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Editorial message

Effective and efficient disease surveillance systems contribute to the reduction of morbidity, disability and mortality from disease outbreaks and health emergencies.

This weekly bulletin presents the epidemiological status of the priority diseases, conditions, and public-health events under surveillance in Rwanda. These data aim to trigger a rapid response for rapid impact, actions and results oriented, a proactive preparedness, risk mitigation and prevention, intelligence, real-time information, and communication for decision making.

KEY EPIDEMIOLOGICAL HIGHLIGHTS



Event Based Surveillance (EBS) Highlights:



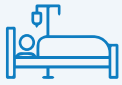
Alerts from Impuruza system:
No signal was notified.

Alerts from EIOS:
No alert

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Indicator Based Surveillance (IBS) Highlights:



417 cases of immediately reportable diseases were notified by **112** health facilities nationwide. These included cases of chicken pox, severe malaria, suspected shigellosis, suspected measles/rubella, acute flaccid paralysis, suspected cholera, suspected VHF, suspected RVF, suspected typhoid fever, mumps, and snake bites.



73 deaths were reported by **27** health facilities through the electronic Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (eIDSR) system. Most deaths were perinatal deaths and deaths of children under 5 years.



Outbreaks and events updates in week 29



Weekly updates on ongoing outbreaks:

Ongoing outbreaks:

- ⚠️ Mpox outbreak
- ⚠️ Measles outbreaks in different districts of Rwanda
- ⚠️ Cholera outbreak in Rusizi district

New outbreak:

- ⚠️ Cholera outbreak in Rutsiro district
- ⚠️ Updates on Ebola Virus Disease outbreak preparedness in Rwanda



Completeness and timeliness



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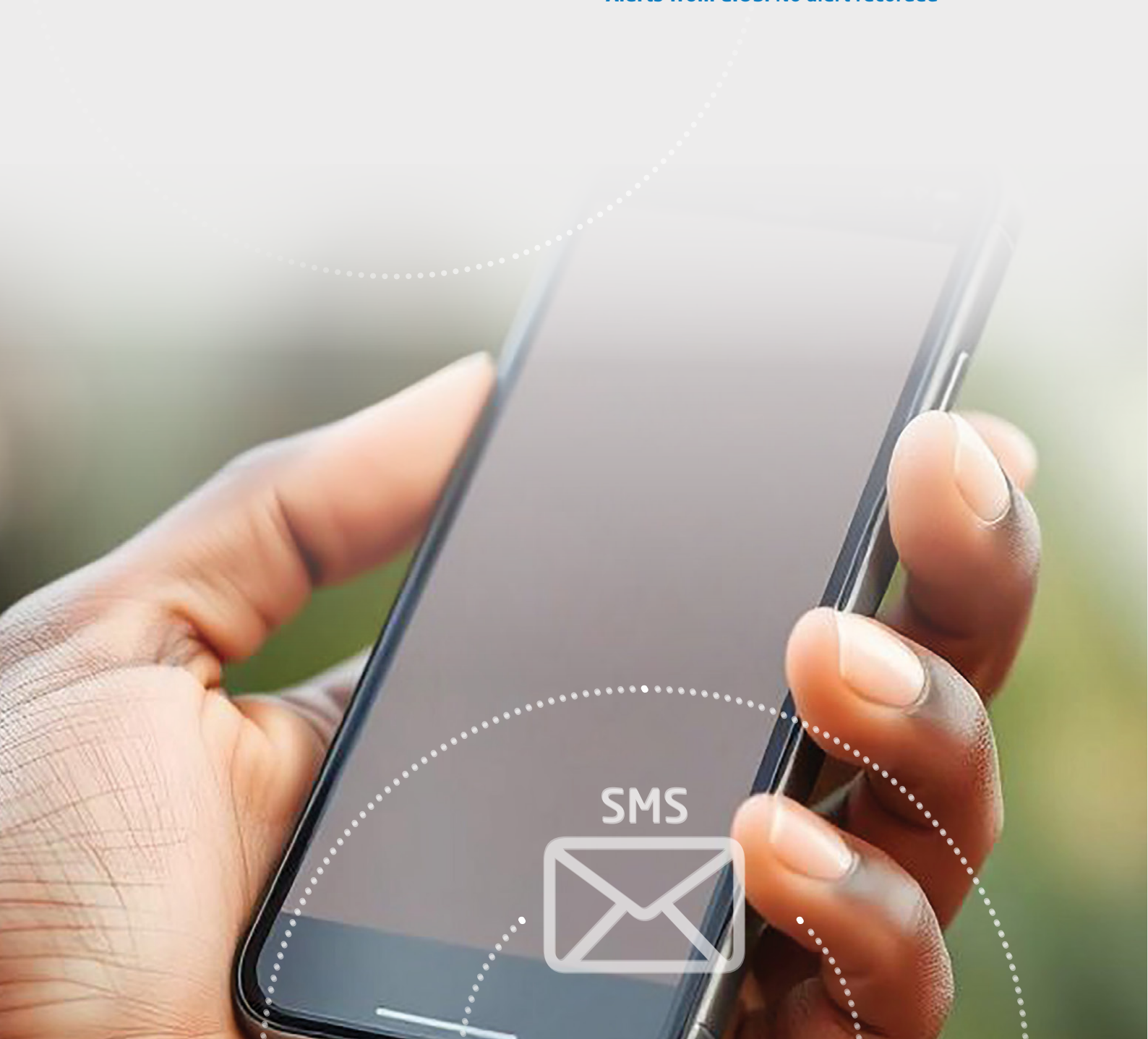
Weekly updates on Event Based Surveillance (EBS)

Description: Event-Based Surveillance (EBS) is a type of public health surveillance system that detects and reports unusual health events or disease outbreaks in a timely manner. The system is designed to detect signals of potential public health threats and allow a rapid response to prevent or control the spread of diseases. RBC is implementing EBS through the PHS&EPR Division.

Currently, an electronic Community Event-Based Surveillance System (eCBS), Hotline and Epidemic Intelligence from Open Source (EIOS) are being used to detect and report events of public health importance from the community and media. The process for the establishment of other types of EBS is still ongoing.

Alerts from Impuruza system: No signal was notified

Alerts from EIOS: No alert recorded



WEEKLY UPDATES ON EVENT-BASED SURVEILLANCE (EBS)

Description: Rwanda had implemented Indicator-Based Surveillance according to the IDSR guidelines 3rd edition where 45 priority diseases, health conditions, and public health events are being monitored and reported from health facilities countrywide on a regular basis.

Diseases that are prone to outbreaks are reported immediately within 24 hours after detection, while diseases that are considered endemic are reported on a weekly basis every Monday before midday.

A. IMMEDIATE REPORTABLE DISEASES - EPI WEEK 29

During this Epi week,

417 cases of immediately reportable diseases were notified by 112 health facilities:



8 cases of chicken pox (varicella) were reported by 4 health facilities.



168 suspected cases of Measles/Rubella were reported by 57 health facilities (they are described in the update on the outbreaks section)



9 cases of severe malaria were reported by 7 health facilities.



3 snake bite cases were reported by 3 health facilities.



2 cases of acute flaccid paralysis were reported by 2 health facilities



2 suspected cases of shigellosis were reported by 2 health facilities; the samples were taken and sent to the laboratory



18 suspected cases of cholera were reported by 4 health facilities



2 suspected cases of typhoid fever were reported by 1 health facility; the sample was taken and sent to the laboratory



196 suspected cases of RVF were reported by 48 health facilities; the samples were taken and sent to the laboratory

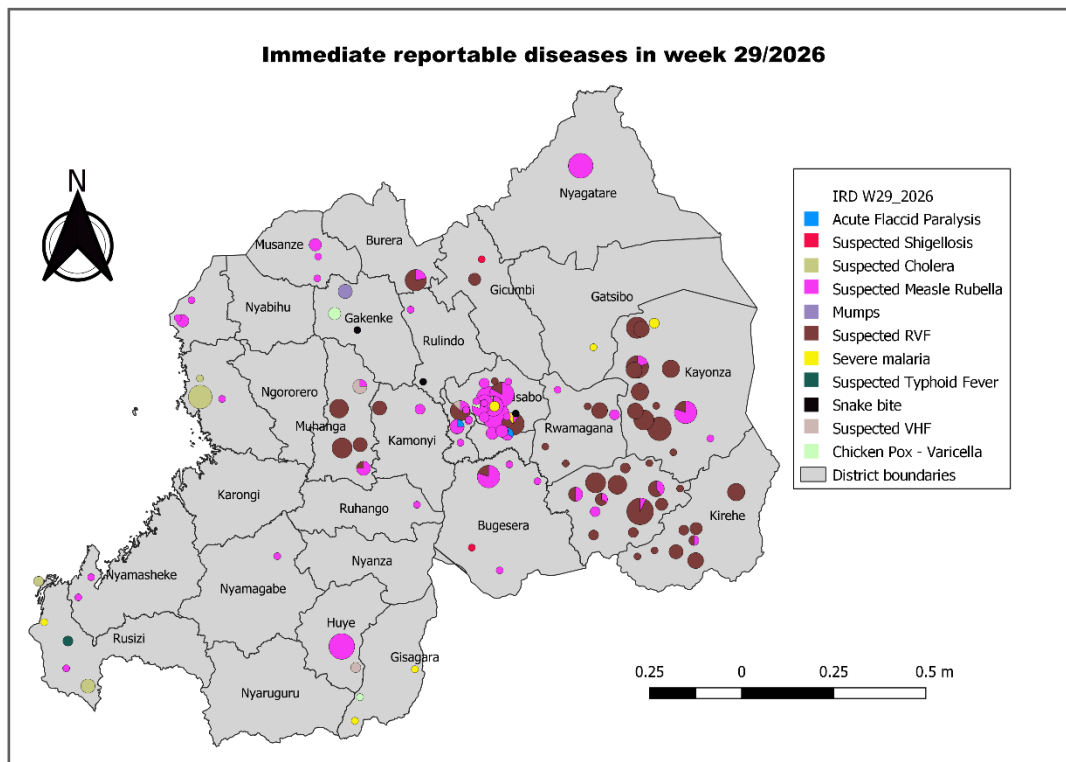


8 suspected cases of VHF were reported by 4 health facilities; the samples were taken and sent to the laboratory



4 cases of mumps were reported by 1 health facility

Geographical distribution of immediate reportable disease cases notified during the epi week 29 /2026

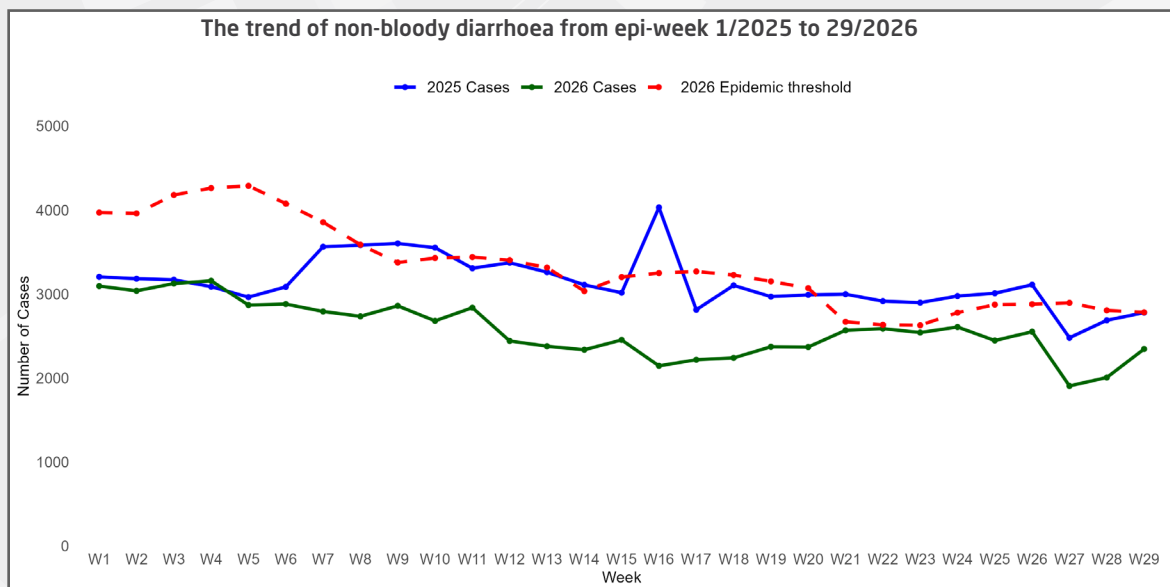
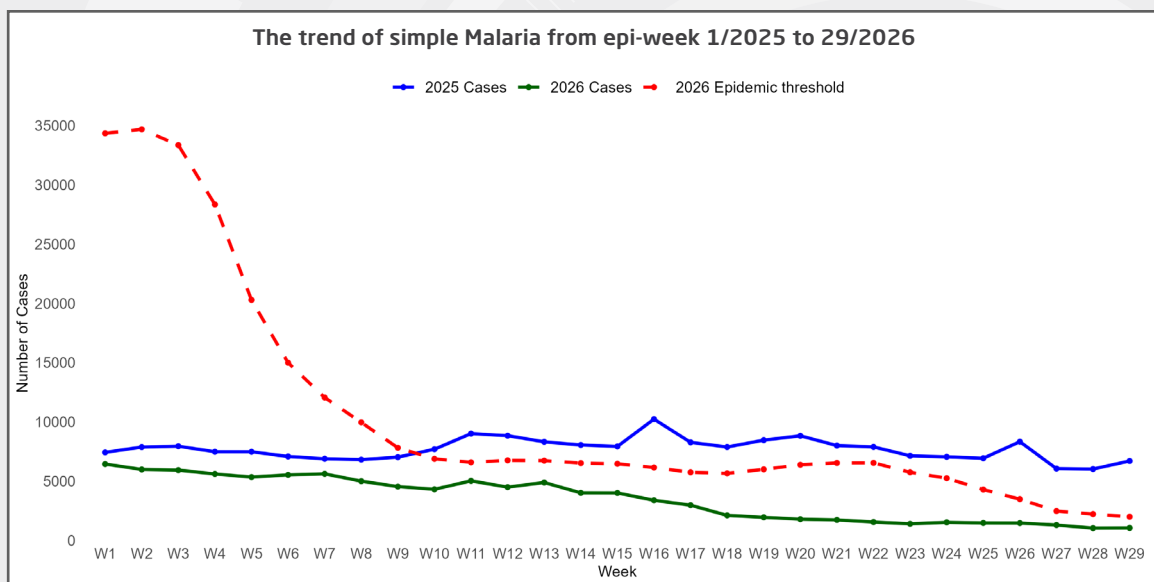
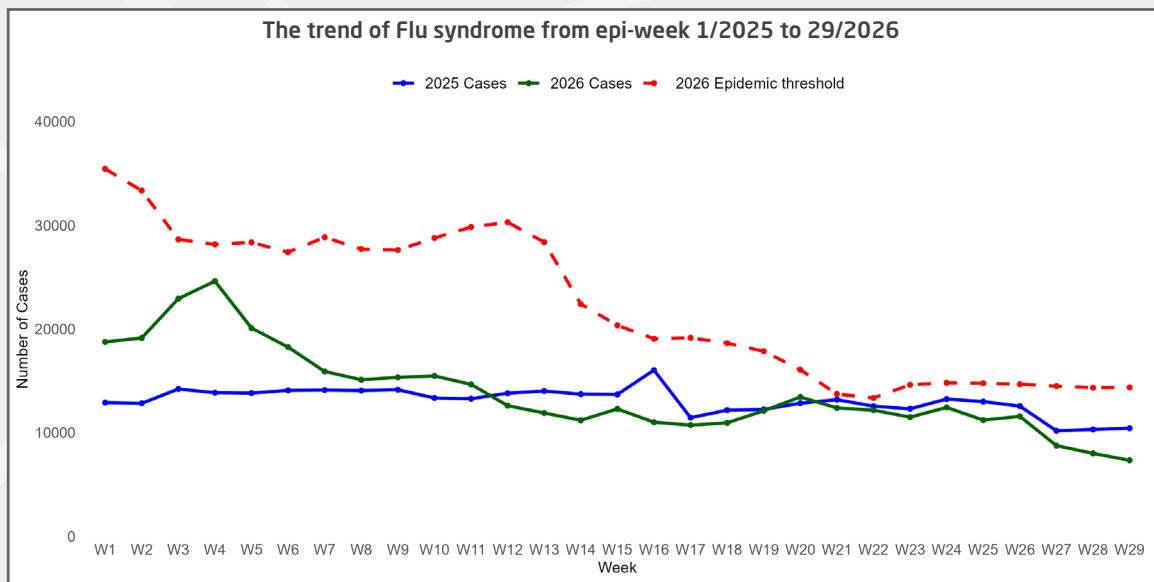


B. WEEKLY REPORTABLE DISEASES - EPI WEEK 29

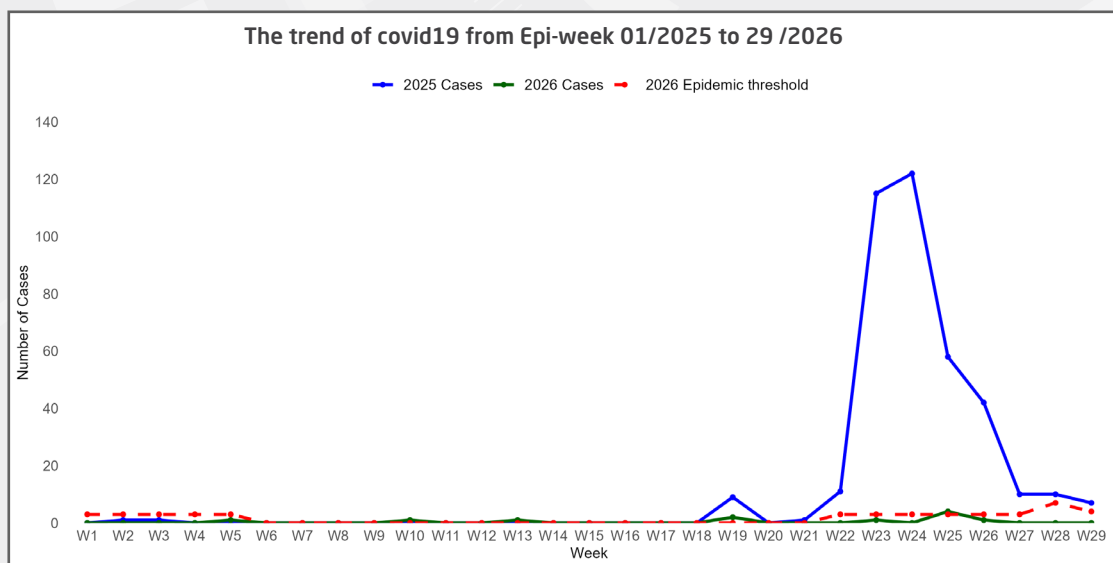
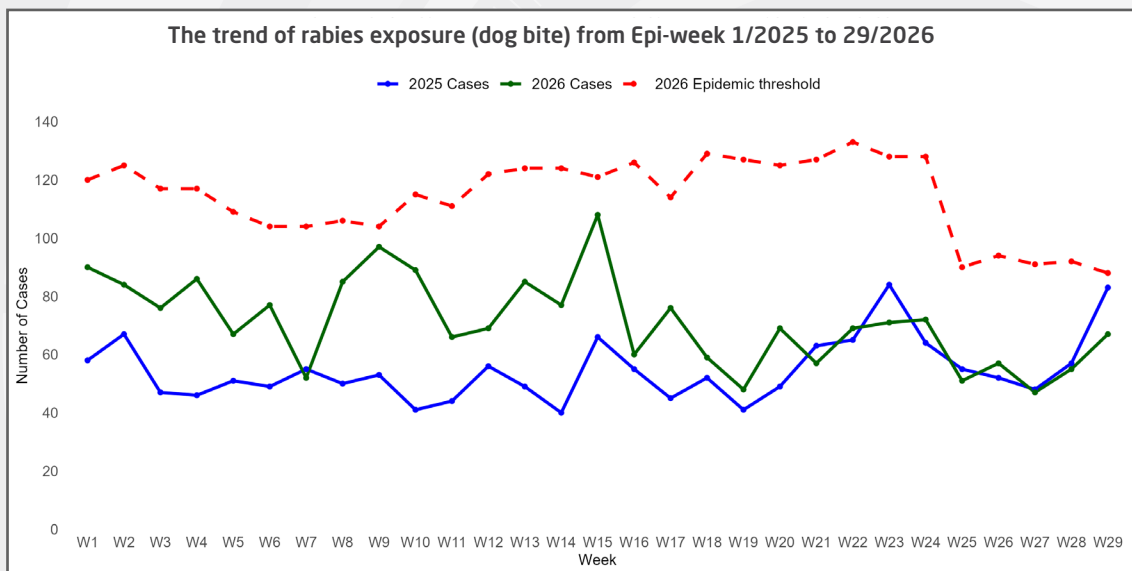
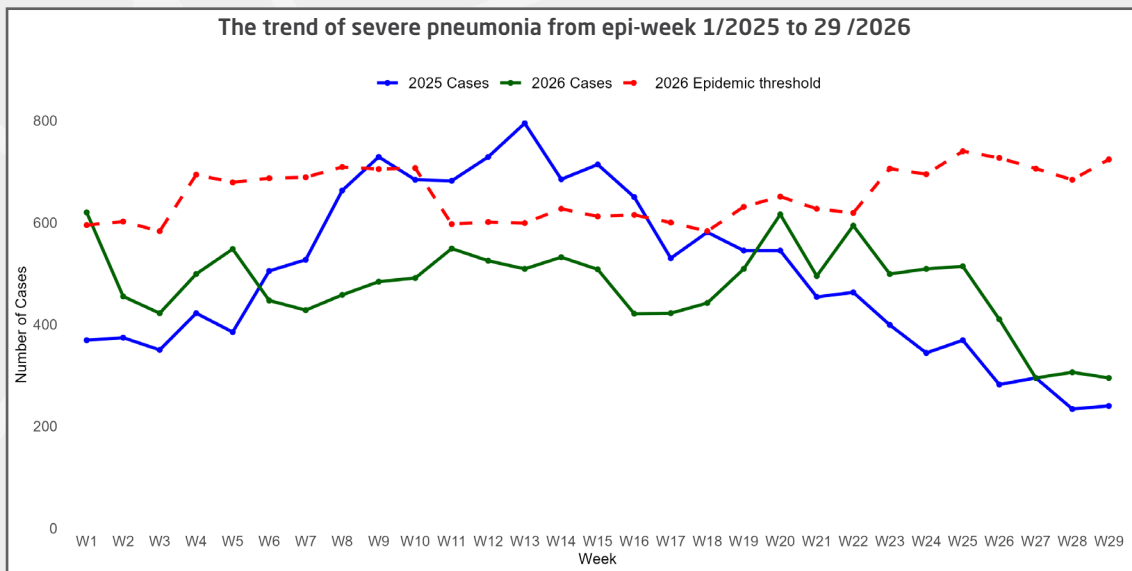
In Rwanda, after the adaptation of the IDSR guidelines 3rd edition, eight diseases events are being reported and analyzed on a weekly basis. These include flu syndrome, simple malaria, severe pneumonia for under 5 years, non-bloody diarrhea for under 5 years, COVID-19, dog bites, brucellosis, and trypanosomiasis. The monitoring trends of these weekly reportable diseases or health events helps to detect an unusual increase early.

In Epi Week 29, a thorough analysis was conducted, comparing the number of reported cases of the diseases monitored on a weekly basis to their respective epidemic thresholds. The results revealed that no disease cases surpassed the epidemic thresholds.

The figures below show the weekly reportable diseases trends:



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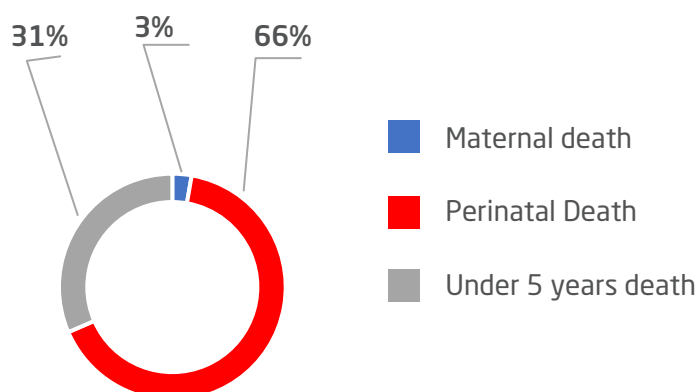


C. DISTRIBUTION OF REPORTED DEATHS IN eIDSR

As summarized in the Pie Chart below, a total of 73 deaths were reported through the electronic Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (eIDSR) system. Among these deaths:

- 48 (66%) were perinatal deaths
- 23 (32%) were deaths of children under 5 years old including 2 deaths due to non-bloody diarrhea
- 2(3%) were maternal deaths

Type of deaths reported in week 29 /2026



Distribution of deaths by health facilities

73 deaths were reported from 27 health facilities as follows:



8 deaths were reported by Gisenyi DH (7 perinatal deaths and 1 death under 5 years)



6 deaths were each reported by:

- Kabgayi DH and Nyagatare DH (6 perinatal deaths)



5 deaths were each reported by:

- Kibuye RH (1 maternal death, 2 perinatal deaths and 2 deaths under 5 years)
- Kirehe DH (2 perinatal deaths, and 3 deaths under 5 years)
- Ngarama DH (3 perinatal deaths, and 2 deaths under 5 years)



3 deaths were each reported by:

- Nyabikenke DH (1 perinatal deaths and 2 deaths under 5 years)
- Kabutare DH, and Muhima DH (2 perinatal deaths, and 1 death under 5 years)
- Masaka DH (1 maternal death, and 2 perinatal deaths)
- Nemba DH (3 perinatal deaths)
- Ruhengeri RH (3 deaths under 5 years)



2 deaths were each reported by:

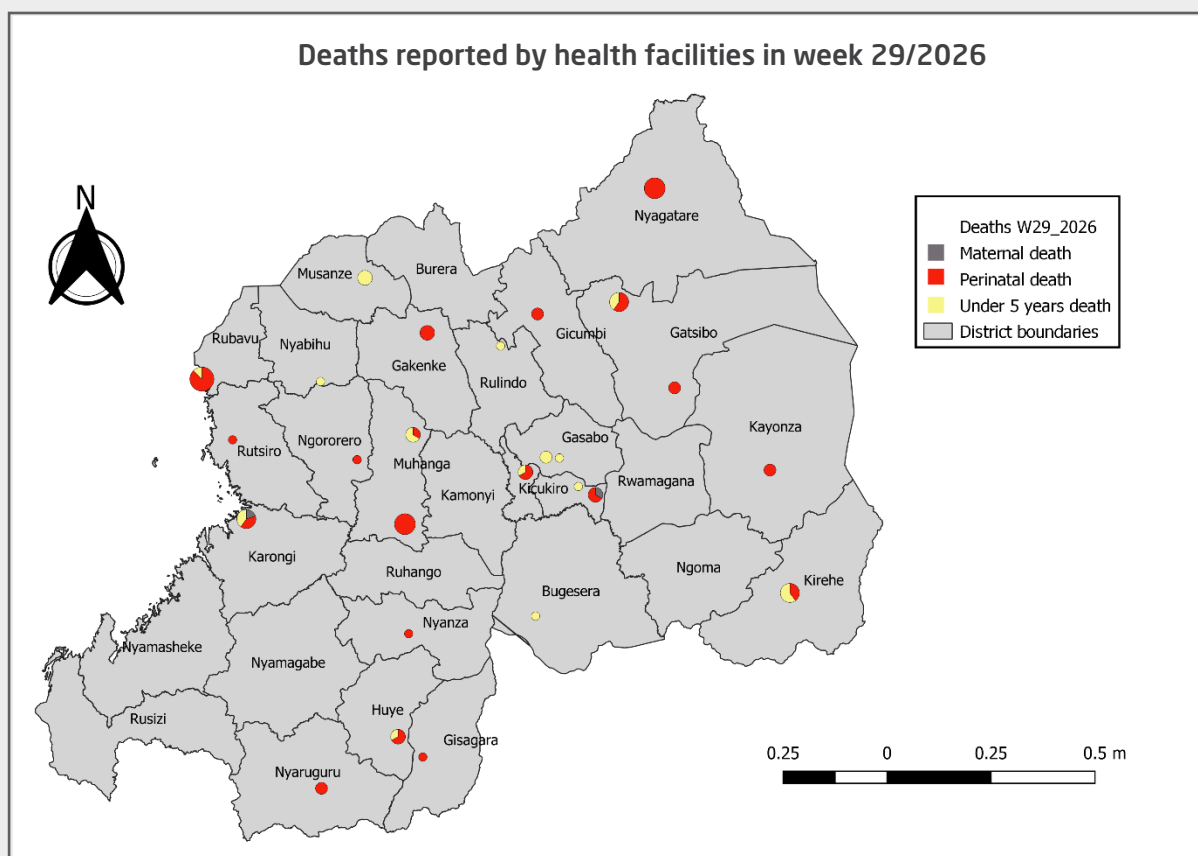
- Byumba DH, Kiziguro DH, Munini DH, and Rwinkwavu DH (2 perinatal deaths)
- Kacyiru Police Hospital (2 deaths under 5 years)



1 death was reported by each of the following:

- Kibirizi DH, Muhororo DH, Nyanza DH, and Kayove HC in Murunda DH (1 perinatal death)
- Kabaya DH, Kibagabaga DH, Kinihira PH, Kirinda DH, Ruhuha HC in Nyamata DH, and Rwanda Military Hospital (1 death under 5 years)

Distribution of deaths by health facilities:



OUTBREAK AND EVENT UPDATES IN EPIDEMIOLOGICAL WEEK 29

1. Ongoing outbreaks

1.1 Ongoing Mpox outbreak in Rwanda

Rwanda confirmed its first two cases of Mpox on July 24, 2024. The current situation, as of 19th July 2026, was as follows:

8098	Cumulative suspected cases
0	New suspected cases
131	Total confirmed cases
0	New confirmed cases
0	Cases under follow up
0	New discharged case



Actions taken

In response to the Mpox outbreak, significant measures are being implemented at both the central and district levels. The District Command Posts have been activated to bolster preparedness and improve response efforts. Key actions include:

- Door-to-door active case searches for early detection
- Heightened screening and surveillance in schools and public areas
- Screening at points of entry (POE)
- Ring vaccination
- Public awareness campaigns

1.2 Measles outbreaks in different provinces

For the current situation, as of 19th July 2026, it was as follows:

123 active cases, were admitted in the health facilities and distributed in two provinces and the City of Kigali, as follows:

1. City of Kigali

84 active cases

2. Southern Province

28 active cases

3. Eastern Province

11 active cases

1.3 Cholera outbreak in Rusizi districts

The current situation of the ongoing Cholera outbreak in Rusizi district, as of 19th July 2026, was as follows:

155 Cumulative suspected cases

10 New suspected cases

155 Total confirmed cases

5 Cases under follow-up

2.New outbreaks and events occurred Cholera outbreak in Rutsiro district

On 15 July 2026, Murunda District Hospital in Rutsiro District reported five suspected cholera cases originating from Bugarura Village: 3cases; Kaganza Village: 1case; Rutagara Village: 1case. All patients initially sought treatment at Kinunu Health Centre (HC). Following positive rapid diagnostic test (RDT) results, three stool samples were sent to Kibuye Provincial Hospital for culture. All three samples were confirmed positive for *Vibrio cholerae*.

20 Cumulative suspected cases

3 New suspected cases

3 Confirmed cases

20 Confirmed cases by rapid test

3 New discharged cases today

5 Cases under follow-up



Actions taken

- Isolation and clinical management of identified cases
- Outbreak investigations had been carried out in these different areas affected
- Risk communication and community awareness
- Active case searching
- Vaccination



Actions taken

- Case management of patients
IPC measures applied
- Conducted a detailed case investigation
- Active case searching within the community, especially among close contacts and neighboring households
- Strengthened surveillance and reporting at community and health facility levels
- Performed risk communication and community sensitization on cholera prevention and early care-seeking
- Ensured availability of essential supplies (ORS, IV fluids, antibiotics, RDTs) at affected health facilities



Actions taken

- Case management of patients
- Conducted active case finding in affected communities.
- Held a coordination meeting with staff at Biruyi Health Centre to strengthen cholera case management and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) measures.
- Met with the administration of Murunda District Hospital to review the outbreak situation and reinforce preparedness and response capacity in anticipation of a potential increase in cases.
- Conducted community awareness campaigns through social influencers and opinion leaders, and distributed job aids on cholera prevention.
- Promotion of safe water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) measures in affected communities.

3. Updates on Ebola Virus Disease outbreak preparedness in Rwanda

The activities related to the preparedness to respond to a possible Ebola outbreak in Western province remained ongoing, as the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) outbreak is currently ongoing in the neighboring country of DRC. In Western Province the Alert mode is ongoing, EVD preparedness activities were intensified, with RBC staff who were deployed to support two functioning provincial command posts currently activated, sitting in Rubavu and Rusizi districts since week 21 (from 17/05/2026) as of this week.



eIDSR REPORTS COMPLETENESS & TIMELINESS

In Rwanda, eIDSR reports completeness and timeliness are scored as follows:

Greater or equal to 80%: High,

Between 60% and 79%: Moderate,

Less than 60%: Low.

In Epi Week 29, the overall completeness and timeliness of disease surveillance data reporting in Rwanda were 99% and 98%, respectively. All hospitals achieved high scores above 80% for completeness. For the timeliness score, one hospital had a low score (CARAES Ndera). The hospital, with a low score, had been advised to submit all required reports by Monday at 12:00.



Detailed completeness and timeliness performance for all health facilities is presented in the figures below.

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Completeness 2026																													
Hospital catchment area	W01	W02	W03	W04	W05	W06	W07	W08	W09	W10	W11	W12	W13	W14	W15	W16	W17	W18	W19	W20	W21	W22	W23	W24	W25	W26	W27	W28	W29
Nyagatare	100	93	100	100	100	100	100	93	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	93	93	100	100	86	93	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	93
Gatunda	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Ngarara	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	88	100	100	100
Kiziguro	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	92	92	100	92	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Gahini	75	88	100	88	100	100	100	100	88	100	100	100	100	100	100	88	100	100	88	100	100	100	100	100	100	88	100	100	100
Rwinkwavu	100	89	89	100	100	100	89	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	89	100	100	100	89	78	100	89	100	100	89	100	100	100	100
Kibungo	100	94	94	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	94	100	88	88	94	94	88	88	94	100	100	94	94	88	82	88	100	94
Kirehe	100	95	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	95	95	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	95	90	95	100	100	100	100
Rwamagana	100	100	100	89	89	94	94	100	94	94	89	94	89	89	89	94	100	94	89	94	83	89	83	94	72	89	83	89	94
Nyamata	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	94	88	94	94	100	94	100	94	100	88	100	100	100	100	100	100	94
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Butaro	100	95	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	90	100	95	100	95	100	90	100	95	90	85	90	85	90	95	90	100
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Nemba	100	100	100	100	90	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Ruhengeri	94	94	100	100	9																								

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Kirehe	100	95	100	100	100	90	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	95	95	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	95	90	95	100	100		
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CHUK	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		
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Muhima	100	100	75	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	75	75	100	100	100	100	75	100	75	100	100	75	75	75	75		
RMH	0	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		
Masaka	92	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		
Kigababaga	100	100	95	95	80	100	95	100	100	95	95	95	95	80	100	90	95	95	90	95	90	95	95	95	90	95	85		
Kaziruru	100	100	100	100	0	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	0	100	100	100	0	100	100		
KFH	100	100	100	0	0	100	0	100	100	0	0	0	100	0	100	0	100	100	0	100	100	100	100	0	0	100	0		
Caraas Ndera	100	100	100	100	0	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	0	0	100	100	100	0	0	0	0	0	100	100	100	0	0		
Nyabikenke	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		
Rwanda(Average)	98	97	97	97	95	98	98	99	98	98	96	98	97	92	95	95	98	98	96	96	97	97	95	96	95	97	94		