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Syndromic Surveillance Report

Epi-week 11: 09th – 15th March 2026

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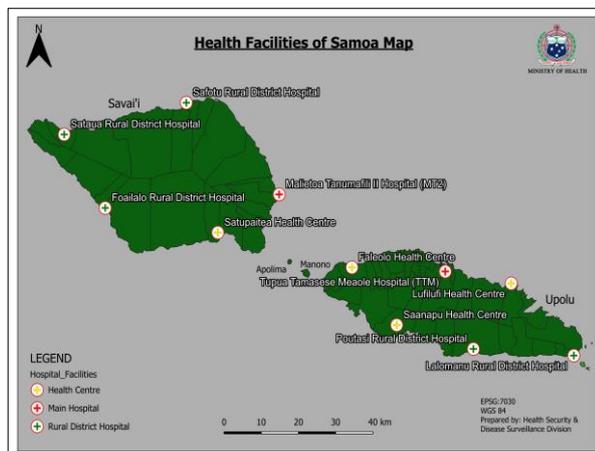
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List of Syndromes monitored under the Syndromic Surveillance

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| 1. Dengue like illness | 4. Diarrhoea |
| 2. Influenza like illness | 5. Acute Fever & Rash |
| 3. Severe acute respiratory infection | 6. Prolonged fever |



Public Awareness & Recommendations (Healthcare staff)

GENERAL PUBLIC AWARENESS:

- Encourage vaccinations & boosters for unvaccinated individuals, and keep infant vaccination book up to date.
- Eliminate mosquito breeding sites, use insect repellent, utilize mosquito nets & promote a sanitary environment.
- Promote hand washing, sanitizer use, wearing a mask and encourage boiling water during rainy season.
- If you are feeling sick, stay home to prevent the spreading of disease and see a doctor immediately if your symptoms get worse.
- Help us help you, share your correct village & contact number so we can respond quickly and effectively

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HEALTHCARE STAFF:

- Encourage timely reporting for early detection of any communicable disease outbreaks.
- Ensure the syndrome case definition aligns with the patient's presenting symptoms for accurate reporting
- Encourage specimen collection to support confirmatory diagnosis, especially for AFR (e.g., measles, rubella, HFMD), DLI (e.g., dengue, chikungunya), ILI (e.g., COVID-19, influenza) and other syndromes.
- Ensure all staff are aware of the reporting mechanism in place. For e.g., calling in or reporting on the district hospitals messenger group chat.
- Remind staff (Clinical & Records) to always ask for working phone numbers and current addresses. These details are essential for field epidemiological investigations.

Reporting matrix from health facilities, 09th – 15th March 2026

Outstanding Reports for epi-week 11							
Health Facility	09-Mar-26	10-Mar-26	11-Mar-26	12-Mar-26	13-Mar-26	14-Mar-26	15-Mar-26
TTMH	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported
Lufilufi	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported
Lalomanu	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Pending report	Reported	Reported
Poutasi	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Pending report	Pending report	Reported
Saanapu	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported
Faleolo	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Pending report
MTII	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Pending report	Pending report	Reported
Foailalo	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported
Sataua	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported
Safotu	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Pending report	Pending report
Satupaitea	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported

- Total number of sites: 11
- Total reporting sites in epi-week 11: 11
- Percentage of sites reported for epi-week 11: 77%

Deadline of updates for this report: 4pm, 16th March 2026

Reported

Pending report



1. Denque like illness (DLI)

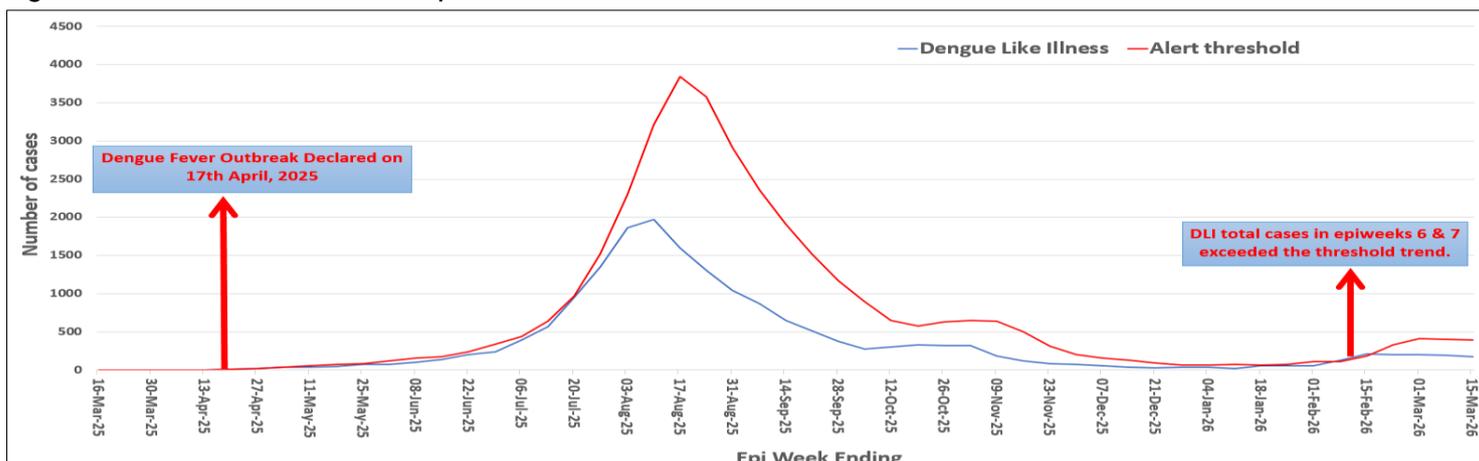
Case Definition: Fever ($\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$) for at least 2 days, PLUS at least 2 of the following: Nausea or vomiting; Muscle or joint pain; Severe headache or pain behind the eyes; Rash; bleeding

Alert threshold: **twice the average number of cases seen in the previous two weeks**

Epi-weeks	Epi-week 10: 02/03/26 – 08/03/26	Epi-week 11: 09/03/26 – 15/03/26
Total cases reported	192	170
Moving Average	200	196
Threshold	400	392

- The total number of DLI cases has decreased by 11% compared to the previous epi-week.
 - In Epi-week 11, there were 170 DLI cases reported: 53 of which are Dengue lab-confirmed cases from TTMH Laboratory. The reported total could change once the pending reports are received.
- A Dengue Fever outbreak was declared on the 17th April 2025. We continue to advise and encourage all clinicians to collect samples for testing of all patients presenting with dengue like illnesses.**

Figure 1. Number of DLI cases reported from all Health Facilities



2. Influenza like illness (ILI)

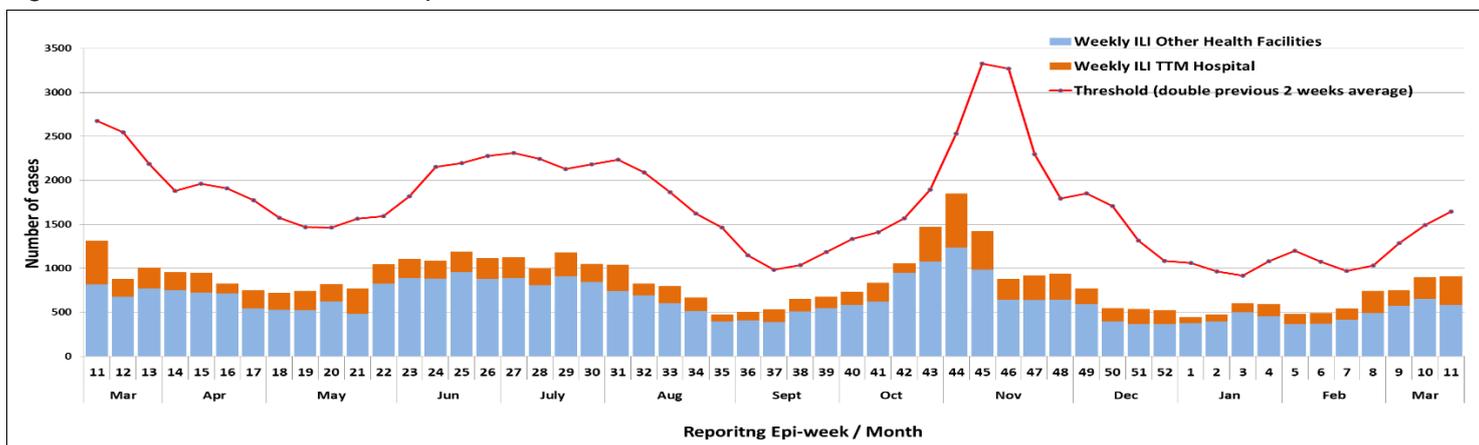
Case Definition: An acute respiratory infection with a history of fever or measured fever of $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ and cough, with onset within the last 10 days

Alert threshold: **Exceeding double the average in the previous 2 weeks**

Epi-weeks	Epi-week 10: 02/03/26 – 08/03/26	Epi-week 11: 09/03/26 – 15/03/26
Total cases reported	897	909
Moving Average	746	822
Threshold	1492	1644

- ILI cases increased by 1% compared to the previous epi-week & remain below the alert threshold. The total number of cases is subject to change once the pending reports are received.
 - In this epi-week, 25 nasopharyngeal swabs (NPS) were collected and referred to TTMH lab.
 - All collected samples tested negative on the respiratory panel.
- It is also encouraged that samples are collected for verification & confirmation of the causative agent**

Figure 2. Number of ILI cases reported from all Health Facilities



3. Severe acute respiratory infection (SARI)

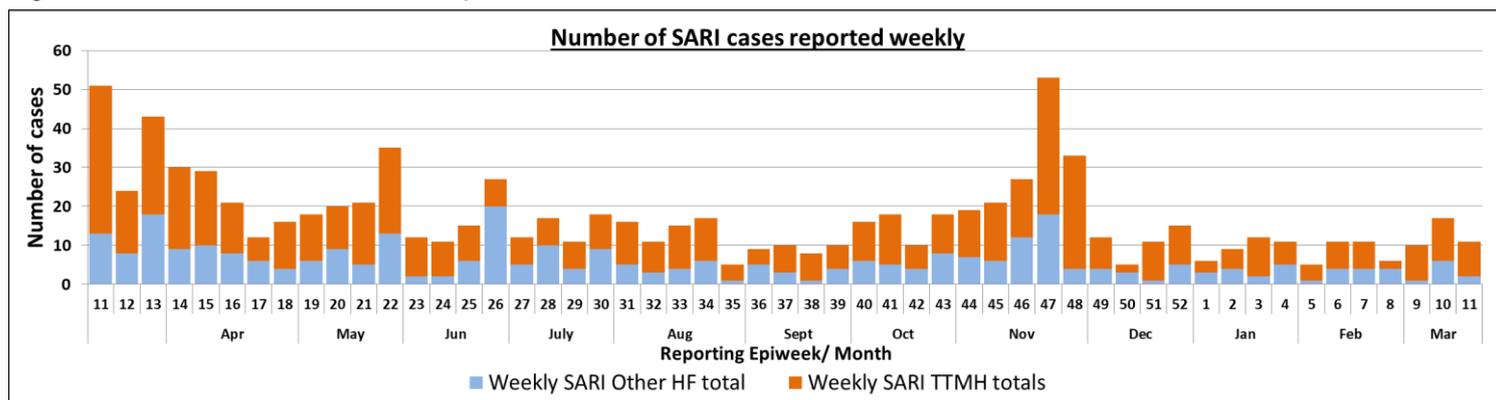
Case Definition: An acute respiratory infection with a history of fever or measured fever of $\geq 38\text{ C}^\circ$ and cough, with onset within the last 10 days, AND requiring hospitalization

Alert threshold: 2 linked cases

Epi-weeks	Epi-week 10: 02/03/26 – 08/03/26	Epi-week 11: 09/03/26 – 15/03/26
Total cases reported	17	11
Moving Average	8	13.5
Threshold	2 linked cases	2 linked cases

- There is a 35% decrease in SARI case total compared to the previous epi-week.
- Cases were reported from TTMH (9), MTII (1), and Lalomanu (1) health facilities.
- 5 of the 11 SARI cases were tested; cases were from TTMH ED & Pediatric ward. See results below:
 - These cases tested negative on the respiratory panel.
- Most of the SARI cases were diagnosed with pneumonia (82%); bronchiolitis (12%) & LRTI/URTI (6%)
- **The clinical team are reminded and advised to test all SARI cases.**
- An ongoing challenge is the invalid phone numbers provided. Phone contacts retrieved from PATIS is also invalid. This results in the inability to conduct initial investigation interviews.

Figure 3. Number of SARI cases reported from all health facilities



4. Diarrhea

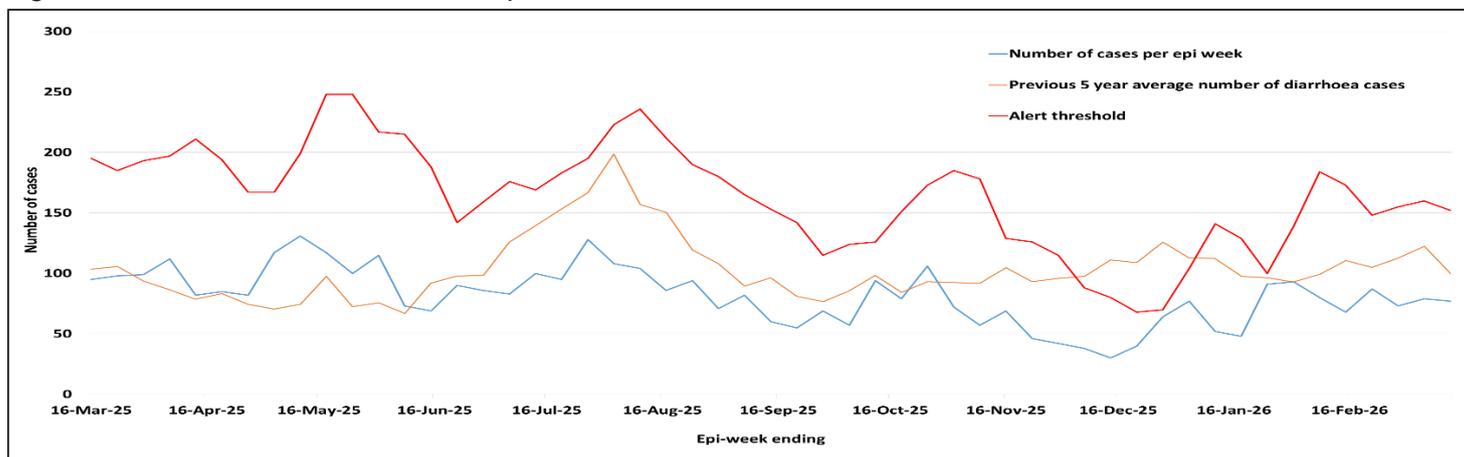
Case Definition: Three (3) or more loose or watery or bloody stools in 24hrs

Alert threshold: more than twice the average of the last two weeks count

Epi-weeks	Epi-week 10: 02/03/26 – 08/03/26	Epi-week 11: 09/03/26 – 15/03/26
Total cases reported	79	77
Moving Average	80	76
Threshold	160	152

- In the current epi-week, diarrheal cases have decreased by 3% compared to the previous epi-week and remain below the alert threshold.
- Case count includes additional cases detected through active case finding that were not reported through Syndromic Surveillance.

Figure 4. Number of Diarrhea cases reported from all health facilities

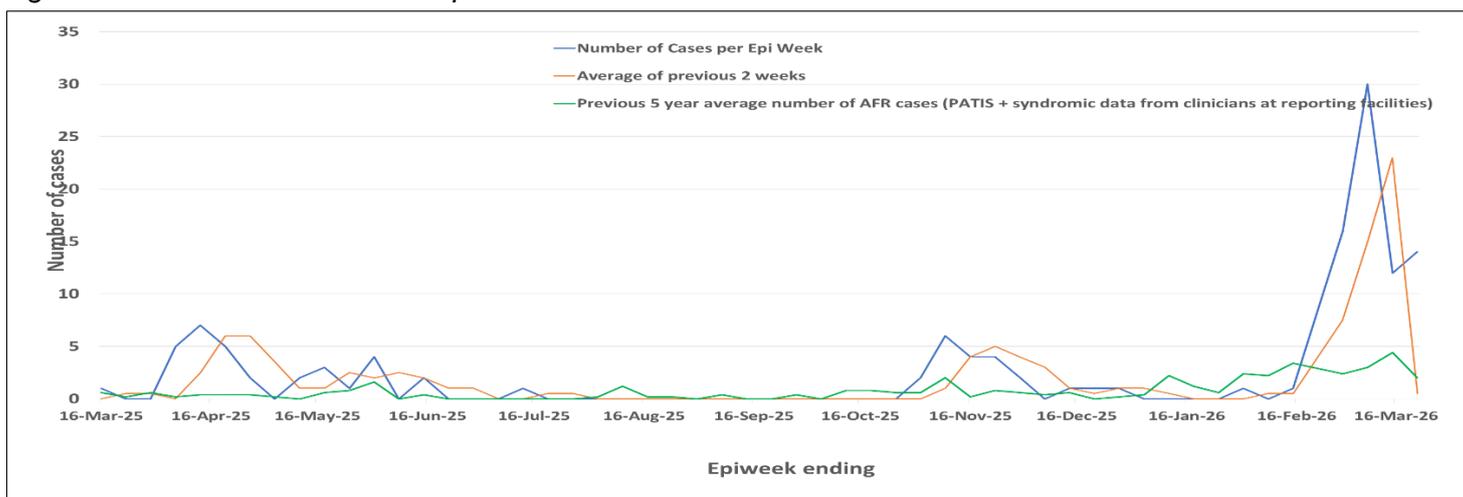


5. Acute fever and rash (AFR)

Case Definition: Sudden onset of fever (>38°C) AND acute non-vesicular or non-blistering rash		
Alert threshold: two or more cases that temporally and epidemiologically linked		
Epi-weeks	Epi-week 10: 02/03/26 – 08/03/26	Epi-week 11: 09/03/26 – 15/03/26
Total cases reported	30	12
Moving Average	15	23
Threshold	≥ 2 linked cases	≥ 2 linked cases

- In epi-week 11, there were 12 reported AFR cases.
- These cases were reported from TTMH (2) and Faleolo (10); all were suspected of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD), and no samples were collected for testing.
- Majority of HFMD cases reported since epi-week 8 were in children under 5 years old.
- Attending Physicians are encouraged to collect blood samples for suspect Measles, Rubella and HFMD cases for confirmatory testing.

Figure 5. Number of AFR cases reported from all health facilities



6. Prolonged fever

Case Definition: Fever ≥38°C lasting 3 or more days.		
Alert threshold: twice the average number of cases seen in the previous two weeks		
Epi-weeks	Epi-week 10: 02/03/26 – 08/03/26	Epi-week 11: 09/03/26 – 15/03/26
Total cases reported	0	0
Moving Average	0	0
Threshold	0	0

- No Prolonged Fever cases were reported in the current epi-week.
- Attending physicians are encouraged to strictly apply syndrome case definitions, provide a definitive diagnosis for reported AFI cases, and collect blood samples for suspected typhoid cases for confirmation

Figure 6. Number of Prolonged fever cases reported from all health facilities

