

Weekly Evidence Surveillance 28/08/2026

Date	Source	Item	Pub Date	Summary Details	Public Health Theme
28/08/2026	ECDC	Ebola disease outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda	27/08/2026	Updated: On 26 August 2026, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) reported a total of 5 713 confirmed cases, including 2 744 related deaths (from data up until 25 August). A total of 770 patients is hospitalised in isolation. This represents an increase of 57 new confirmed cases and 29 deaths since the previous report on 25 August (reporting data up until 24 August). The 57 new cases have been reported from Ituri (34 cases), North Kivu (18 cases), and Haut Uele (five cases). Among the individuals that tested positive for Bundibugyo virus, 1 269 have recovered. In total, 84.6% of identified case contacts are under follow-up in the affected provinces	Emerging Infectious Diseases
28/08/2026	WHO	Infection prevention and control considerations for routine immunization activities during the Bundibugyo virus disease outbreak: interim guidance, 21 August 2026	24/08/2026	This interim guidance document provides infection prevention and control considerations to support the safe planning and implementation of routine immunization activities during an outbreak of Bundibugyo virus disease. It is intended for national immunization programme managers, immunization planners, infection prevention and control focal points, public health authorities, health and care workers, vaccinators and partners in areas with active Bundibugyo virus disease outbreaks, and those neighbouring countries and areas considered at risk. Annexes 1–5 provide practical tools and operational	Emerging Infectious Diseases

				checklists to support implementation of the recommendations contained in this guidance.	
28/08/2026	UKHSA	Ebola and Marburg: returning workers scheme (RWS) - GOV.UK	24/08/2026	Updated: Specified South Sudan high-risk areas and added information about other areas included in the scheme.	Emerging Infectious Diseases
28/08/2026	UKHSA	Meningococcal disease: routes of transmission - GOV.UK	25/08/2026	This systematic evidence summary (search up to 26 March 2026) identified and summarised evidence on the most common routes of transmission of meningococcal infection.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
28/08/2026	UKHSA	Meningococcal disease: impact of vaping on transmission - GOV.UK	25/08/2026	This systematic evidence summary (search up to 22 April 2026) identified and summarised evidence on the impact of the use of vapes or shisha pipes (also known as water or hookah pipes) on transmission of meningococcal infection.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
28/08/2026	UKHSA	Meningococcal disease: transmission and associated behaviours in outbreaks in closed social congregation settings - GOV.UK	25/08/2026	This systematic evidence summary (search up to 25 March 2026) identified and summarised evidence on the source or route of transmission and the behaviours associated with transmission in meningococcal disease outbreaks in closed congregation social settings.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
28/08/2026	UKHSA	Meningococcal disease: public health and social measures to reduce or prevent transmission - GOV.UK	25/08/2026	This systematic evidence summary (search up to 3 April 2026) identified and summarised evidence of the effectiveness of public health and social measures (PHSM) when implemented to reduce or prevent transmission of meningococcal infection	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
28/08/2026	UKHSA	Meningococcal disease: transmission parameters in outbreak contexts - GOV.UK	25/08/2026	This systematic evidence summary (search from 1 January 2010 to 2 April 2026) identified and summarised evidence on the infectious period,	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance

				incubation period and transmission measures of meningococcal disease in outbreak contexts.	
28/08/2026	UKHSA	Childhood schedule changes 2025 and 2026: information for healthcare practitioners - GOV.UK	25/08/2026	Updated to reflect that these programme changes have now been in place for a year, that Menitorix is no longer available, and the last remaining stock of this vaccine has now expired	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
28/08/2026	UKHSA	Guidance on expedited syphilis testing and treatment for inclusion health groups - GOV.UK	26/08/2026	Guidance for healthcare professionals working in settings and contexts where traditional healthcare does not meet the needs of some groups to expedite the diagnosis and treatment of syphilis.	Sexual Health
28/08/2026	UKHSA	Giardia cases in England reach highest level since 2016 - GOV.UK	26/08/2026	The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has published new data today showing a rise in Giardia cases in the UK. Cases up 11.4% in 2025, with London recording the highest number of cases.	Cross-Cutting / Other Public Health Topics
28/08/2026	UKHSA	Understanding and managing infection in adult social care - GOV.UK	26/08/2026	This resource aims to promote a clear and consistent awareness and understanding of the legal and public health arrangements surrounding infectious diseases in ASC settings for non-specialists. It aims to explain key health protection terms and concepts, improving understanding and confidence in interpreting information and supporting the consistent application of existing guidance on specific infectious hazards.	Public Health Systems & Tools/Policies/Reviews
28/08/2026	UKHSA	Vaccine prospectus: National Immunisation Programme and vaccine products - GOV.UK	27/08/2026	The vaccine prospectus details the scope of UKHSA programmes, policy objectives, how they work with industry, and forthcoming career opportunities.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance

28/08/2026	UKHSA	Meningococcal disease: laboratory-confirmed cases in England 2025 to 2026 - GOV.UK	27/08/2026	Added HPR 20(8) quarterly report for April to June 2026.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
28/08/2026	UKHSA	National norovirus and rotavirus surveillance reports: 2026 to 2027 season - GOV.UK	27/08/2026	Reports of norovirus and rotavirus laboratory surveillance and enteric virus outbreaks in hospital settings in England during the 2026 to 2027 season.	Cross-Cutting / Other Public Health Topics
28/08/2026	UKHSA	Salmonella statistical releases - GOV.UK	27/08/2026	Statistical release in response to cases of Salmonella in England connected to the outbreak likely associated with imported eggs.	Cross-Cutting / Other Public Health Topics
28/08/2026	UKHSA	Flu vaccination programme 2026 to 2027: healthcare practitioners - GOV.UK	27/08/2026	New section 'Prioritisation of adult IIV vaccines for 2026 to 2027 (update 26 August 2026)' added to clarify prioritisation of certain vaccines due to issues in vaccine supply and availability.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
28/08/2026	UKHSA	Influenza: the green book chapter - GOV.UK	27/08/2026	Updated sections on history and epidemiology of disease, vaccine effectiveness, age specific advice on vaccine type, contraindications (salicylate use and LAIV) and precautions (egg allergy).	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
28/08/2026	UKHSA	Salmonella outbreak update - GOV.UK	27/08/2026	The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), alongside the Food Standards Agency (FSA) and other public health partners, continues to investigate an outbreak of Salmonella Enteritidis t5.9411 in the UK. The latest investigations suggest the outbreak may be linked to eggs imported to the UK from abroad, with cases associated with eating out, from small cafés, restaurants and takeaway businesses. As of 25 August 2026, there have been 259 confirmed cases and one death linked to this cluster. Sample	Cross-Cutting / Other Public Health Topics

				dates for these cases range from 11 August 2025 to 8 August 2026.	
28/08/2026	UKHSA	Parents urged to vaccinate children at the right time to protect them - GOV.UK	27/08/2026	The latest annual COVER data on childhood vaccines 2025 to March 2026 published today by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) shows signs that uptake of key vaccines offered as part of the NHS childhood vaccination schedule by age 5 (prior to starting primary school) are stabilising after a decade of slow decline across all vaccines in England	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
28/08/2026	UKHSA	Health Protection Report volume 20 (2026) - GOV.UK	27/08/2026	A national public health bulletin from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA).	Cross-Cutting / Other Public Health Topics
28/08/2026	UKHSA	National flu and COVID-19 surveillance reports: 2026 to 2027 season - GOV.UK	27/08/2026	These reports summarise the surveillance of influenza, COVID-19 and other seasonal respiratory illnesses in England.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
28/08/2026	UKHSA	Ebola and Marburg haemorrhagic fevers: outbreaks and case locations - GOV.UK	27/08/2026	Map updated.	Emerging Infectious Diseases
28/08/2026	UKHSA	Vaccine update: issue 374, August 2026 - GOV.UK	28/08/2026	Latest developments in vaccines, vaccination policies and procedures for immunisation practitioners.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
28/08/2026	PHS	Young people, economic inactivity and mental health - Publications - Public Health Scotland	25/08/2026	This briefing provides an overview of the rise of health-related economic inactivity (to be unemployed and not seeking work for health reasons) among young people aged 16–24 in Scotland and the extent to which mental health might be impacting on post-school transitions to employment and driving this trend. It incorporates stakeholder views on the current	Cross-Cutting / Other Public Health Topics

				system surrounding young people's crucial pre- and post-school transitions into study, training and employment, and where improvements could be made to support more young people into sustainable work.	
28/08/2026	PHS	Health protection in schools - version 1 - Health protection in schools - Publications - Public Health Scotland	27/08/2026	This is a practical guide for all staff or volunteers working in schools in Scotland. It aims to help prevent and respond to infectious diseases in school settings.	Public Health Systems & Tools/Policies/Reviews
28/08/2026	PHS	When should people stay away from childcare settings? - Keeping unwell people away - Health protection for early years childcare settings - version 1 - Health protection for early years childcare settings - Publications - Public Health Scotland	27/08/2026	This is a practical guide for all staff or volunteers working in childcare settings in Scotland. It aims to help prevent and respond to infectious diseases in childcare settings.	Public Health Systems & Tools/Policies/Reviews
28/08/2026	IDSA	New multisociety recommendations outline hospital strategies to improve sepsis outcomes	25/08/2026	The Infectious Diseases Society of America and seven other professional societies today released a position paper highlighting evidence-informed recommendations on hospital strategies to improve sepsis outcomes.	Public Health Systems & Tools/Policies/Reviews
28/08/2026	Evidence Alerts	Phase 3 Trial of Weekly Oral Islatravir-Lenacapavir for HIV-1 Treatment.	29/07/2026	Among persons with virologically suppressed HIV-1, once-weekly oral ISL/LEN was noninferior to once-daily B/F/TAF in maintaining HIV viral load suppression.	Sexual Health
28/08/2026	Evidence Alerts	Evaluation of patient centred digital adherence technology for tuberculosis treatment	06/08/2026	A multifaceted, interactive digital adherence tool improved tuberculosis treatment outcomes, particularly among younger participants and	Public Health Systems & Tools/Policies/Reviews

		outcomes: pragmatic randomised controlled trial.		women, showing feasibility and effectiveness in supporting adherence to tuberculosis treatment in low resource settings. AI powered features and integrated mental health support may enhance the scalability and personalisation of care.	
28/08/2026	WOAH	Protecting great apes from Ebola - WOA - World Organisation for Animal Health	24/08/2026	As Ebola virus disease continues to challenge communities in Central Africa, one lesson remains clear: protecting human and wildlife health are inseparable goals. People and great apes share the same habitats and can be exposed to the same pathogens, making wildlife health an important part of public health. Because preventing the next Ebola virus disease outbreak begins long before the first human case is detected.	Emerging Infectious Diseases
28/08/2026	WOAH	People, animals, plants, ecosystems – making the case for investing in One Health - WOA - World Organisation for Animal Health	25/08/2026	A new brief from the FAO Investment Centre, in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), examines the long-term, added value of investing in One Health – an integrated approach that recognises the connections between human, animal, plant and ecosystem health.	Environment & Health
28/08/2026	IAEA	Nuclear Energy Side Events at the 70th IAEA General Conference	24/08/2026	The IAEA Department of Nuclear Energy will host its regular Operators' Forum and three side events during the 70th IAEA General Conference, to be held in Vienna from 14 to 18 September 2026. Programmes of the side events will be published on this page as they become available.	Environment & Health

28/08/2026	IAEA	IAEA Launches ATLAS as Countries Explore Nuclear Power for Shipping and Offshore Energy IAEA	02/08/2026	The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) today launched ATLAS — Atomic Technologies Licensed for Applications at Sea — a global initiative to support the safe, secure and peaceful use of nuclear power in civilian shipping and floating nuclear power plants.	Environment & Health
28/08/2026	DAFM	Minister Collins launches Forest Statistics Ireland 2026	24/08/2026	Minister of State with responsibility for Forestry, Farm Safety and Horticulture, Niall Collins TD, has today announced the publication of the Department's Annual Forest Statistics Report for 2026.	Environment & Health