



SYNDROMIC SURVEILLANCE REPORT

Epi-week 33: 10th - 16th August 2026

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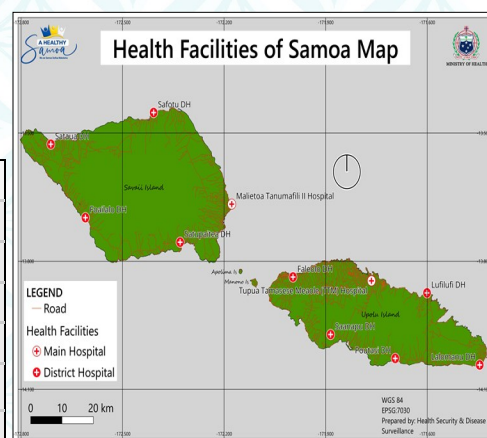
Syndromic surveillance system is a vital public health monitoring tool that collects and analyzes health-related data in near real-time to detect unusual patterns of illness before formal diagnoses are confirmed, providing early warning of potential outbreaks and health threats. Under the Health Ordinance 1959 and in accordance with the Communicable Disease Surveillance and Control Guidelines, health professionals are mandated to report cases or clusters of notifiable diseases. This report represents a collaborative effort of all health professionals and remains a work in progress. We extend our sincere appreciation to all contributors for their commitment to strengthening communicable disease surveillance.

List of Syndromes monitored under the Syndromic Surveillance

1. Dengue like illness
2. Influenza like illness
3. Severe acute respiratory infection
4. Diarrhoea
5. Acute fever and rash
6. Prolonged fever

Table 1: Percentage of reported syndrome per health facilities.

Syndromes	TTMH	Lufilufi	Lalomanu	Poutasi	Saanapu	Faleolo	MTIH	Foailalo	Sataua	Safotu	Satupaitea
DLI	29%	6%	12%	0%	0%	6%	6%	0%	23%	12%	6%
ILI	6%	14%	9%	16%	1%	30%	9%	6%	2%	2%	5%
SARI	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	56%	0%	0%	38%	6%
AFR	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Diarrhoea	10%	16%	12%	8%	2%	37%	1%	7%	5%	1%	1%
PF	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%



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 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.

Table 3: Reporting matrix from health facilities, 10 - 16 August 2026

Outstanding Reports for epi-week 33							
Health Facility	10-Aug-26	11-Aug-26	12-Aug-26	13-Aug-26	14-Aug-26	15-Aug-26	16-Aug-26
TTMH							
Lufilufi							
Lalomanu							
Poutasi							
Saanapu							
Faleolo							
MTIH							
Foailalo							
Sataua							
Safotu							
Satupaitea							

Total number of sites: 11

Total reporting sites: 11

Percentage of sites reported: 100%

Deadline for Report Updates: **4pm, 17th August 2026**

■ Reported

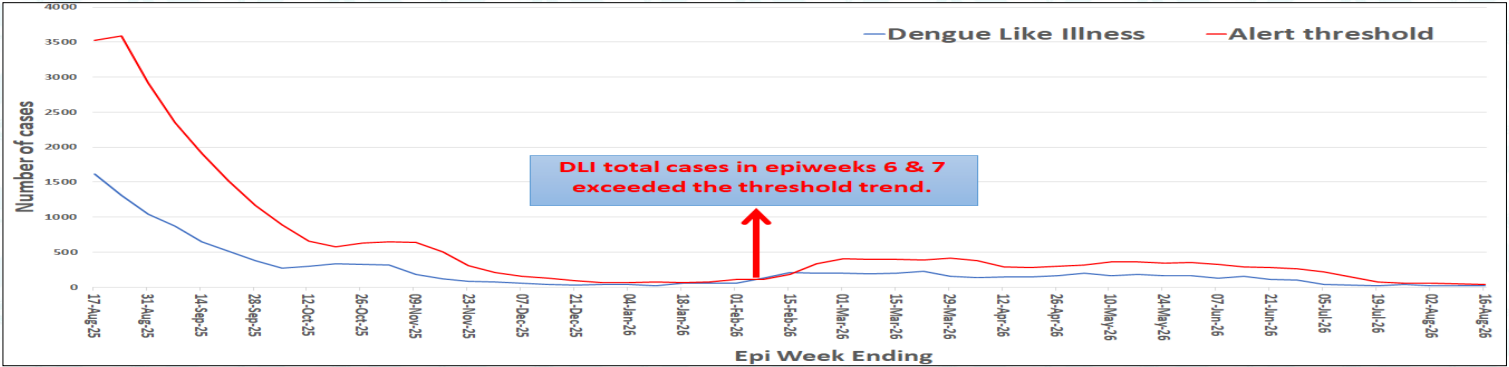
■ Pending Report



1. Dengue like-illness

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 32: 03/08/26 - 09/08/26	Epi-week 33: 10/08/26 - 16/08/26
Total Cases reported	22	19
Moving Average	25	18.5
Threshold	50	37
- The total number of DLI cases have decreased by 14% compared to the previous epi-week. - In Epi-week 33, there were 19 DLI cases reported; None (0) were Dengue lab-confirmed cases from TTMH Laboratory. 1 lab confirmed Malaria case was investigated (repatriation citizens) and fumigation spray was conducted (Vector species are not found in Samoa) for preventative measures. 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.		

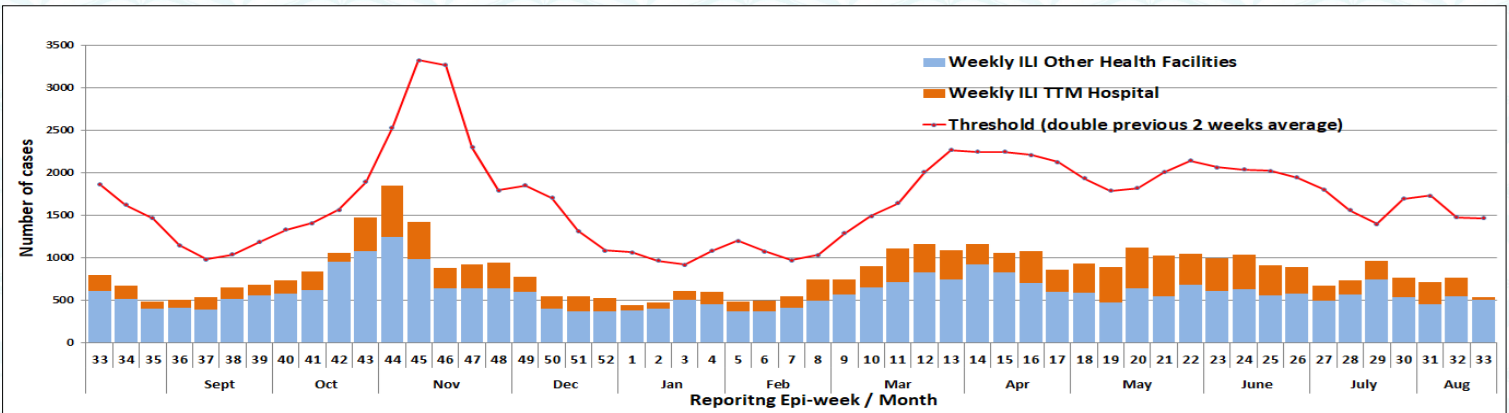
Figure 1. Number of DLI cases reported from all Health Facilities



2. Influenza like-illness

Case Definition: An acute respiratory infection with a history of fever or measured fever of $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ and cough, with on-set within the last 10 days		
Alert threshold: Exceeding double the average in the previous 2 weeks		
Epi-weeks	Epi-week 32: 03/08/26 - 09/08/26	Epi-week 33: 10/08/26 - 16/08/26
Total Cases reported	759	533
Moving Average	737	733
Threshold	1474	1465
- ILI cases decreased by 30% 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. - Of the 25 NPS tested, 1 was positive for RSV and the remaining returned negative results. 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)

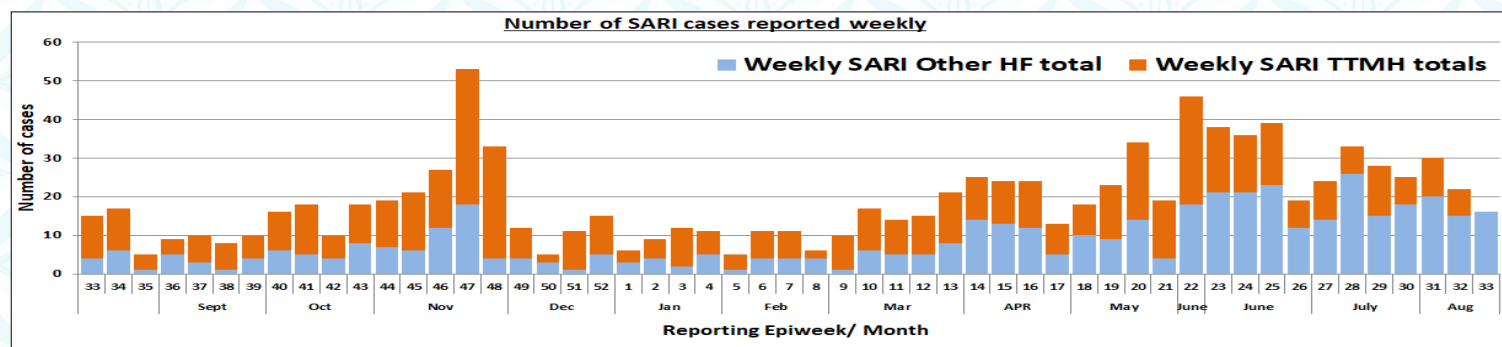
Case Definition: An acute respiratory infection with a history of fever or measured fever of $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ and cough, with onset within the last 10 days, AND requiring hospitalization

Alert threshold: 2 linked cases

Epi-weeks	Epi-week 32: 03/08/26 - 09/08/26	Epi-week 33: 10/08/26 - 16/08/26
Total Cases reported	22	16
Moving Average	27.5	26
Threshold	2 linked cases	2 linked cases

- SARI cases decreased by 27% compared to the previous epi-week.
- Cases were from MTII (9), Safotu (6), and Satupaitea (1) hospitals.
- 10 of the 16 SARI cases were tested; cases were from MTII, Safotu & Satupaitea. See results below:
 - 1 of these cases were positive for RSV, and the remaining returned negative.
- Most of the SARI cases were diagnosed with pneumonia (63%); bronchiolitis (25%) & LRTI/URTI (12%)
- 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.
- The clinical team are reminded and advised to test all SARI cases.**

Figure 3. Number of SARI cases reported from all Health Facilities



4. Diarrhea

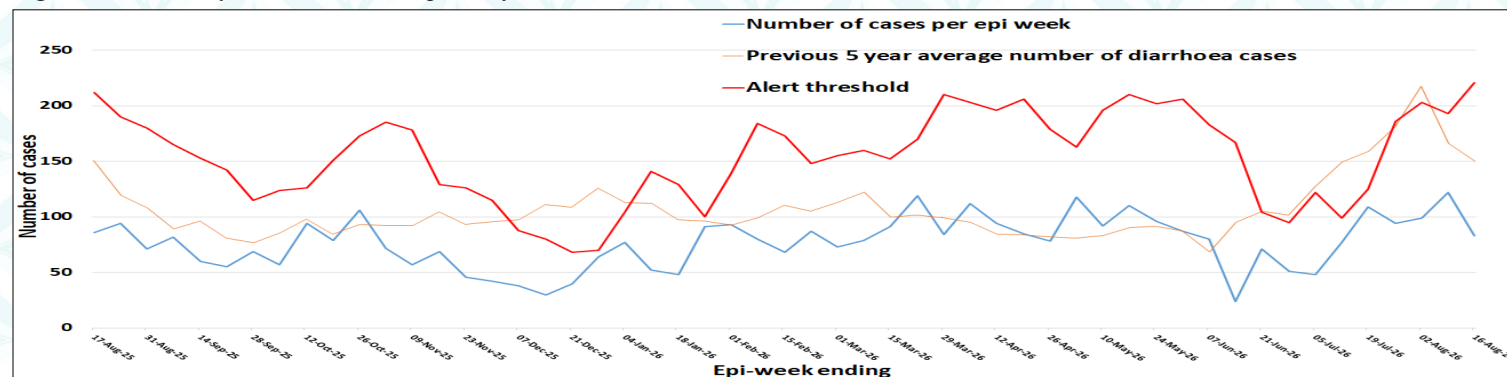
Case Definition: Three (3) or more loose or watery or bloody stools in 24hrs

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

Epi-weeks	Epi-week 32: 03/08/26 - 09/08/26	Epi-week 33: 10/08/26 - 16/08/26
Total Cases reported	122	83
Moving Average	166	150
Threshold	193	221

- In the current epi-week, diarrheal cases have decreased by 32% compared to the previous epi-week and remain below the alert threshold.
- There were 3 lab-confirmed cases of Rotavirus notified and investigation report were referred to Water Quality and Sanitation unit for assessment.
- 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)

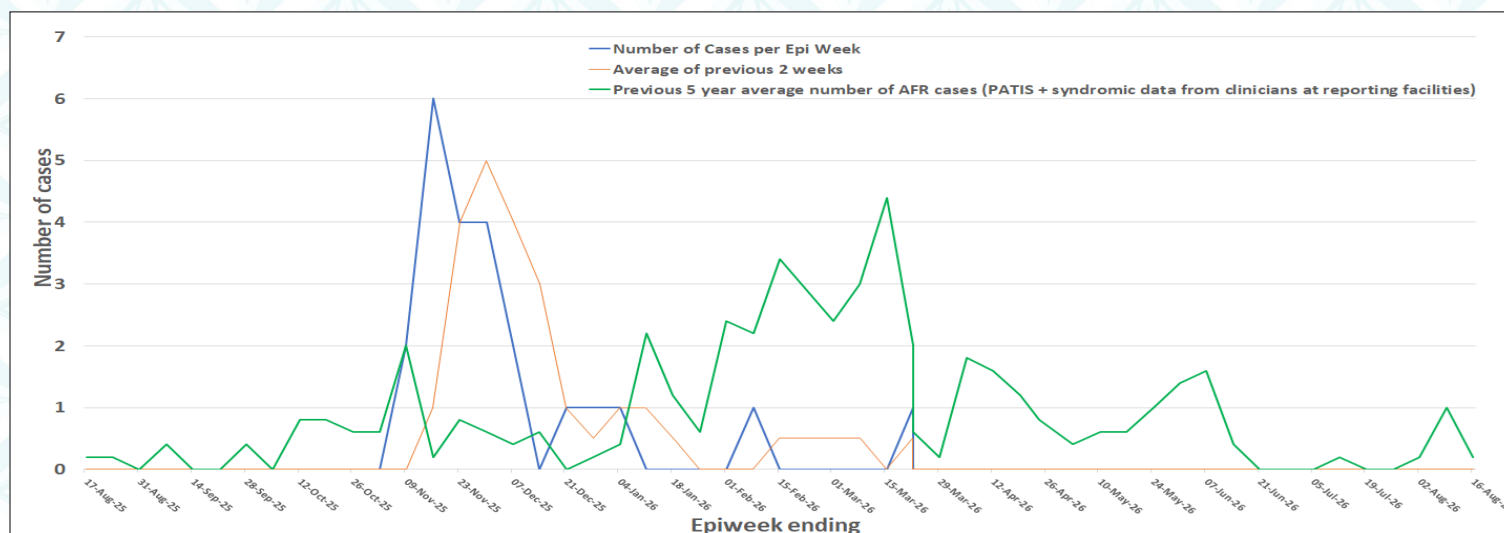
Case Definition: Sudden onset of fever ($>38^{\circ}\text{C}$) AND acute non-vesicular or non-blistering rash

Alert threshold: **Two or more cases that temporally and epidemiologically linked**

Epi-weeks	Epi-week 32: 03/08/26 - 09/08/26	Epi-week 33: 10/08/26 - 16/08/26
Total Cases reported	0	0
Moving Average	0	0
Threshold	≥ 2 linked cases	≥ 2 linked cases

- In epi-week 33, there were no reported AFR cases.
- 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 (PF)

Case Definition: Fever $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ lasting 3 or more days.

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

Epi-weeks	Epi-week 32: 03/08/26 - 09/08/26	Epi-week 33: 10/08/26 - 16/08/26
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

