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09/01/2026	<a href="#">ECDC</a>	<a href="#">Seasonal surveillance of chikungunya virus disease in the EU/EEA, weekly report</a>	05/01/2026	Update providing weekly overview of the countries and areas where chikungunya virus disease cases have been reported.	Emerging Infectious Diseases
09/01/2026	<a href="#">WHO</a>	<a href="#">Developing national meningitis plans: an operational manual</a>	19/12/2025	This operational manual aims to support countries in developing their meningitis plans, along the five pillars of the Defeating meningitis by 2030 global road map. It suggests an approach for the development of national meningitis plans through involvement of various stakeholders to ensure political buy-in. It also suggests activities to be included in the plan, with considerations to help fine-tuning the activities to make them very context appropriate.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
09/01/2026	<a href="#">WHO</a>	<a href="#">WHO guidance on the use of licensed human influenza A(H5) vaccines for the interpandemic and emergence periods</a>	19/12/2025	This WHO guidance document outlines the primary objectives for the use of licensed human A(H5) vaccines for the interpandemic and emergence periods, identifies key factors to support country-level decision-making, describes potential target groups based on risk of exposure, and includes a decision-aid matrix to assist countries in determining A(H5) vaccination approaches under various epidemiological scenarios. This WHO guidance supersedes previous recommendations on the topic and offers updated guidance to support countries in formulating their A(H5) vaccine policies.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
09/01/2026	<a href="#">WHO</a>	<a href="#">Integration of traditional, complementary and integrative medicine into health systems: conceptual framework</a>	20/12/2025	This publication provides a conceptual framework for the integration of traditional, complementary and integrative medicine into health systems. The framework identifies four models of integration—people-led, practitioner-led, coordinated and blended—based on two dimensions: decentralized versus centralized and pluralistic versus unified. It also links these models to the six building blocks of health systems, including leadership and governance, financing, service delivery, workforce, information systems and health products. Developed through evidence reviews, country visits and global consultations, the publication offers a foundation for policy dialogue, assessment and research. It provides Member States with practical guidance and tools to define, compare and strengthen integration in ways suited to their national contexts.	Public Health Systems & Tools/Policies/Reviews
09/01/2026	<a href="#">WHO</a>	<a href="#">National Health Simulation Exercise Programme:</a>	20/12/2025	This guidance document provides a strategic framework, outlining the rationale, essential components, and practical steps	Public Health Systems & Tools/Policies/Reviews

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		<a href="#">implementation guidance to strengthen emergency preparedness, readiness and response</a>		for establishing, implementing, and sustaining an NHSEP. It champions a structured, integrated approach to SimEx, moving beyond sporadic initiatives to achieve more impactful and lasting preparedness, operational readiness, and measurable improvement in emergency response capabilities. The NHSEP aims to strengthen core capacities as defined by the International Health Regulations (IHR, 2005) and related global frameworks (e.g., the Health Emergency Preparedness, Response and Resilience (HEPR) and the National Health Emergency Alert and Response frameworks), thereby enhancing national readiness for all-hazards health emergency management.	
09/01/2026	<a href="#">WHO</a>	<a href="#">Strategic objectives for the development and implementation of maternal, newborn and child health quality of care programmes</a>	22/12/2025	This publication sets out the strategic objectives that programme managers can use to help countries design, implement, scale up and sustain maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH) quality of care programmes. Structured around five objectives—Leadership, Action, Learning, Accountability and Measurement (LALA+)—it offers health-systems-oriented guidance and indicative outputs to strengthen governance, implementation, learning and improvement processes, accountability, and the use of data to deliver better outcomes and more people-centred care. It is designed as a practical, step-by-step resource where each objective is accompanied by indicative outputs and deliverables to guide action across structures, processes and capacities, and at national (macro), subnational (meso) and facility/community (micro) levels. Policymakers and programme managers should select and adapt the elements most relevant to their context and feasibility, supporting coordinated implementation, monitoring and learning aligned with broader MNCH and health-system priorities, including progress towards MNCH-related SDG targets.	Public Health Systems & Tools/Policies/Reviews
09/01/2026	<a href="#">WHO</a>	<a href="#">Measuring greenhouse gas emissions in health systems</a>	22/12/2025	This document has two aims. First, it defines a common approach for health system emissions measurement that is aligned with international standards and best practice. Second, it sets out how health systems can develop the necessary internal capabilities to measure their emissions consistently and effectively over time.	Environment & Health
09/01/2026	<a href="#">WHO</a>	<a href="#">WHO updated recommendations on HIV clinical management: recommendations for a public health approach</a>	24/12/2025	This document provides an overview of the updated World Health Organization recommendations for HIV clinical management, which focus on optimizing antiretroviral therapy, preventing vertical transmission, and enhancing tuberculosis prevention among individuals with HIV. These updates are intended to support global	Sexual Health

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				initiatives aimed at ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030. Key changes include the introduction of new antiretroviral drugs and regimens, revised postnatal prophylaxis and breastfeeding guidelines for managing infants at risk of vertical transmission, and the endorsement of shorter tuberculosis preventive treatments to improve efficacy and adherence.	
09/01/2026	<a href="#">WHO</a>	<a href="#">Heat, air pollution and solar ultraviolet radiation: mass gathering-specific considerations and research gaps</a>	25/12/2025	The document aims to synthesize existing WHO and other United Nations (UN) guidance on heat, air pollution and solar UV radiation in mass gathering settings, identify knowledge gaps and help draft a research agenda for future evidence review and subsequent development of guidance and tools for mass gathering events.	Environment & Health
09/01/2026	<a href="#">WHO</a>	<a href="#">Midwifery Leadership Programme Facilitator Guide</a>	26/12/2025	The South-East (SE) Asia Region MLP reflects the findings of the SE Asia Region Midwifery Leadership Profiles (2022), in which a critical need for a leadership programme for midwives was identified. The MLP is also informed by the WHO Global Strategic Directions for Nursing and Midwifery (SDNM 2021), wherein strengthening midwifery leadership is one of the four global policy priorities, and the State of the World's Midwifery (SOWMy) report (2021), which regards midwifery leadership and midwife-led care as key global actions.	Public Health Systems & Tools/Policies/Reviews
09/01/2026	<a href="#">WHO</a>	<a href="#">Midwifery Leadership Programme Learner's Package: Participant Manual</a>	26/12/2025	The South-East (SE) Asia Region MLP reflects the findings of the SE Asia Region Midwifery Leadership Profiles (2022), in which a critical need for a leadership programme for midwives was identified. The MLP is also informed by the WHO Global Strategic Directions for Nursing and Midwifery (SDNM 2021), wherein strengthening midwifery leadership is one of the four global policy priorities, and the State of the World's Midwifery (SOWMy) report (2021), which regards midwifery leadership and midwife-led care as key global actions.	Public Health Systems & Tools/Policies/Reviews
09/01/2026	<a href="#">WHO</a>	<a href="#">Dengue: global situation, surveillance and progress – 2024 update</a>	26/12/2025	<p>In 2024, dengue was transmitted at unprecedented levels worldwide. Transmission surged between February and May and remained high in several areas throughout the final quarter, reflecting the growing climate sensitivity of the virus and the increasing presence of Aedes mosquitoes in urban environments.</p> <p>Table 1 illustrates the distribution of reported, confirmed, severe and fatal cases by country. The Region of the Americas accounted for more than 90% of the global total of cases. Brazil alone reported over 10 million cases and 6321 deaths. Other countries with large epidemics included Argentina (581 559 cases), Mexico (558 846), Colombia (320 982), Paraguay (295 785), Peru (271 531), Guatemala (188 585) and</p>	Emerging Infectious Diseases

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				Honduras (177 209). In South-East Asia, Indonesia (257 271 cases) and India (232 425) also experienced extensive outbreaks linked to monsoon-related transmission cycles.	
09/01/2026	<a href="#">WHO</a>	<a href="#">Essential care package to address mental health and stigma for persons with neglected tropical diseases</a>	01/01/2026	Over 1 billion people worldwide are affected by neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) and a similar number are affected by mental health conditions. These independently burdensome conditions are significantly interlinked. The Essential Care Package (ECP) to address mental health and stigma for persons affected by neglected tropical diseases (hereby referred to as the ECP) includes evidence-based mental health interventions, drawn from the WHO mhGAP guidelines for mental, neurological, and substance use disorders (3), particularly those listed in the UHC Compendium. Evidencebased interventions to reduce population health-related stigma and discrimination are included in the ECP in order to address the stigma experienced both by people living with mental health conditions and by those living with NTDs.	Cross-Cutting / Other Public Health Topics
09/01/2026	<a href="#">UKHSA</a>	<a href="#">Flu levels 'stubbornly stable' in older age groups despite overall decline</a>	09/01/2026	Weekly UKHSA report for the 2025/26 season, monitoring respiratory viruses.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
09/01/2026	<a href="#">UKHSA</a>	<a href="#">Clostridioides difficile ribotyping service: how to access</a>	06/01/2026	Guidance to help health professionals access the CDRN ribotyping service.	Emerging Infectious Diseases
09/01/2026	<a href="#">UKHSA</a>	<a href="#">Clostridioides difficile ribotyping network (CDRN): guide to services</a>	06/01/2026	The CDRN laboratory provides timely access to Clostridioides difficile culture, ribotyping and DNA fingerprinting services, according to standardised submission criteria.	Emerging Infectious Diseases
09/01/2026	<a href="#">UKHSA</a>	<a href="#">Chickenpox: public health management and guidance</a>	06/01/2026	The diagnosis, management and epidemiology of chickenpox (varicella).	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
09/01/2026	<a href="#">UKHSA</a>	<a href="#">Oropouche virus disease</a>	05/01/2026	Clinical advice on the diagnosis of Oropouche virus disease.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
09/01/2026	<a href="#">UKHSA</a>	<a href="#">MMRV vaccination</a>	05/01/2026	A guide for parents and carers of children offered the MMRV vaccination which protects against measles, mumps, rubella and varicella.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
09/01/2026	<a href="#">UKHSA</a>	<a href="#">Adult social care: guidance</a>	05/01/2026	Information for the adult social care sector.	Public Health Systems & Tools/Policies/Reviews
09/01/2026	<a href="#">UKHSA</a>	<a href="#">Infection prevention and control for multidrug-resistant organisms in adult social care settings</a>	05/01/2026	This guidance is for staff and managers working in adult social care settings (ASC). It gives information on multidrug-resistant organisms and principles on how to prevent the spread of these pathogens.	Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

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09/01/2026	<a href="#">UKHSA</a>	<a href="#">Tuberculosis (TB): diagnosis, screening, management and data</a>	05/01/2026	Information on the diagnosis, screening, epidemiology and public health strategy for tuberculosis and other mycobacterial diseases. <b>05/01/2026:</b> Restructured and removed closed pages.	Emerging Infectious Diseases
09/01/2026	<a href="#">UKHSA</a>	<a href="#">Universal varicella vaccination programme in England</a>	05/01/2026	Summary of surveillance plans for the universal varicella vaccination programme in England commencing January 2026.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
09/01/2026	<a href="#">UKHSA</a>	<a href="#">Local Authority Risk and Adaptation Toolkit: Heat Edition</a>	05/01/2026	The Local Authority Risk and Adaptation (LARA) Toolkit: Heat Edition is designed to help assess heat-related health risks and plan actions to protect health.	Environment & Health
09/01/2026	<a href="#">UKHSA</a>	<a href="#">MMRV programme: information for healthcare practitioners</a>	05/01/2026	This guidance is for health practitioners implementing the MMRV (measles, mumps, rubella and varicella) vaccination programme from 1 January 2026.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
09/01/2026	<a href="#">UKHSA</a>	<a href="#">PCV (13-valent or 15-valent, adsorbed): patient group direction (PGD) template</a>	05/01/2026	PGD template to support the national pneumococcal polysaccharide conjugate vaccine (13-valent or 15-valent, adsorbed) (PCV) vaccination programme. <b>18/12/2025:</b> UKHSA PCV PGD amended to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>remove immunisation of individuals from 6 weeks of age in response to an outbreak of pneumococcal disease due to introduction of PCV20 for outbreaks</li> <li>update 8-week dose interval to 4-week interval as per updated Green Book Chapter 25</li> <li>inform to use PCV20 PGD for routine programme for individuals who have asplenia, splenic dysfunction, complement disorder or severe immunocompromise</li> <li>delete off label use of dose schedules as SPC states that the schedules should be in accordance with national recommendations</li> <li>add Prevenar 13® is interchangeable with other PCV vaccines as per the Green Book Chapter 25 in off-label section</li> <li>add minimum 4-week dose interval in accordance with the Green Book, Chapter 25 where 8-week dose interval is indicated in the SPCs in off-label section</li> </ul>	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
09/01/2026	<a href="#">UKHSA</a>	<a href="#">Rubella: the green book chapter</a>	31/12/2025	Rubella immunisation information for public health professionals, including updates.	Public Health Systems & Tools/Policies/Reviews
09/01/2026	<a href="#">UKHSA</a>	<a href="#">Childhood vaccination invitation letter templates</a>	24/12/2025	GP practices can use these template letters to send to parents to invite their child to have their routine vaccinations at their local surgery.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
09/01/2026	<a href="#">UKHSA</a>	<a href="#">What to expect after vaccinations</a>	24/12/2025	Information about the common side effects of vaccinations that might occur in babies and young children up to 5 years of age.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
09/01/2026	<a href="#">UKHSA</a>	<a href="#">Hepatitis B dried blood spot (DBS) testing for children</a>	24/12/2025	Information and resources to support UKHSA's national DBS testing service to improve uptake of testing in primary care of infants born to	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance

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				mothers living with hepatitis B. <b>23 December 2025</b> 'How to take a good quality blood spot sample' video and slide set updated	
09/01/2026	UKHSA	<a href="#">Inadvertent vaccination in pregnancy (VIP)</a>	23/12/2025	Advice for health professionals on pregnant women who are inadvertently vaccinated against chicken pox (varicella), shingles or measles, mumps, rubella.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
09/01/2026	UKHSA	<a href="#">Childhood immunisation: quick guide for parents of premature babies</a>	23/12/2025	A leaflet for parents which describes the immunisations offered to premature babies.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
09/01/2026	UKHSA	<a href="#">MMR for all: general leaflet</a>	23/12/2025	This leaflet explains the measles mumps rubella (MMR) vaccine for all eligible.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
09/01/2026	UKHSA	<a href="#">Meningococcal disease: guidance on public health management</a>	23/12/2025	Advice for health protection professionals on the management of meningococcal disease in the UK. <b>Dec 2025:</b> Emphasis on the need to offer prophylaxis without delay, for hospitals to support this and antibiotic chemoprophylaxis should not be delayed for young children because of lack of availability or difficulties in obtaining liquid ciprofloxacin suspension see Recommendation 4: Indications for antibiotic prophylaxis. For close contacts of IMD cases with confirmed or likely ciprofloxacin resistance (for example, recent travel to the Middle East or Asia), the priority continues to be use of rifampicin for prophylaxis. Advice on recommended alternatives when rifampicin is not available is covered in the section on Rifampicin and travel. Definitions of clusters/ outbreaks have been updated for clarity, including in a household and educational setting under Section 10 Cluster and outbreak management, sections 10.1 and 10.2.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
09/01/2026	UKHSA	<a href="#">Pre-school vaccinations: guide to vaccinations from 2 to 5 years</a>	23/12/2025	Details of immunisations for children between 2 and 5 years, before they start school.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
09/01/2026	UKHSA	<a href="#">Pertussis: the green book chapter</a>	22/12/2025	Pertussis (whooping cough) immunisation information for public health professionals, including updates.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
09/01/2026	UKHSA	<a href="#">Report a notifiable disease</a>	22/12/2025	Registered medical practitioners: report cases of suspected notifiable infectious diseases or manage an existing notification.	Emerging Infectious Diseases
09/01/2026	UKHSA	<a href="#">High consequence infectious disease: country specific risk</a>	22/12/2025	Listing of countries with a known occurrence of high consequence infectious disease (HCID).	Emerging Infectious Diseases

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09/01/2026	<a href="#">UKHSA</a>	<a href="#">Pertussis: laboratory confirmed cases reported in England 2024</a>	22/12/2025	Laboratory confirmed cases of pertussis reported to the enhanced pertussis surveillance programme in England.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
09/01/2026	<a href="#">PHA-NI</a>	<a href="#">Immunisation leaflets</a>	22/12/2025	Leaflets and booklets describing the vaccines and includes the complete childhood immunisation schedule from January 2026 given to babies (up to one year) and children.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
09/01/2026	<a href="#">NICE</a>	<a href="#">Overweight and obesity management</a>	08/01/2026	This guideline covers the prevention and management of overweight, obesity and central adiposity in children, young people and adults. It brings together and updates all NICE's previous guidelines on overweight and obesity. It does not cover pregnancy. Recommendations 1.10.5, 1.10.10 and 1.10.11 and the corresponding rationale sections were amended to clarify that height-to-weight ratios should only be used to classify the degree of central adiposity in children and young people aged 5 years and over.	Cross-Cutting / Other Public Health Topics
09/01/2026	<a href="#">PH Ontario</a>	<a href="#">Measles: Information for Health Care Providers</a>	06/01/2026	This document outlines considerations and information to assist with timely identification and management of individuals suspected to have measles and information about measles prevention through immunization. It is intended for use by health care providers.	
09/01/2026	<a href="#">HPRA</a>	<a href="#">Cosmetic Safety Gate alerts impacting the Irish market - December 2025</a>	09/01/2026	This safety notice highlights cosmetic products notified through the European Safety Gate system relevant to the Irish market. The products are listed in the European Safety Gate system because they could be harmful to consumer health or safety.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
09/01/2026	<a href="#">HPRA</a>	<a href="#">Palmeux prolonged-release suspensions for injection in prefilled syringe, 50 mg, 75 mg, 100 mg, and 150 mg strengths, PA1142/040/002-005, Recall, all batches</a>	02/01/2026	All in-date batches of Palmeux prolonged-release suspensions for injection in prefilled syringe, 50 mg, 75 mg, 100 mg, and 150 mg strengths are being recalled as a precautionary measure with immediate effect.	Public Health Systems & Tools/Policies/Reviews
09/01/2026	<a href="#">HPRA</a>	<a href="#">Carbamazepine (Tegretol 100 mg/5ml Oral Suspension); restriction of use in neonates as concentration of the excipient, propylene glycol, exceeds recommended threshold</a>	23/12/2025	Important Safety Information from Novartis Ireland Limited regarding Carbamazepine (Tegretol 100 mg/5ml Oral Suspension); restriction of use in neonates as concentration of the excipient, propylene glycol, exceeds recommended threshold	Public Health Systems & Tools/Policies/Reviews
09/01/2026	<a href="#">HPRA</a>	<a href="#">HPRA Drug Safety Newsletter 121</a>	22/12/2025	The latest edition of the HPRA newsletter includes important updates to support the safe and appropriate use of listed medicines	Public Health Systems & Tools/Policies/Reviews

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09/01/2026	<a href="#">HIQA</a>	<a href="#">Health Technology Assessment Directorate Plan 2025-2027</a>	19/12/2025	The Health Technology Assessment Directorate Plan 2025-2027 outlines the strategic direction for the HTA Directorate within the overarching framework of the HIQA Corporate Plan 2025-2027. The HTA Directorate Plan outlines how we will build on our achievements to date, strengthen our capacity, and ensure that we remain responsive to the changing needs of the health and social care system.	Public Health Systems & Tools/Policies/Reviews
09/01/2026	<a href="#">PHS</a>	<a href="#">Guidance for public health management of zoonotic influenza in Scotland</a>	07/01/2026	This guidance supports the public health management of avian influenza (AI) and other zoonotic influenza (ZI) in Scotland. The guidance is structured as a guide to applying a range of UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) guidance on AI and ZI in Scotland. This approach has been chosen to allow rapid updates to the guidance for this evolving threat. It signposts and adapts the UKHSA guidance for application in the Scottish context.	Public Health Systems & Tools/Policies/Reviews
09/01/2026	<a href="#">PHS</a>	<a href="#">Guidance for the public health management of MERS-CoV infections - Guidance for Health Protection Teams (HPTs)</a>	07/01/2026	This document sets out the public health response to Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) infection in Scotland. This guidance is an update to previous Health Protection Scotland (HPS) guidance and is an adaptation of the UKHSA guidance. Recommendations made are aligned with the UKHSA guidance, adapted for use in Scotland.	Emerging Infectious Diseases
09/01/2026	<a href="#">IDSA</a>	<a href="#">Court Rejects HHS's Motion to Dismiss Lawsuit Brought by Leading Public Health Groups Against HHS Immunization Schedule Changes, ACIP Reconstitution</a>	07/01/2026	The U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts today affirmed that a group of medical professional societies, led by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), have standing to proceed with ongoing litigation concerning recent vaccine policy changes. Plaintiffs are seeking to enjoin the Secretary's rescissions of Covid-19 vaccine recommendations and a declaratory judgment pronouncing the change in recommendations as unlawful, as well as asking the court to require the Secretary to reconstitute the ACIP with all new members in good faith.	Emerging Infectious Diseases
09/01/2026	<a href="#">IDSA</a>	<a href="#">IDSA statement on childhood vaccine schedule</a>	05/01/2026	IDSA statement on childhood vaccine schedule	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance
09/01/2026	<a href="#">Evidence Alerts</a>	<a href="#">Rapid, point-of-care antigen tests for diagnosis of SARS-CoV-2 infection</a>	28/11/2025	To assess the diagnostic accuracy of rapid, point-of-care antigen tests (Ag-RDTs) for diagnosis of SARS-CoV-2 infection in asymptomatic population groups.	Vaccination Preventable Disease Guidance