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### Key indicators & Highlights | Indicateurs clé & faits saillants

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            Nombre de sites sentinels |
| 66% | 198        | 2. Number of PICs that reported  
            Nombre de PICs qui ont rapporté |
| 83% | 85         | 3. Number of sites that reported  
            Nombre de sites qui ont rapporté |

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2 Pacific Island Countries | Pays insulaires du Pacifique
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**AFR: Acute Fever and Rash; PF: Prolonged Fever; DLI: Diarrhoea-like Illness; ILI: Influenza-like Illness; SARI: Severe Acute Respiratory Infection**
**Please note that X and Y axes vary by country depending on data availability and magnitude of data. Please pay attention to the scale of the X and Y axis prior to data interpretation and comparison.**

**No line indicates data not reported.**
Legend

- Acute Fever and Rash (AFR)
- Prolonged Fever (PF)

Wallis and Futuna, New Caledonia, French Polynesia
Kiribati, Nauru, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

Legend
- Acute Fever and Rash (AFR)
- Prolonged Fever (PF)
Country trends | Influenza like illness, SARI and Suspected COVID-19

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American Samoa, CNMI, FSM, RMI, Guam, Palau

| Figure 2a American Samoa | Samoa américaines |
| Figure 2b N Mariana Isl. | Îles Mariannes du Nord |
| Figure 2c Federated States of Micronesia |
| Figure 2d Marshall Islands | Îles Marshall |

**Legend**
- **SARI (Influenza-like illness that requires hospitalization)**
- **COVID-19**
- **Influenza-like illness**
Kiribati, Nauru, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

Figure 2o: Kiribati
Figure 2p: Nauru
Figure 2q: Fiji
Figure 2r: Solomon Islands
Figure 2s: Tuvalu
Figure 2t: Vanuatu

Legend
- SARI (Influenza-like illness that requires hospitalization)
- COVID-19
- Influenza-like illness

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Country trends | Diarrhoea and DLI

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Figure 3a American Samoa | Samoa américaines

Figure 3b N Mariana Isl. | Îles Mariannes du Nord

Figure 3c Federated States of Micronesia

Figure 3d Marshall Islands | Îles Marshall

Figure 3e Guam | Guam

Figure 3f Palau

Legend

- Dengue-like Illness (DLI)
- Diarrhoea

Diarrhoea and DLI

Diarrhoea and DLI

Diarrhoea and DLI

Diarrhoea and DLI

Diarrhoea and DLI
Kiribati, Nauru, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

Figure 3o Kiribati

Figure 3p Nauru

Figure 3q Fiji

Figure 3r Solomon Islands

Legend
- Dengue-like Illness (DLI)
- Diarrhoea

Figure 3s Tuvalu

Figure 3t Vanuatu

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## Case Definitions

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<td>Fever plus rash (non-blisterring)</td>
<td>1 case if there is a measles outbreak.</td>
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<td><strong>Prolonged fever (PF)</strong></td>
<td>Fever for 3 days or more</td>
<td>Twice the average number of cases seen in the previous 2 weeks</td>
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<td><strong>Influenza-like illness (ILI)</strong></td>
<td>An acute respiratory infection with: measured fever of ≥ 38°C and cough; with onset within the last 10 days.</td>
<td>Twice the average number of cases seen in the previous 2 weeks</td>
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<td><strong>Diarrhoea</strong></td>
<td>3 or more loose or watery stools in 24 hours (non-bloody)</td>
<td>Twice the average number of cases seen in the previous 2 weeks</td>
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| **Suspected dengue** | Fever for at least 2 days, plus **at least two** of the following:  
  i. Nausea or vomiting;  
  ii. Muscle or joint pain;  
  iii. Severe headache or pain behind the eyes;  
  iv. Rash;  
  v. Bleeding | Twice the average number of cases seen in the previous 3 weeks |
| **Severe acute respiratory infection, requiring hospitalisation (SARI)** | Sudden onset of fever above 38°C, cough or sore throat, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, and requiring hospitalization. | Twice moving average in 2 weeks |
| **COVID - 19** | | Twice moving average in 2 weeks |

### Alert thresholds

Please note that the alert thresholds have been set in EWARS and you will receive instant email notification once you have surpassed the alert threshold.

### New Indicators

- **COVID-19** one (1) case, this is as the case definition set to identify suspected COVID-19 including **Multi-system Inflammatory** cases in children. In addition, use the EBS to report details.

- **SARI** The alert threshold for SARI is set at one (1) case to increase sensitivity for its investigation as a suspected COVID-19 case and hence require laboratory confirmation or exclusion.

Once you do receive an alert, you need to follow the link to verify the alert – enter brief notes to say what the cases were, what has been done to the cases (investigation, treatment) or any other cases regarding the cases – age, gender, residence, hospitalized or not?

The alerts are set to auto-discard after 2 days if no action has been taken.

In addition, there are now forms available on EWARS for reporting Event Based Surveillance (EBS). Please use these to report any unusual disease patterns/symptoms, unexpected deaths, disease or deaths in animals or anything that is of concern.
For more help and support, please contact:

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World Health Organization
Division of Pacific Technical Support
Suva, Fiji

Email: shakilan@who.int

Notes:
The Pacific Syndromic Surveillance System (PSSS) was started in 2010. With the support of the Pacific Community, it collects sentinel surveillance data on 4 syndromes (including one optional), from 23 Pacific Island Countries and areas.

The aim is to monitor trends and to trigger alerts to rapidly detect and respond to suspected outbreaks. In 2017, the system was moved to an online platform called EWARS. Data is entered online by country focal points and is then analysed using an online application.

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