

Weekly Evidence Surveillance 06/02/2026

Source	Item	Pub Date	Details	Public Health Theme
ECDC	Monthly measles and rubella monitoring report - December 2025	03/02/2026	This report provides an overview of measles and rubella cases reported to ECDC through Epipulse Cases. Measles and rubella cases are reported monthly, and data presented here are for the latest complete months of reporting alongside a historical comparison.	Public Health Systems & Tools/Policies/Reviews
WHO	Global update on implementation of preventive chemotherapy against neglected tropical diseases in 2024	06/02/2026	This publication summarises data on preventative chemotherapy for the 5 diseases in 2024 by WHO region, as reported to WHO by 14 January 2026.	Emerging Infectious Diseases
WHO	Strengthening medicine procurement and supply chain management for neglected tropical diseases in 2025: achievements, challenges and way forward	06/02/2026	This report provides an overview of strategic objectives, key achievements, operational challenges and emerging priorities in NTD medicine procurement and supply chain management.	Emerging Infectious Diseases
WHO	An evaluation of Odisha's urban public health system	05/02/2026	The report documents good practices and outlines the primary challenges facing Odisha's urban health care model from both supply and demand perspectives, and offers strategic recommendations based on a thorough assessment of the state's urban health system.	Public Health Systems & Tools/Policies/Reviews
WHO	Microbiological risk assessment of viruses in foods: part 2: prevention and intervention measures: meeting report	02/02/2026	In response to a request from the 53rd Session of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH), the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Meeting on	Public Health Systems & Tools/Policies/Reviews

			Microbiological Risk Assessment (JEMRA) convened a meeting to review recent scientific developments, data, and evidence associated with foodborne viruses, specifically for prevention and intervention measures and the efficacy of interventions in the food systems continuum.	
<u>WHO</u>	<u>Scaling innovations in public health systems: guidance and toolkit</u>	30/02/2026	The guidance outlines three strategic approaches to scaling: directive efforts to make it happen, collaborative processes to help it happen and supportive conditions to let it happen. It furthermore identifies seven critical roles that government actors play in scaling health innovations.	Public Health Systems & Tools/Policies/Reviews
<u>UKHSA</u>	<u>Identifying sepsis cases in administrative data: a validation study - GOV.UK</u>	06/02/2026	Updated vaccination study poster.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
<u>UKHSA</u>	<u>Rotavirus vaccination programme: information for healthcare practitioners - GOV.UK</u>	05/02/2026	Updated to reflect changes in Rotarix packaging.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
<u>UKHSA</u>	<u>Public advised to stop using some non-sterile alcohol-free wipes - GOV.UK</u>	05/02/2026	UKHSA and MHRA are urging the public not to use 4 specified non-sterile alcohol-free wipe products due to the risk of infection associated with their use.	Emerging Infectious Diseases
<u>UKHSA</u>	<u>Plague: epidemiology, outbreaks and guidance - GOV.UK</u>	05/02/2026	Content reviewed and updated.	Public Health Systems & Tools/Policies/Reviews
<u>UKHSA</u>	<u>Urgent public health messages - GOV.UK</u>	05/02/2026	Added update for Burkholderia stabilis infection outbreak.	Emerging Infectious Diseases

<u>UKHSA</u>	<u>Burkholderia stabilis infections associated with non-sterile alcohol-free wipes: ongoing risk to patients - GOV.UK</u>	05/02/2026	UKHSA are providing an update to previous advice regarding contaminated non-sterile alcohol-free wipes in response to continuing detection of cases and a recent death attributable to Burkholderia stabilis infection.	Emerging Infectious Diseases
<u>UKHSA</u>	<u>UKHSA reminds travellers to Cape Verde to protect against gastrointestinal infections - GOV.UK</u>	05/02/2026	New UKHSA data highlights cases of Shigella and Salmonella linked to travel to Cape Verde, a popular winter sun destination for British holidaymakers.	Environment & Health
<u>UKHSA</u>	<u>Haemorrhagic fevers in Bolivia: origins, reservoirs, transmission and guidelines - GOV.UK</u>	05/02/2026	There are currently 2 recognised viruses that cause haemorrhagic fever illnesses in Bolivia that are classed as high consequence infectious diseases (HCIDs). These are Machupo virus (MACV) and Chapare virus (CHAPV).	Emerging Infectious Diseases
<u>UKHSA</u>	<u>Health Protection Report volume 20 (2026) - GOV.UK</u>	05/02/2026	Two news items added (infant formula recall and Cape Verde update); also acute HBV quarterly reports for 2024.	Public Health Systems & Tools/Policies/Reviews
<u>UKHSA</u>	<u>Routine childhood immunisation: deaths and hospitalisations prevented - GOV.UK</u>	05/02/2026	Estimated annual deaths and hospitalisations prevented by routine childhood immunisation in England.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
<u>UKHSA</u>	<u>Severe fever with thrombocytopaenia syndrome (SFTS): epidemiology, outbreaks and guidance - GOV.UK</u>	05/02/2026	Content reviewed and updated.	Emerging Infectious Diseases
<u>UKHSA</u>	<u>Pertussis: laboratory confirmed cases reported in England 2025 - GOV.UK</u>	04/02/2026	Added link to 'Pertussis: laboratory confirmed cases reported in England 2024'.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
<u>UKHSA</u>	<u>Tuberculosis: contact tracing for exposures in low-incidence countries - GOV.UK</u>	04/02/2026	Updated rapid systematic review to include new searches covering October 2023 to November 2025.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance

<u>UKHSA</u>	<u>Specialist and reference microbiology: laboratory tests and services - GOV.UK</u>	03/02/2026	Updated the 2 poliovirus forms and responsible teams.	Public Health Systems & Tools/Policies/Reviews
<u>UKHSA</u>	<u>Vaccination of individuals with uncertain or incomplete immunisation - GOV.UK</u>	03/02/2026	Algorithm updated to reflect updated pneumococcal vaccine eligibility for immunocompromised individuals. A new larger format print version has also been added.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
<u>UKHSA</u>	<u>Advice accepted on extending the RSV vaccination programme - GOV.UK</u>	02/02/2026	The government has accepted advice on eligibility from the JCVI for the RSV vaccination programme.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
<u>UKHSA</u>	<u>Candidzyma auris - GOV.UK</u>	02/02/2026	Added link to 'Infection prevention and control for multidrug-resistant organisms in adult social care settings'.	Cross-Cutting / Other Public Health Topics
<u>UKHSA</u>	<u>Respiratory syncytial virus: the green book - GOV.UK</u>	02/02/2026	Updated with latest evidence and details of the catch-up programme for people age 80 and over, JCVI advice on clesrovimab and MHRA guidance on preF vaccines.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
<u>UKHSA</u>	<u>Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccination programme - GOV.UK</u>	02/02/2026	Added 'RSV vaccination programme for older adults: expansion of eligibility from April 2026'.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
<u>UKHSA</u>	<u>Hepatitis B household contract tracing pilot - GOV.UK</u>	30/01/2026	Documents relating to a chronic hepatitis B contact tracing pilot.	Public Health Systems & Tools/Policies/Reviews
<u>PHA-NI</u>	<u>Immunise, protect, thrive HSC Public Health Agency</u>	02/02/2026	This leaflet highlights the importance of the routine childhood immunisation schedule which was revised on 1 January 2026.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
<u>PHA-NI</u>	<u>Your guide to the RSV vaccine for residents living in a care</u>	02/02/2026	This leaflet is for people living in a care home for older adults who will be offered the RSV vaccine to protect them against	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance

	home for older adults HSC Public Health Agency		Respiratory Syncitial Virus, an infectious disease of the lungs and airways that can be serious for older adults.	
PHA-NI	PHA Update HSC Public Health Agency	02/02/2026	The PHA Update serves as a regular communication channel, sharing news, progress reports, upcoming campaigns and initiatives, and developments across public health programmes.	Public Health Systems & Tools/Policies/Reviews
HPRA	Arixtra (fondaparinux sodium) - Serious quality defect related to the needle in pre-filled syringe	06/02/2026	Important quality information from Viatris Healthcare Limited regarding Arixtra (fondaparinux sodium) - Serious quality defect related to the needle in pre-filled syringe.	Cross-Cutting / Other Public Health Topics
HIQA	Chapter 18 - Rabies HIQA	06/02/2026	Epidemiology updated. Rabies prone exposure assessment advice removed and external links provided to NHPO Guidelines on Post-exposure Assessment and Treatment of Rabies-prone Exposures. Rabies post exposure prophylaxis vaccine recommendations updated for unvaccinated immunocompetent, previously vaccinated immunocompetent and immunocompromised individuals to reflect NIAC's December 2025 updated recommendations. New Table 18.2, Immunocompromised individuals who may not mount an appropriate response to rabies vaccine. New Tables 18.3, 18.4 and 18.5, Rabies vaccine schedules for post exposure prophylaxis. Updated	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance

			detail on timing and delivery of post exposure prophylaxis. Updated detail on vaccine interchangeability. Minor formatting changes to align with house style.	
HIQA	Paediatric Early Warning System in Emergency Settings HIQA	06/02/2026	CICER is currently supporting the development of a National Clinical Guideline on a Children's Emergency Medicine Early Warning System, by conducting evidence reviews for the guideline development group.	Cross-Cutting / Other Public Health Topics
PHS	Guidance for public health management of zoonotic influenza in Scotland - version 1.2 - Guidance for public health management of zoonotic influenza in Scotland - Publications - Public Health Scotland	06/02/2026	Change in recommendations for the period of active and/or passive follow up of cases and contacts from 10 days to 14 days. Recommendation for antiviral prophylaxis to be started within 8 days of exposure has been changed to within 7 days of exposure.	Emerging Infectious Diseases
PHS	Public health alert for action: New xylazine-type drug – medetomidine - Rapid Action Drug Alerts and Response (RADAR) Alert: New xylazine-type drug – medetomidine - Rapid Action Drug Alerts and Response (RADAR) Alert: New xylazine-type drug – medetomidine - Publications - Public Health Scotland	05/02/2026	Alert comprehensively updated to include updated intelligence and changes to content and design.	Cross-Cutting / Other Public Health Topics

<u>PHS</u>	<u>Protocol for handling information requests - version 6 - Public Health Scotland: Protocol for handling information requests - Publications - Public Health Scotland</u>	02/02/2026	This protocol sets out, for information users and PHS staff, the principles that PHS follow in response to Information Requests (IRs). A separate PHS protocol exists for Parliamentary Questions.	Public Health Systems & Tools/Policies/Reviews
<u>PHS</u>	<u>Patient Group Direction: Administration of pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPV) Pneumovax 23® - version 2-3 - Patient Group Direction Template: Administration of pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPV) Pneumovax 23® - Publications - Public Health Scotland</u>	30/01/2026	This specimen Patient Group Direction template has been produced by Public Health Scotland to assist NHS boards.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
<u>IDSA</u>	<u>Newly introduced legislation provides pathway to spur antimicrobial development</u>	04/02/2026	(USA) Representatives Buddy Carter (R-GA), Scott Peters (D-CA), Nick Langworthy (R-NY), Mike Levin (D-CA) and Mike Carey (R-OH) have reintroduced the bipartisan Pioneering Antimicrobial Subscriptions to End Upsurging Resistance (PASTEUR) Act to address the growing threat of antimicrobial resistance and help ensure continued access to safe, effective antibiotics and antifungals.	Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)
<u>IDSA</u>	<u>Study reconsiders primary therapy for invasive aspergillosis</u>	04/02/2026	Using liposomal amphotericin B (L-AmB) as a primary treatment for invasive aspergillosis, a serious fungal infection that can spread from the lungs to other organs via the bloodstream, is as	Cross-Cutting / Other Public Health Topics

			effective as the current standard treatment, according to new research published in Open Forum Infectious Diseases.	
<u>Evidence Alerts</u>	Latest alerts	02/02/2026	<p>Antibiotic Therapy for Uncomplicated Acute Appendicitis: Ten-Year Follow-Up of the APPAC Randomized Clinical Trial. <i>JAMA</i></p> <p>Low-dose yellow fever vaccination in infants: a randomised, double-blind, non-inferiority trial. <i>Lancet</i></p>	Public Health Systems & Tools/Policies/Reviews
<u>WOAH</u>	<u>Renewed Quadripartite Memorandum of Understanding regarding cooperation on One Health - WOAH - World Organisation for Animal Health</u>	03/02/2026	Through the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on One Health, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) reaffirm their shared commitment to advancing the implementation of the One Health approach.	Environment & Health
<u>IAEA</u>	<u>IAEA and OCP Group Launch Partnership to Strengthen Global Food Security and Soil Health IAEA</u>	06/02/2026	The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and OCP Group, a global leader in plant nutrition solutions, have launched a five-year strategic partnership to accelerate scientific innovation for sustainable agriculture and resilient food systems. This collaboration will directly support the Atoms4Food initiative.	Environment & Health

<p><u>ProMED</u></p> <p>Fri Feb 06 2026 NOROVIRUS - USA (03): (MASSACHUSETTS) ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY</p> <p>Fri Feb 06 2026 MEASLES - USA (29): (SOUTH CAROLINA) PNEUMONIA, ENCEPHALITIS</p> <p>Fri Feb 06 2026 MPOX - SPAIN: (GALICIA)</p> <p>Thu Feb 05 2026 SHIGELLOSIS, SALMONELLOSIS - UK: ex CAPE VERDE</p> <p>Thu Feb 05 2026 BACILLUS CEREUS - UK: INFANT FORMULA, CEREULIDE, CASES, RECALL, ALERT</p> <p>Thu Feb 05 2026 FOODBORNE ILLNESS - CHINA (02): (HONG KONG) RAW OYSTERS, MORE CASES, REQUEST FOR INFORMATION</p> <p>Thu Feb 05 2026 MEASLES - FRANCE: (AUVERGNE-RHONE-ALPES) ALPS SKI RESORT</p> <p>Thu Feb 05 2026 HEPATITIS E - SUDAN, SOUTH SUDAN: (ABYEI) FATALITIES</p> <p>Thu Feb 05 2026 MEASLES - MEXICO (03): PAHO DATA</p> <p>Thu Feb 05 2026 HEPATITIS A - CANADA (02): (NEW BRUNSWICK) RESORT, PRESUMED FOOD HANDLER INFECTION</p> <p>Thu Feb 05 2026 NOROVIRUS - ITALY: (VENETO) FINNISH WOMEN'S OLYMPIC ICE HOCKEY TEAM</p> <p>Thu Feb 05 2026 MEASLES - USA (28): (FLORIDA, NORTH CAROLINA, IDAHO, PENNSYLVANIA)</p> <p>Thu Feb 05 2026 LISTERIOSIS - NORWAY (02): MEAT SOURCE LIKELY</p> <p>Thu Feb 05 2026 INFANT BOTULISM - ITALY: (APULIA)</p> <p>Thu Feb 05 2026 ILLICIT LABORATORY - USA: (NEVADA) LAS VEGAS, POSSIBLE BIOTERRORISM RISK, UNDIAGNOSED ILLNESSES, REQUEST FOR INFORMATION</p> <p>Thu Feb 05 2026 MENINGITIS - USA: (PENNSYLVANIA, MINNESOTA) PAENIBACILLUS DENDRITIFORMIS</p> <p>Thu Feb 05 2026 AVIAN INFLUENZA - USA (02): (COLORADO) POULTRY</p> <p>Thu Feb 05 2026 EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA - USA (02): (COLORADO, NEVADA) HORSE</p> <p>Wed Feb 04 2026 MEASLES - GERMANY: (BERLIN) UKRAINIAN REFUGEE CENTER, 2024</p> <p>Wed Feb 04 2026 CONTAMINATED DRUG - ARGENTINA: RALSTONIA, KLEBSIELLA, FENTANYL, FATAL, MORE CASES/DEATHS</p> <p>Wed Feb 04 2026 MEASLES - ISRAEL (03): 14TH PEDIATRIC DEATH IN CONTINUED OUTBREAK</p> <p>Wed Feb 04 2026 LISTERIOSIS - USA: (NEW MEXICO) UNPASTEURIZED MILK, NEONATAL FATALITY</p> <p>Wed Feb 04 2026 AVIAN INFLUENZA - INDIA: (KERALA) HPAI H5N1, CROW, CONFIRMED</p> <p>Wed Feb 04 2026 MEASLES - USA (27) (SOUTH CAROLINA) MORE CASES</p> <p>Wed Feb 04 2026 HEPATITIS A - CANADA: (MANITOBA) OUTBREAK, INDIGENOUS POPULATION VACCINATION PROGRAM</p> <p>Wed Feb 04 2026 NEW WORLD SCREWWORM - USA (02): (TEXAS, FLORIDA) UPDATES</p> <p>Tue Feb 03 2026 VARICELLA - USA (03): (PENNSYLVANIA) PHILADELPHIA, CITY SCHOOLS</p>	<p>Emerging Infectious Diseases</p>
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Tue Feb 03 2026 LEGIONELLOSIS - ITALY: (EMILIA-ROMAGNA) COMMUNITY-ACQUIRED, FATAL Tue Feb 03 2026 MEASLES - USA (26): (FLORIDA, WISCONSIN) UNIVERSITY OUTBREAKS Tue Feb 03 2026 RHINOVIRUS - CHINA: SPREAD, SIGNIFICANT TRANSMISSION IN THE SOUTH Tue Feb 03 2026 ILICIT LABORATORY - USA: (NEVADA) LAS VEGAS, POSSIBLE BIOTERRORISM RISK, REQUEST FOR INFORMATION Tue Feb 03 2026 MPOX - RUSSIA: (MOSCOW) Tue Feb 03 2026 WHEAT DWARF VIRUS - UNITED KINGDOM: SURVEY Tue Feb 03 2026 VARICELLA - INDIA: (KERALA) Mon Feb 02 2026 MEASLES - USA (25): (TEXAS, ARIZONA) ICE DETENTION FACILITIES, CONFIRMED CASES Mon Feb 02 2026 FOODBORNE ILLNESS - CHINA: (HONG KONG) RAW OYSTERS/SALAD, REQUEST FOR INFORMATION Mon Feb 02 2026 NOROVIRUS - USA (02): (CONNECTICUT) UNIVERSITY DORMITORY Mon Feb 02 2026 MEASLES - USA (24): (IDAHO, OKLAHOMA, NORTH CAROLINA, CALIFORNIA) Mon Feb 02 2026 TOMATO BROWN RUGOSE FRUIT VIRUS, RAPSEED - CHINA: NEW HOST Mon Feb 02 2026 LEGIONELLOSIS - FINLAND: SOIL SOURCE, PROBABLE LEGIONELLA LONGBEACHAE Mon Feb 02 2026 MELIOIDOSIS - CHINA: (HONG KONG) Mon Feb 02 2026 GASTROENTERITIS - SOUTH AFRICA: CRUISE SHIP, PROBABLE NOROVIRUS Mon Feb 02 2026 HEPATITIS A - INDIA: (HIMACHAL PRADESH) PRESUMED WATERBORNE, FATALITY Mon Feb 02 2026 YELLOW FEVER - COLOMBIA (05): (TOLIMA) Sun Feb 01 2026 MUMPS - GHANA: (VOLTA) Sun Feb 01 2026 RALSTONIA MANNITOLYLITICA - COSTA RICA: NOSOCOMIAL, MULTIPLE HOSPITALS, FATALITIES Sun Feb 01 2026 FOODBORNE ILLNESS - MALAYSIA: (PENANG) SCHOOL CHILDREN Sun Feb 01 2026 LEGIONELLOSIS - USA (06): (VERMONT) CONTINUING CARE FACILITY, FATALITY Sun Feb 01 2026 CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 UPDATE (02): WHO, VACCINES STILL CRUCIAL FOR COVID-19 PREVENTION, VACCINE COMPOSITION Sun Feb 01 2026 MEASLES - USA (23): (CALIFORNIA, VIRGINIA, NORTH CAROLINA, OREGON, WASHINGTON) Sun Feb 01 2026 LEGIONELLOSIS - USA (05): (NEW YORK) NEW YORK CITY Sun Feb 01 2026 GASTROENTERITIS - RUSSIA: (TYUMEN) Sun Feb 01 2026 MICROBIAL CONTAMINATION - USA: NEOGEN SOLUTION, RECALL Sun Feb 01 2026 ANAPLASMOSIS - URUGUAY: TICK-FREE ZONES, LIVESTOCK MORTALITY Sun Feb 01 2026	
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VARICELLA - USA (02): (HAWAII) ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Sat Jan 31 2026 LISTERIOSIS - NORWAY: OUTBREAK, PICKLES AND SAUSAGE ROLLS SUSPECTED Sat Jan 31 2026 HEPATITIS A - USA: (UTAH) Sat Jan 31 2026 LEGIONELLOSIS - USA (04): (TEXAS, MICHIGAN, GEORGIA) FATAL Sat Jan 31 2026 SALMONELLOSIS, SEROTYPE TYPHIMURIUM - USA (03): DIETARY SUPPLEMENT POWDER, SECOND SEROTYPE, ALERT, EXPANDED RECALL Sat Jan 31 2026 MEASLES - USA (22): (COLORADO) INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT/AIRPORT EXPOSURES, CASES, 2025, CDC Sat Jan 31 2026 CHIKUNGUNYA - COSTA RICA: (PUNTARENAS) Sat Jan 31 2026 GASTROENTERITIS - INDIA (02): (ASSAM) POSSIBLE LINK TO WEDDING BANQUET Sat Jan 31 2026 FOODBORNE ILLNESS - USA (02): MULTIPLE STATES, DOG, RAW DOG FOOD Sat Jan 31 2026 MEASLES - USA (21): (NEBRASKA, ARIZONA, SOUTH DAKOTA, FLORIDA) Sat Jan 31 2026 MUSHROOM POISONING - USA: (CALIFORNIA) FATALITIES, ALERT Fri Jan 30 2026 MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE - SPAIN: SEROGROUP Y, SEQUENCE TYPE 3587, DRUG RESISTANCE Fri Jan 30 2026 MEASLES - USA (20): (SOUTH CAROLINA) SHARP INCREASE IN CASES CONTINUES Fri Jan 30 2026 MEASLES - GUATEMALA (04): INCREASING CASES Fri Jan 30 2026 STREPTOCOCCUS, GROUP A, MENINGITIS - CHILE: (LOS LAGOS) FATAL Fri Jan 30 2026 PERTUSSIS - USA (03): (OREGON, ARIZONA) Fri Jan 30 2026 TUBERCULOSIS - USA (04): (CALIFORNIA) SAN FRANCISCO, HIGH SCHOOL, 3 ACTIVE CASES Fri Jan 30 2026 HANTAVIRUS - CHILE (02): OVERVIEW	
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