

Weekly Evidence Surveillance 13/02/2026

Date	Source	Item	Pub Date	Details	Public Health Theme
13/02/2026	WHO	Nurturing care and men's engagement: thematic brief	12/02/2026	This Thematic Brief summarizes why nurturing care is essential for every newborn. It outlines the five components of nurturing care and contains examples of practical actions to create and strengthen nurturing environments for newborns, including those who are born too soon, small or sick.	Cross-Cutting / Other Public Health Topics
13/02/2026	WHO	Nurturing care for every newborn: thematic brief	12/02/2026	This Thematic Brief summarizes why nurturing care is essential for every newborn. It outlines the five components of nurturing care and contains examples of practical actions to create and strengthen nurturing environments for newborns, including those who are born too soon, small or sick.	Cross-Cutting / Other Public Health Topics
13/02/2026	WHO	WHO consolidated operational handbook on sexually transmitted infections	11/02/2026	WHO's Department for HIV, Tuberculosis, Hepatitis and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) has consolidated all existing normative guidance on STIs into a single publication. Structured around 10 chapters that follow the STI prevention and care cascade, the handbook covers primary prevention, syndromic management and asymptomatic case identification, diagnostics, treatment, partner management, surveillance, service delivery, and integration within primary health care, community-based clinics, or other	Sexual Health

				platforms (HIV, sexual health, antenatal clinics, etc).	
13/02/2026	WHO	The selection and use of essential medicines: report of the WHO Expert Committee on Selection and Use of Essential Medicines, 2025	12/02/2026	The 25th meeting of the WHO Expert Committee on Selection and Use of Essential Medicines was held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 5 to 9 May 2025. The Committee considered a total of 59 applications, including 31 proposals for the addition of new medicines or medicine classes, 10 proposals for new indications for currently listed medicines, three proposals for the addition of new formulations of currently listed medicines, one proposal for the removal of a currently listed medicine, and 14 other applications relevant to the Model Lists and the WHO AWaRe classification of antibiotics. This report summarizes the evidence considered and the recommendations made by the Expert Committee in updating the WHO Model Lists of Essential Medicines.	Cross-Cutting / Other Public Health Topics
13/02/2026	WHO	Subnational implementation review workshop of the Big Catch-Up (BCU) immunization initiative in priority countries of the WHO South-East Asia Region	11/02/2026	The WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia (WHO-SEARO) convened the subnational implementation review workshop of the Big Catch-Up (BCU) immunization initiative in New Delhi on 10–12 December 2025, bringing together national and subnational immunization managers, technical experts and WHO staff members from Nepal, Myanmar, India and Timor-Leste, alongside WHO personnel from the Regional Office and headquarters. Key partners – including the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF),	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance

				Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance (Gavi), Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH), John Snow India (JSI) and Immunization Technical Support Unit (ITSU) – joined the workshop to jointly review BCU progress and shape strategies for institutionalizing catch-up vaccination.	
13/02/2026	UKHSA	National flu and COVID-19 surveillance reports: 2025 to 2026 season	12/02/2026	National influenza (flu) and COVID-19 report, monitoring COVID-19 activity, seasonal flu and other seasonal respiratory illnesses.	Emerging Infectious Diseases
13/02/2026	UKHSA	Outbreaks under monitoring in 2026	12/02/2026	Latest information on disease events under monitoring.	Emerging Infectious Diseases
13/02/2026	UKHSA	Mpox clade Ib and clade IIb outbreak: epidemiological overview	12/02/2026	The latest information on mpox clade Ib and clade IIb cases in the UK. Previous reports from June 2022 to January 2025 include information on clade IIb only	Emerging Infectious Diseases
13/02/2026	UKHSA	Measles epidemiology 2023 to 2026	12/02/2026	Number of laboratory-confirmed cases of measles in England.	Emerging Infectious Diseases
13/02/2026	UKHSA	Pneumococcal disease: cases caused by serotypes not covered by PCV13	10/02/2026	Cumulative weekly data on invasive pneumococcal disease (IPD) infections due to serotypes not in Prevenar 13™ vaccine.	Emerging Infectious Diseases
13/02/2026	UKHSA	Pneumococcal disease: cases caused by serotypes covered by PCV13	10/02/2026	Cumulative weekly data on invasive pneumococcal disease (IPD) infections due to serotypes in Prevenar 13™ in England.	Emerging Infectious Diseases
13/02/2026	UKHSA	Rotavirus immunisation programme for infants	13/02/2026	This series collates all documents relating to Rotavirus vaccination programme for infants	Emerging Infectious Diseases
13/02/2026	UKHSA	GUMCAD: clinical coding guidance	10/02/2026	Guidance for clinical staff in specialist and non-specialist services commissioned to provide sexual health services in England.	Sexual Health
13/02/2026	UKHSA	Health Protection Report: current issue and latest surveillance reports	09/02/2026	Routine reports, and commentary, on data from health protection surveillance schemes.	Emerging Infectious Diseases

13/02/2026	UKHSA	UKHSA safeguarding annual report 2024 to 2025	09/02/2026	A summary of safeguarding practices across the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA).	Cross-Cutting / Other Public Health Topics
13/02/2026	UKHSA	Committees on Toxicity, Mutagenicity, Carcinogenicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products and the Environment: joint annual report	13/02/2026	Joint annual report includes brief toxicological background to the Committees' decisions; discussion summaries; Committees' published statements.	Public Health Systems & Tools/Policies/Reviews
13/02/2026	PHA-NI	Live Better initiative: PHA evaluation summary	10/02/2026	The aims of the evaluation were to describe the development and implementation of Live Better, assess the effectiveness of partnership working, examine barriers and facilitators to delivery, determine the impact of activities to provide targeted health support, and identify key learning to inform future work.	Public Health Systems & Tools/Policies/Reviews
13/02/2026	PHA-NI	Live Better initiative: PHA recommendations	10/02/2026	The PHA led on the planning, delivery and evaluation of the 'Live Better' initiative launched by the Minister for Health in July 2024. The aim of the initiative was to address health inequalities by targeting specific health issues, through place-based partnerships involving Primary Care, Health and Social Care Trust and community-based partners. Live Better was used to test principles, concepts and approaches to tackling health inequalities in areas experiencing higher deprivation and communities with the poorest health outcomes.	Public Health Systems & Tools/Policies/Reviews
13/02/2026	PHA-NI	Reducing the risk of sudden infant death: SIDS risk	09/02/2026	This risk assessment tool has been developed using the evidence base regarding sudden infant death and associated risk	Public Health Systems & Tools/Policies/Reviews

		assessment tool for professionals		factors, can be used by midwives, family nurses, GPs, social care and health visitors.	
13/02/2026	PHA-NI	Folic acid and vitamin D guidelines for health professionals	09/02/2026	Updated guidelines for health professionals on folic acid and vitamin D supplementation.	Public Health Systems & Tools/Policies/Reviews
13/02/2026	ESRI	Squandered skills? Bridging the digital gender skills gap for inclusive growth in Ireland – A comparative European perspective	11/02/2026	Rapid digital transformation, reflected in the growing use of digital technologies across jobs, is reshaping work in Ireland and Europe. This makes it essential to understand digital skill use in order to ensure inclusive economic growth, where the benefits of technological change are widely shared. Persistent gender gaps in access to advanced digital tasks matter because exposure to these tasks is often a stepping stone to higher-quality jobs, leadership pathways, and more productivity-enhancing work, so such disparities can reinforce wider labour market inequalities.	Cross-Cutting / Other Public Health Topics
13/02/2026	PH Ontario	Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment: Infectious Diseases at the FIFA World Cup 2026 Games in Toronto	09/02/2026	Initial assessment of infectious disease hazards and planning implications associated with the FIFA World Cup 2026 games in Toronto. This assessment was completed before December 2025 and does not include specific country data for teams scheduled to play in Toronto.	Emerging Infectious Diseases
13/02/2026	HPRA	Summary of Field Safety Notices January 2026	09/02/2026	We have published a monthly summary of Field Safety Notices (FSN) affecting the Irish market for January 2026.	Cross-Cutting / Other Public Health Topics
13/02/2026	PHS	Viral respiratory diseases in Scotland surveillance report	12/02/2026	This weekly release by Public Health Scotland presents epidemiological information on respiratory infection activity, including COVID-19, across Scotland. Due to	Emerging Infectious Diseases

				the dynamic nature of all datasets included in this report, figures contained within each update may be subject to change in future releases. Any revised figures will then be reflected within the latest update.	
13/02/2026	PHS	Why buses matter for health and reducing transport poverty	10/02/2026	These reports summarise work to investigate how and why bus services impact on health and transport poverty in Scotland and make recommendations to integrate consideration of health and health inequalities into policy making for bus and related policies.	Cross-Cutting / Other Public Health Topics
13/02/2026	IDSA	Uncovering household tuberculosis infection testing and care patterns using a novel bioinformatics linkage strategy	11/02/2026	Most household members had no documented TB infection test before or within 2 years after a sentinel patient in the household had a positive test. Household member and sentinel patient characteristics, conditions, and treatment were associated with household member testing, test positivity, and treatment prescription. Households may be an effective but underutilized context to identify and treat individuals with TB infection, even when no TB disease cases are present.	Emerging Infectious Diseases
13/02/2026	IDSA	Increased diversity and introduction of multi-drug resistant strains of <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> following cessation of COVID-19 pandemic-related travel restrictions: an observational genomic epidemiological study	12/02/2026	Routine genomic surveillance is an important public health tool for the monitoring of <i>N. gonorrhoeae</i> , especially the introduction and spread of antimicrobial resistant strains.	Sexual Health
13/02/2026	IDSA	The Influence of National Antibiotic Consumption	11/02/2026	Even in a low-consumption European context, Norwegian antibiotic use appears to	Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

		on Neisseria gonorrhoeae Antibiotic Resistance in Norway, 2003-2024		shape gonococcal resistance, possibly partly via gene uptake from commensal Neisseria. The SIPI and WIPI ratios describe susceptible-range MIC histogram shapes, and offer utility for AMR surveillance by capturing isolate flux.	
13/02/2026	IDSA	Immune Responses to Influenza Infection in Children	12/02/2026	Our study demonstrated differences in gene expression profiles of children with influenza infection that support disease mitigation through vaccination.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
13/02/2026	IDSA	Human metapneumovirus-associated hospital burden in older adults in Scotland: a retrospective analysis	11/02/2026	hMPV RTIs pose a substantial hospital burden in older adults in Scotland. The differences between laboratory-confirmed and extrapolated estimates highlight the need for improved surveillance, diagnosis and coding practices to develop robust burden estimates. The clinical severity of hMPV could be similar to RSV.	Cross-Cutting / Other Public Health Topics
13/02/2026	Evidence Alerts	Switch to fixed-dose doravirine (100 mg) and islatravir (0.25 mg) once daily in virologically suppressed adults with HIV-1 on bictegravir, emtricitabine, and tenofovir alafenamide: 48-week results of a phase 3, multicentre, randomised, controlled, double-blind, non-inferiority trial	07/02/2026	The combination of doravirine (100 mg) and islatravir (0.25 mg) has similar efficacy and safety profiles to bictegravir, emtricitabine, and tenofovir alafenamide, and could provide a two-drug, once daily, oral single-tablet option without an integrase strand-transfer inhibitor for adults who are virologically suppressed and want to switch to a different ART regimen.	Cross-Cutting / Other Public Health Topics
13/02/2026	Evidence Alerts	Outpatient Treatment of Confirmed COVID-19: A Living, Rapid Review for the American College of Physicians (Version 3)	10/02/2026	Three COVID-19 antivirals improved or accelerated recovery, with varying adverse event profiles. Molnupiravir probably offers long-term benefits.	Emerging Infectious Diseases

13/02/2026	Evidence Alerts	Impact of rapid nucleic acid amplification tests for tuberculosis on patient outcomes	18/12/2025	Based on limited evidence from two trials that compared Xpert MTB/RIF Ultra to smear microscopy, the use of Xpert MTB/RIF Ultra to test for TB makes little to no difference to all-cause mortality at six and 18 months. Xpert MTB/RIF Ultra probably decreases the time taken to diagnose TB and time to treatment initiation. The use of Xpert MTB/RIF Ultra increases the risk of loss to follow-up compared with smear microscopy. There were no data on the effects of Xpert MTB/RIF Ultra compared with smear microscopy or culture on tuberculosis cure rates.	Emerging Infectious Diseases
13/02/2026	WOAH	Veterinary Services are increasingly female, but the gender gap is not fully closed yet	11/02/2026	Worldwide, veterinary medicine has experienced what many call ‘feminisation’ , with women now representing roughly half of all practitioners and nearly 80% of veterinary students. This rapid shift has brought renewed focus to issues such as leadership representation, workforce sustainability and the future of Veterinary Services. At the same time, declining numbers of men entering the profession raise questions about diversity and the sector’s ability to meet essential functions over the long term.	Cross-Cutting / Other Public Health Topics
13/02/2026	ProMED	Latest Posts on ProMED All	13/02/2026	A snapshot of global health events from the past 7 days	Emerging Infectious Diseases