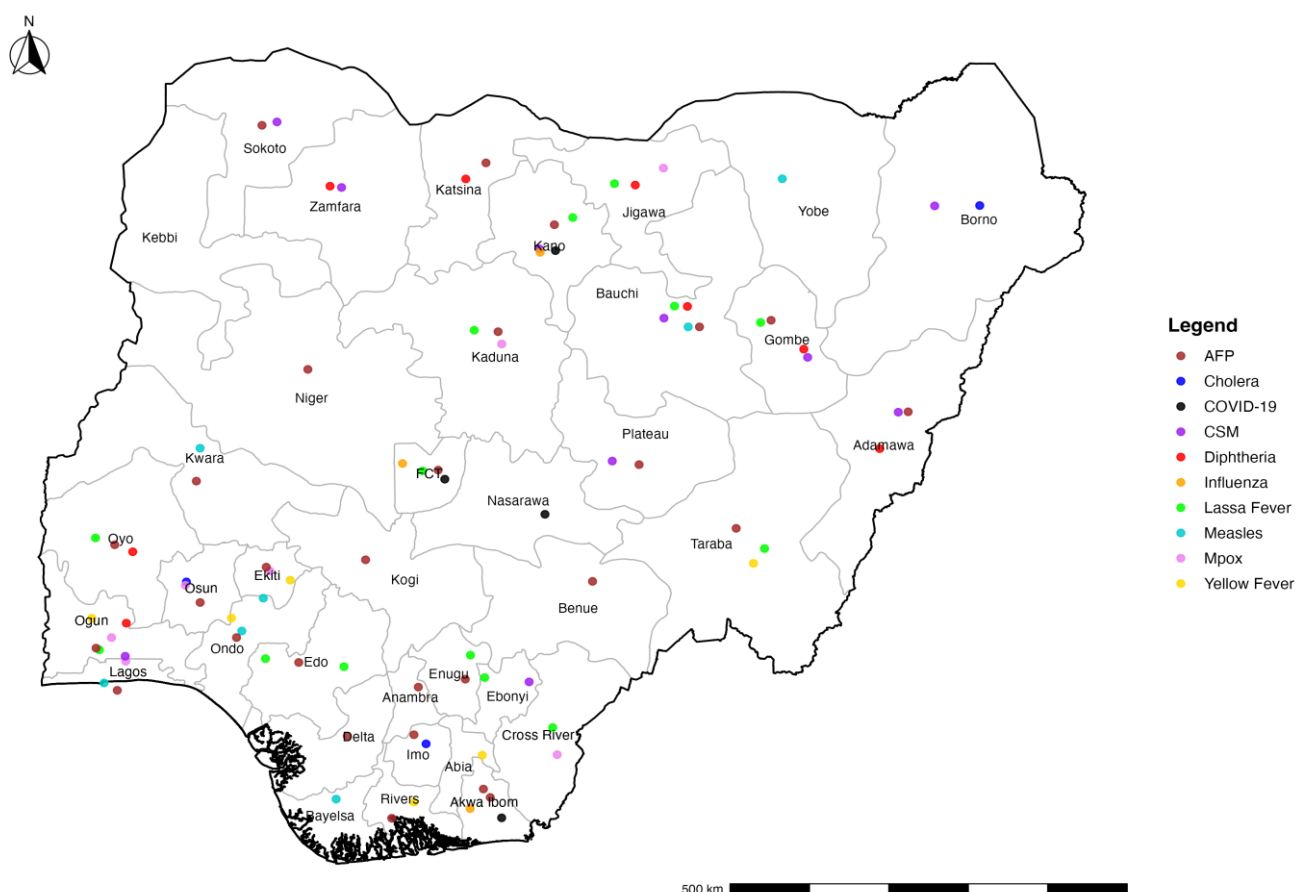
Summary of Incidents

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 21, 2026



Summary of Diseases

Table 1: Week 21, 18th – 24th May 2026

Lassa Fever_{1,4}	Cerebrospinal Meningitis (CSM)_{2,4}	Yellow Fever_{2,4}
152 Suspected case(s)	129 Suspected case(s)	12 Suspected case(s)
11 Confirmed case(s)	0 Confirmed case(s)	0 Confirmed case(s)
0 Death(s)	0 Death(s)	0 Death(s)
Cholera_{2,4}	Measles_{2,4}	Mpox_{2,4}
34 Suspected case(s)	28 Suspected case(s)	14 Suspected case(s)
15 Confirmed case(s)	2 Confirmed case(s)	2 Confirmed case(s)
2 Death(s)	0 Death(s)	0 Death(s)
Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP)_{2,4}	COVID-19_{2,4}	Diphtheria_{2,4}
118 Suspected case(s)	33 Suspected case(s)	110 Suspected case(s)
0 Confirmed case(s)	0 Confirmed case(s)	65 Confirmed case(s)
0 Death(s)	0 Death(s)	17 Death(s)
National Sentinel influenza surveillance₃		
33 Suspected case(s)		
0 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 21

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
152	11	0	State: 14 + FCT LGA: 44

Table 3: Lassa Fever Year to date (Week 1 – 21, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	5308	744	141	19.0%
2026	5387	829	208	25.1%

Figure 2: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Lassa Fever by epidemiological, Week 21, 2026

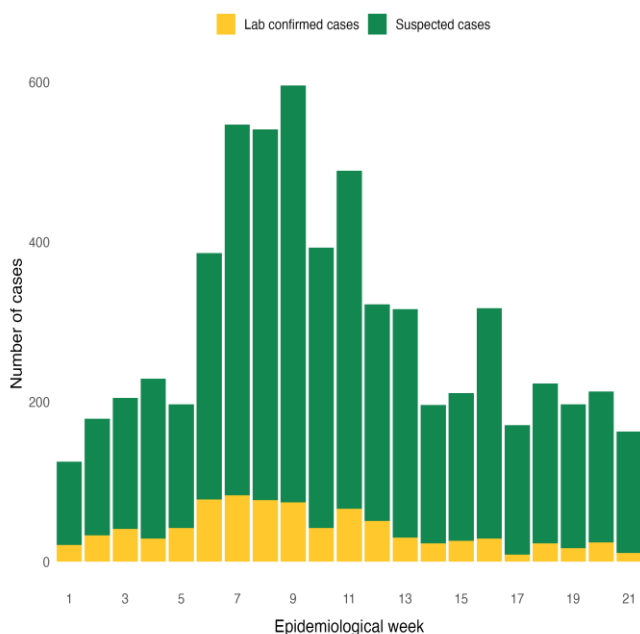
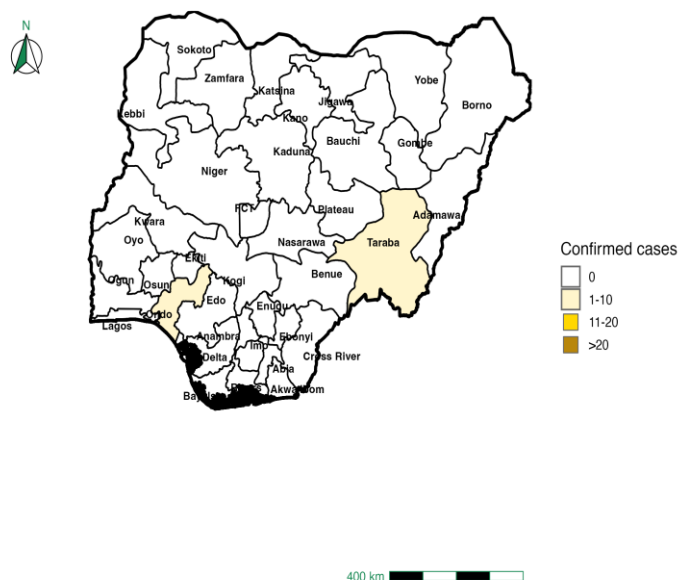


Figure 3: Confirmed cases of Lassa Fever by State, Nigeria, Week 21, 2026



Key Point

- There were 152 suspected cases of Lassa Fever reported from 44 LGAs in 14 states and FCT.
- There were 11 laboratory confirmed cases and no death was recorded.
- One new healthcare worker was 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.
- Providing offsite/onsite support to affected states.

Cerebrospinal Meningitis (CSM)

Table 4: Week 21

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
129	0	0	State: 10 LGA: 16

Table 5: CSM Year to date (Week 1 – 21, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	4420	82	308	7%
2026	1544	0	103	6.7%

Figure 4: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of CSM by epidemiological, Week 21, 2026

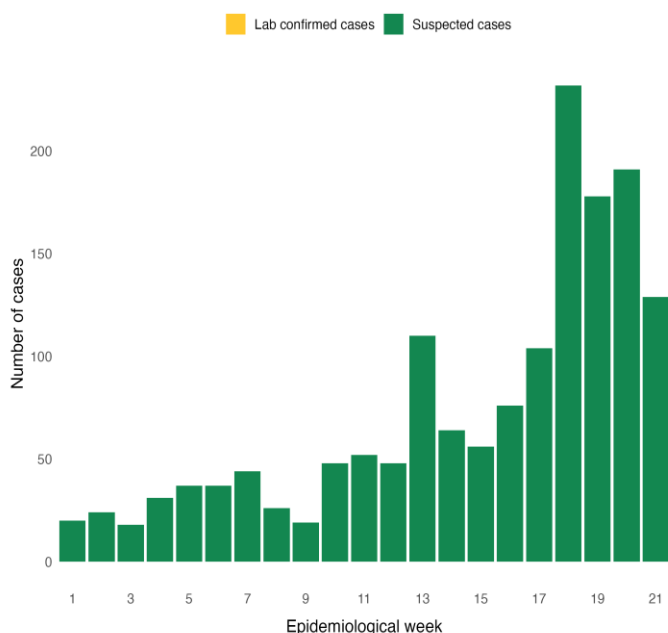
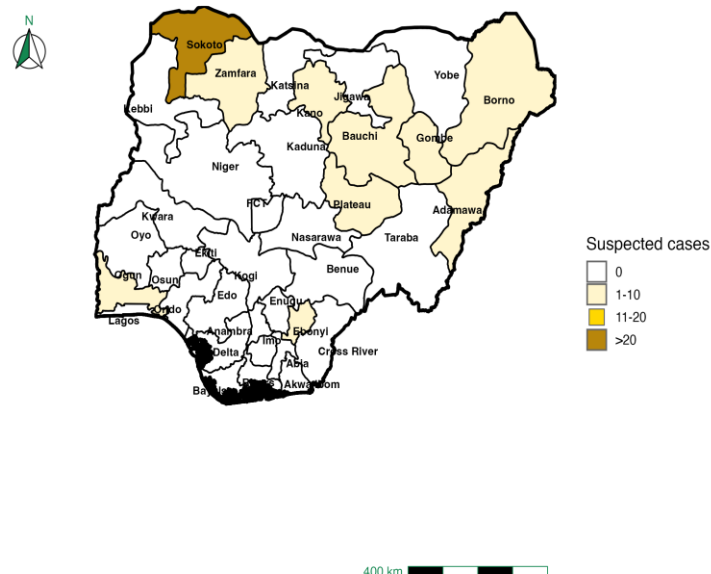


Figure 5: Suspected cases of CSM by State, Nigeria, Week 21, 2026



Key Point

- There were 129 suspected cases of Cerebrospinal Meningitis (CSM) reported from 16 LGAs in 10 states.
- There was no laboratory confirmed case and no death was 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 21

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
12	0	0	State: 6 LGA: 10

Table 7: Yellow Fever Year to date (Week 1 – 21, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	1041	3	6	0.6%
2026	594	4	0	0%

Figure 6: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Yellow Fever by epidemiological, Week 21, 2026

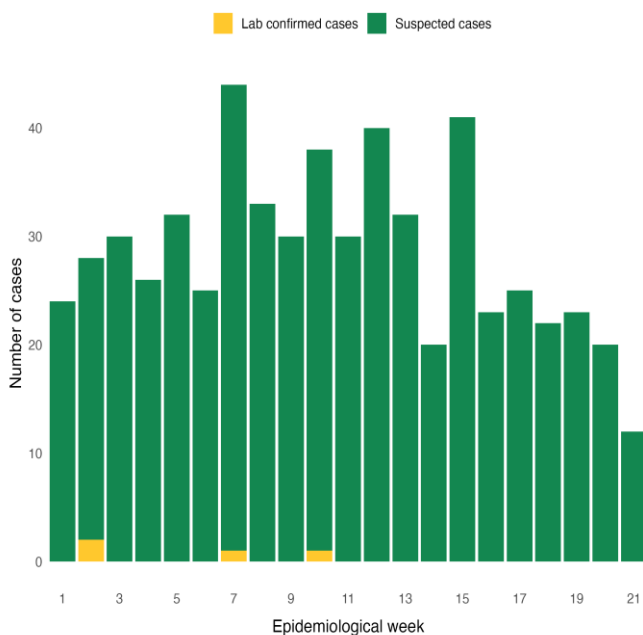
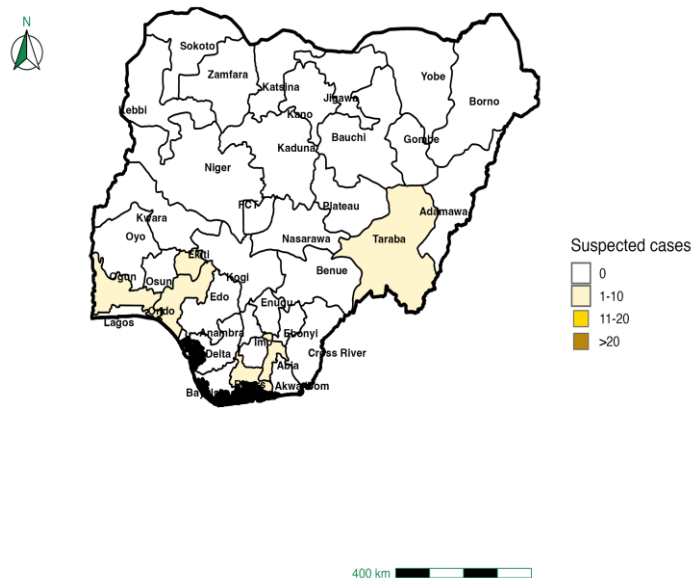


Figure 7: Suspected cases of Yellow Fever by State, Nigeria, Week 21, 2026



Key Point

- There were 12 suspected cases of Yellow Fever reported from 10 LGAs in six 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 21

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
34	15	2	State: 3 LGA: 7

Table 9: Cholera Year to date (Week 1 – 21, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	510	152	18	3.5%
2026	595	155	4	0.7%

Figure 8: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Cholera by epidemiological, Week 21, 2026

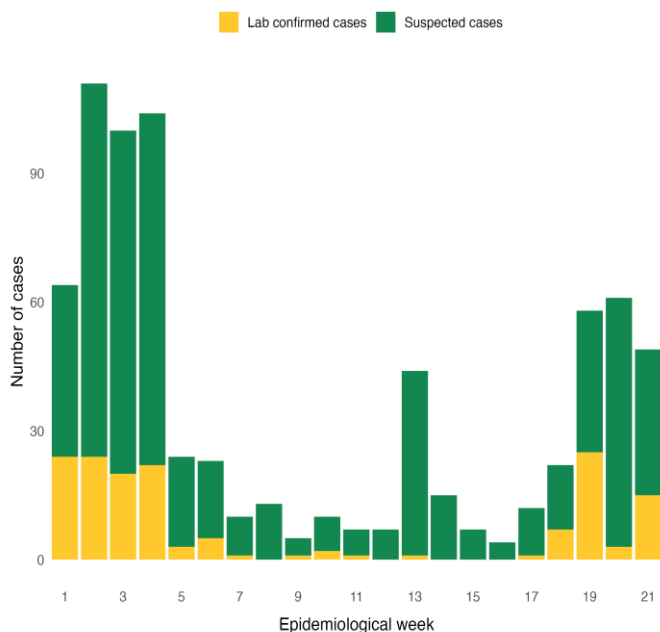
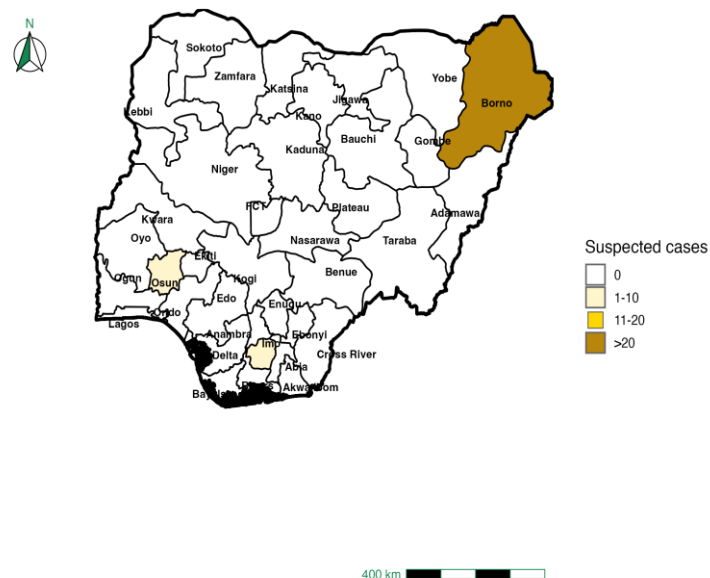


Figure 9: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Cholera, Week 21, 2026



Key Point

- There were 34 suspected cases of Cholera reported from seven LGAs in three states.
- There were 15 laboratory confirmed cases and two deaths were 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 21

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
28	2	0	State: 7 LGA: 13

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

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	19413	14168	145	0.7%
2026	5438	296	108	2%

Figure 10: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Measles by epidemiological, Week 21, 2026

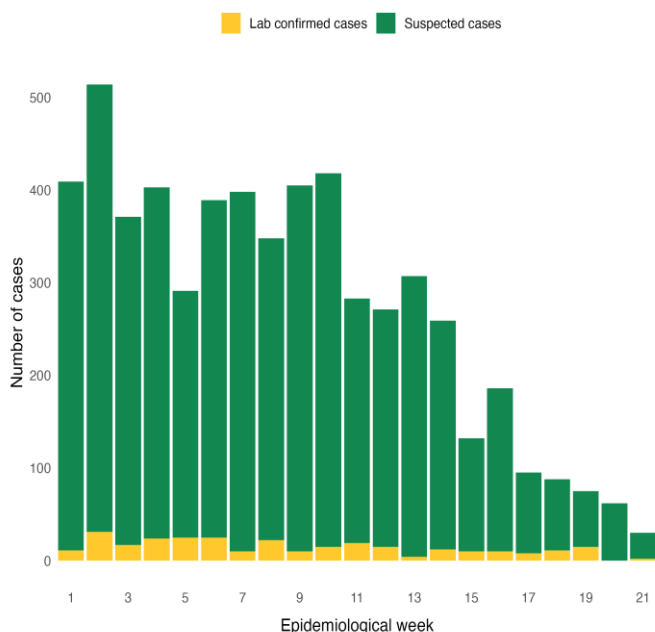
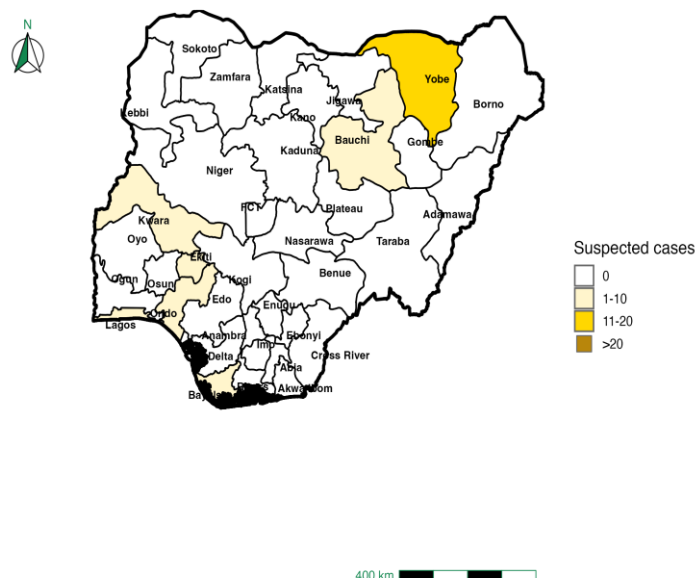


Figure 11: Suspected cases of Measles by State, Nigeria, Week 21, 2026



Key Point

- There were 28 suspected cases of Measles reported from 13 LGAs in seven states.
- There were two 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 21

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
14	2	0	State: 7 LGA: 11

Table 13: Mpox Year to date (Week 1 – 21, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	788	159	3	0.4%
2026	357	33	0	0%

Figure 12: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Mpox by epidemiological, Week 21, 2026

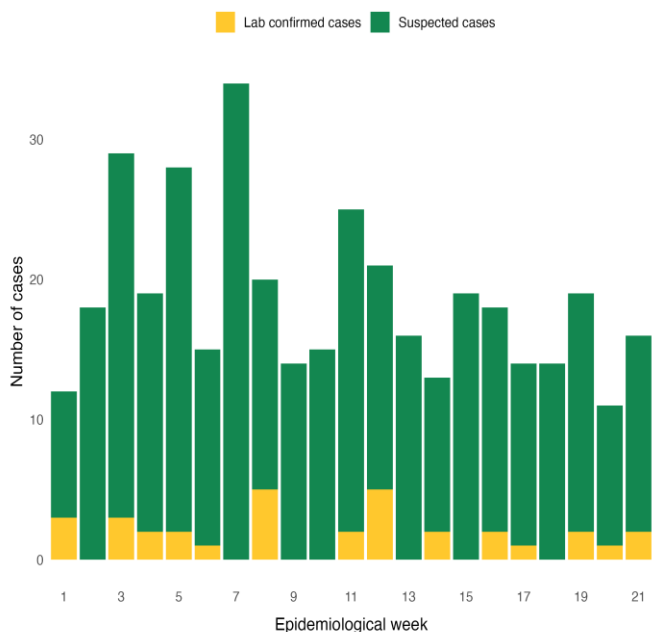
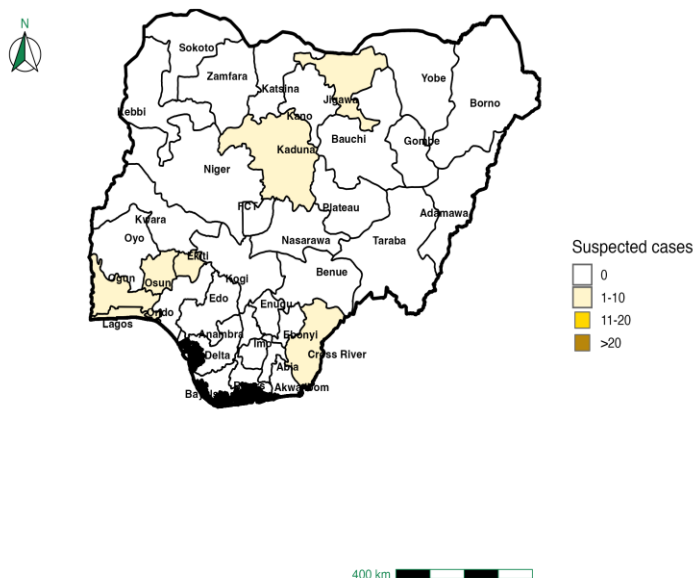


Figure 13: Suspected cases of Mpox by State, Nigeria, Week 21, 2026



Key Point

- There were 14 suspected cases of Mpox reported from 11 LGAs in seven 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 21

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Death(s)	Number of States and LGAs affected
118	0	0	State: 27 + FCT LGA: 93

Table 15: AFP Year to date (Week 1 – 21, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Death(s)	CFR (%)
2025	4208	16	6	0.1%
2026	2388	0	0	0%

Figure 14: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of AFP by epidemiological, Week 21, 2026

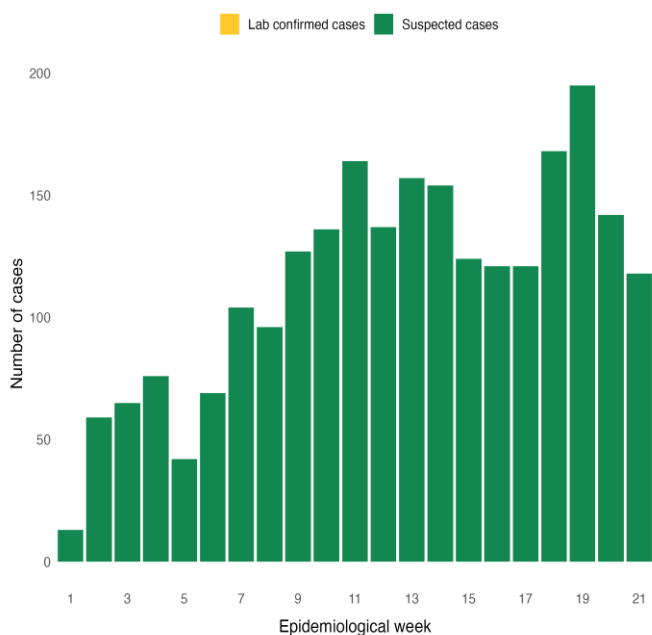
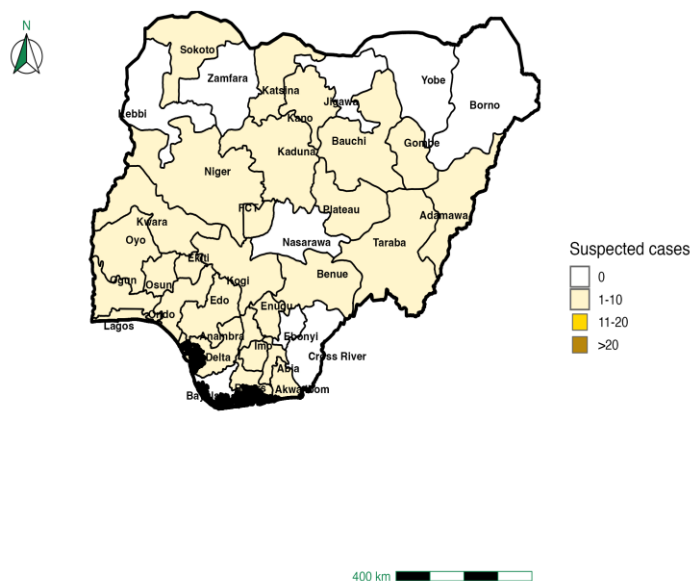


Figure 15: Suspected cases of AFP by State, Nigeria, Week 21, 2026



Key Point

- There were 118 suspected cases of Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) reported from 93 LGAs in 27 states and FCT.
- There was no laboratory confirmed case and no death was recorded.

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Table 16: Week 21

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
33	0	0	State: 3 + FCT LGA: 12

Table 17: COVID-19 Year to date (Week 1 – 21, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	1437	36	0	0%
2026	930	11	0	0%

Figure 16: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19 by epidemiological, Week 21, 2026

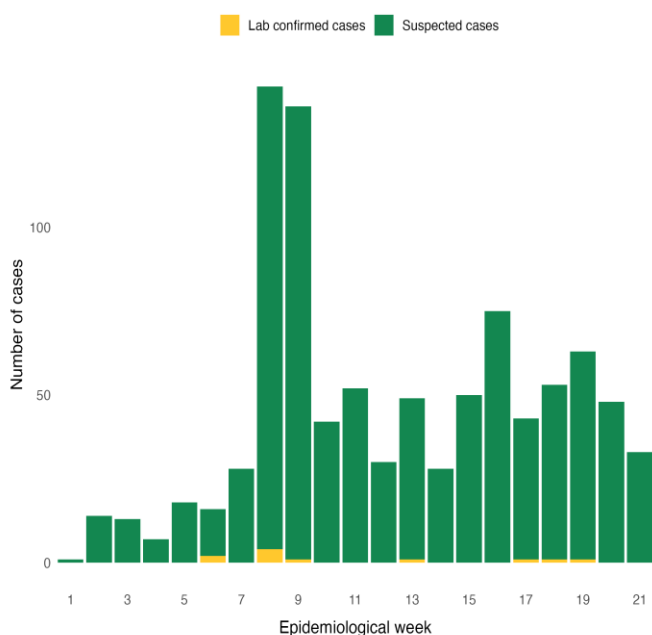
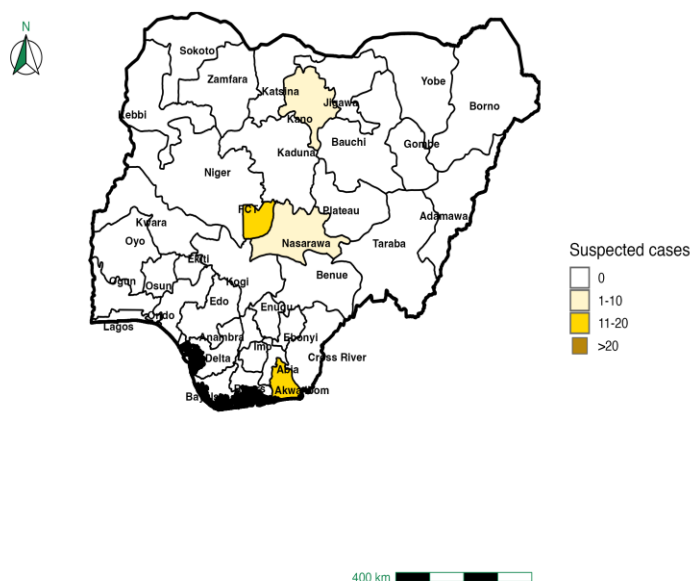


Figure 17: Suspected cases of COVID-19 by State, Nigeria, Week 21, 2026



Key Point

- There were 33 suspected cases of COVID-19 reported from 12 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 21

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
110	65	17	State: 8 LGA: 13

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

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	6808	4761	412	6.1%
2026	10124	8515	222	2.2%

Figure 18: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Diphtheria by epidemiological, Week 21, 2026

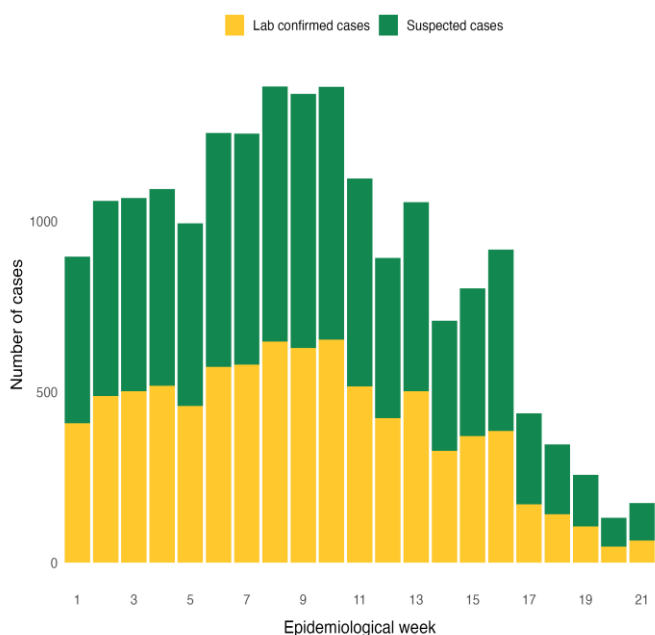
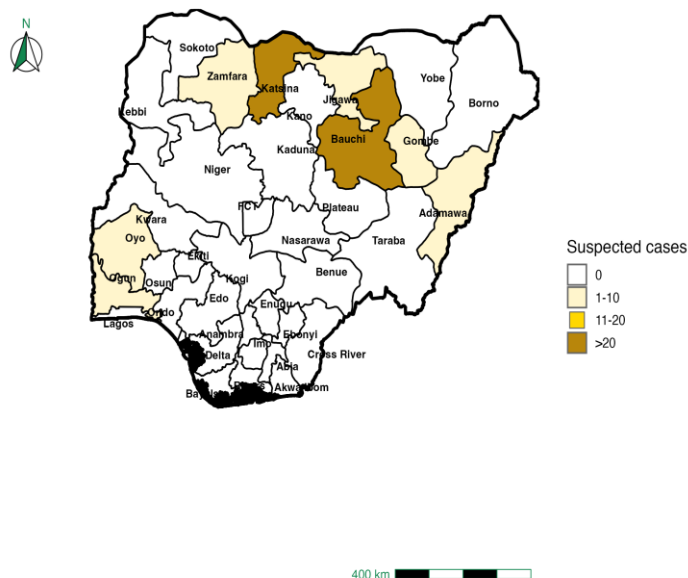


Figure 19: Suspected cases of Diphtheria by State, Nigeria, Week 21, 2026



Key Point

- There were 110 suspected cases of Diphtheria reported from 13 LGAs in eight states.
- There were 65 confirmed cases and 17 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.

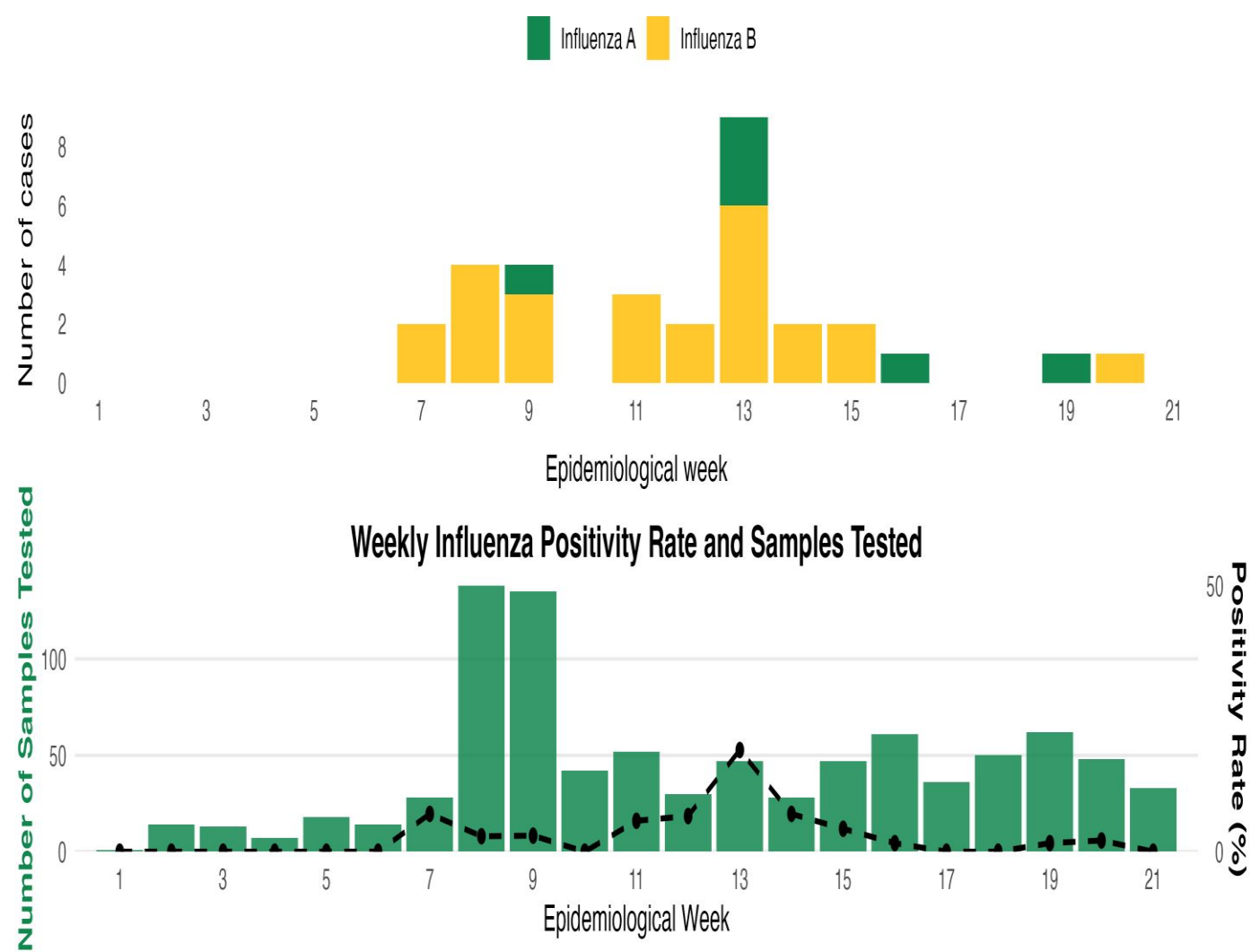
National Influenza Sentinel Surveillance

Table 20: Week 21

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Confirmed Case by type	
		Influenza A	Influenza B
33	0	0	0

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

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Confirmed Case by type	
		Influenza A	Influenza B
904	31	6	25



Event-based Surveillance (EBS)

Key Point

Epi Week 21

- 89 Calls were successfully routed to agents and answered.
- Over 1,141 articles scanned through Epidemic Intelligence from Open Sources (EIOS) and other manual sources.
- From the calls, EIOS, and other manual sources, three signals were picked and escalated.

Cumulatively, Week 1 - 21

- 4,335 calls were successfully routed to agents and answered.
- 65 Signals picked and escalated.

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

