
MONTHLY NOTIFIABLE DISEASE SURVEILLANCE REPORT

Data contained within this monthly report are based on information recorded on EpiSurv by Public Health Service (PHS) staff as at 10 March 2026. Changes made to EpiSurv after this date will not be reflected in this report. The data are provisional and include cases that are still under investigation, some of which may become 'Not a case'. For this reason, comparisons between the current year and previous years should be treated with caution.

KEY NOTIFIABLE DISEASE TRENDS

Dengue

There were 142 cases (137 confirmed, 3 probable, and 2 under investigation) of dengue fever notified in February 2026, compared with 24 cases for the same month in 2025. A third (32.4%, 45/139) of the confirmed and probable cases were hospitalised. The majority (77.9%, 109/140) of the confirmed and probable cases reported recent travel to the Cook Islands where there is an [ongoing outbreak](#).

Measles

Two confirmed measles cases were notified in February 2026. One case was aged 1–4 years and had travelled to South Asia. [The other case](#) was aged 50–59 years and had travelled to Southeast Asia. [A sibling of the first case](#) was also reported and has since been made not a case.

Pertussis

There were 162 cases (129 confirmed, 29 probable, and 4 under investigation) of pertussis notified in February 2026, compared with 341 cases for the same month in 2025. Of the 158 confirmed and probable cases, 24 were hospitalised, including nine infants aged less than 1 year. Of the hospitalised cases aged less than 1 year, five (55.6%) were Māori, two (22.2%) European or Other, one (11.1%) Pacific peoples, and one (11.1%) Asian. More information on trends in pertussis notifications can be found on the PHF Science [Pertussis Dashboard](#) and in the [pertussis reports](#).

Tetanus

A case of tetanus was notified in February 2026. The case was a male aged 40–49 years who sustained a cut while camping. The case's vaccination status was unknown.

OUTBREAKS

Respiratory illness

There were seven respiratory illness outbreaks reported in February 2026. The pathogens identified were SARS-CoV-2 (3 outbreaks), influenza A and rhinovirus (1 outbreak each). No pathogen was identified in two outbreaks. Six outbreaks were in long-term care facilities, and one was in a hospital (acute care).

TABLES

Tables for February are available as Excel files on the [PHF Science Digital Library](#).