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### Key indicators & Highlights

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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**
**Country trends | AFR and PF**

**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.**

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

**Figure 1a** American Samoa | Samoa américaines

**Figure 1b** N Mariana Isl. | Îles Mariannes du Nord

**Figure 1c** Federated States of Micronesia

**Figure 1d** Marshall Islands | Îles Marshall

**Figure 1e** Guam | Guam

Not reported

**Legend**

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

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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

Figure 2e Guam | Guam

Figure 2f | Palau

Legend
- SARI (Influenza-like illness that requires hospitalization)
- COVID-19
- Influenza-like illness
Tonga, Samoa, Cooks Islands, Niue, Tokelau

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

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

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

Figure 2a Kiribati

Figure 2b Nauru

Figure 2c Fiji

Figure 2d Solomon Islands

Figure 2e Tuvalu

Figure 2f Vanuatu

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**Country trends | Diarrhoea and DLI**

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**Legend**

- Purple line: Dengue-like Illness (DLI)
- Blue line: Diarrhoea

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Kiribati, Nauru, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

Legend
- Dengue-like Illness (DLI)
- Diarrhoea

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<td>Acute Fever and Rash (AFR)</td>
<td>Fever plus rash (non-blistering)</td>
<td>1 case if there is a measles outbreak.</td>
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<td>Prolonged fever (PF)</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>Influenza-like illness (ILI)</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>Diarrhoea</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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<td>Suspected dengue</td>
<td>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</td>
<td>Twice the average number of cases seen in the previous 3 weeks</td>
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<td>Severe acute respiratory infection, requiring hospitalisation (SARI)</td>
<td>Sudden onset of fever above 38°C, cough or sore throat, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, and requiring hospitalization.</td>
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### 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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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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L'objectif est de surveiller les tendances et de déclencher des alertes pour détecter et répondre rapidement aux épidémies présumées. En 2017, le système a été transféré vers une plate-forme en ligne appelée EWARS. Les données sont entrées en ligne par points focaux de pays et sont ensuite analysées à l'aide d'une application en ligne.

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