

Situation Report #1 Measles in the Americas Region

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Data as of EW 12, 2026 11:00 EST (UTC-05:00). Information in this document is subject to change.

Situation Overview

Between epidemiological weeks (EW) 1 and EW 12 of 2026, countries in the Region of the Americas reported 14,465 confirmed measles cases. In 2025, 14,503 measles cases were reported, including 32 deaths. This follows a marked rise in cases during 2025, with continued acceleration observed in early 2026.

Genotyping information indicate that the D8 lineage has been identified across multiple countries and is associated with outbreaks in at least ten countries, suggesting widespread circulation of this strain in the Region.

The highest number of cases in 2026 have been reported in Mexico (n= 8,315), Guatemala (n= 3,687), the United States of America (n= 1,664), and Canada (n= 733), with ongoing transmission documented in Bolivia and other countries across the Region.

All age groups are affected; however, the highest number of cases has been reported among children, particularly those aged 1–9 years, followed by children and adolescents aged 10–19 years. Incidence rates are highest among children under one year of age.

A substantial proportion of cases occur among unvaccinated individuals, with available data indicating that approximately two-thirds of confirmed cases have no documented history of measles vaccination.

Response Highlights

- A regional emergency for measles was declared on 23 February 2026, triggering activation of PAHO's Incident Management Support Team (IMST) and emergency procedures to scale up response across the Region.
- Vaccination response scaled up regionally, with PAHO supporting outbreak and follow-up campaigns targeting children and adolescents across multiple countries.
- Rapid response capacity was reinforced through the deployment of immunization experts, targeted funding for microplanning, and the strengthening and adaptation of epidemiologic and laboratory surveillance, alongside field operations.
- Regional coordination reinforced, including cross-country knowledge exchange to align outbreak response strategies and operational approaches.
- Persistent challenges in vaccine access and uptake, with ongoing efforts to secure additional doses and improve reach among high-risk populations.

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

14,465

Confirmed Cases

9

Deaths*

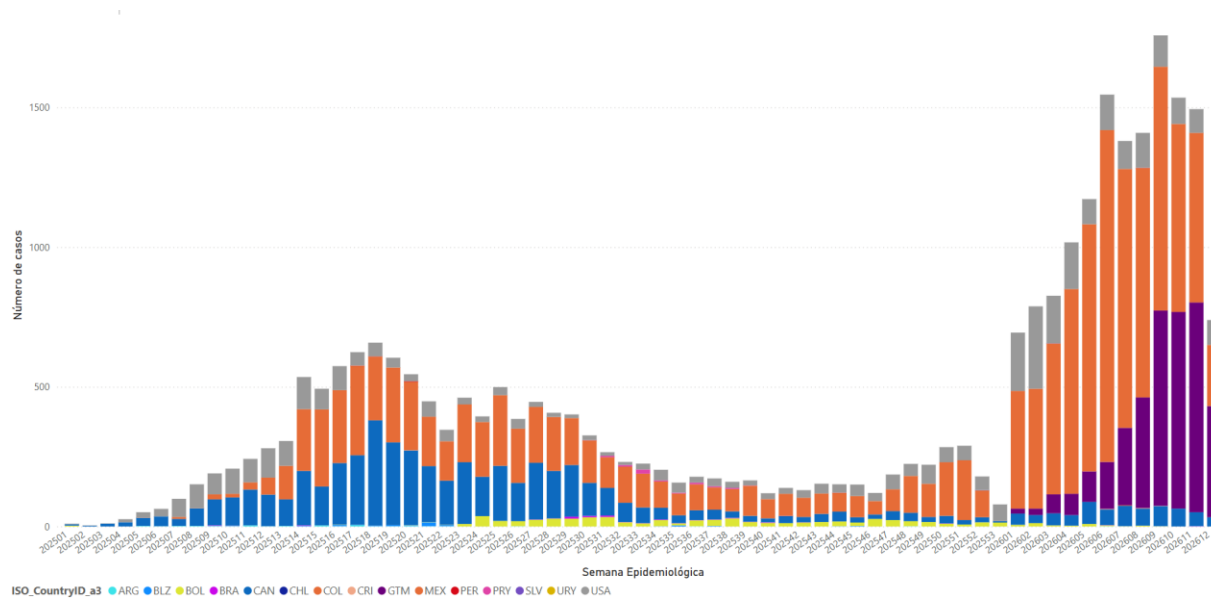
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Countries
affected

Source: PAHO/WHO
Measles Dashboard:
<https://tinyurl.com/3xtciv84>

* All 9 deaths reported
from Mexico

Figure 1: Confirmed measles cases by epidemiological week (EW) of rash onset. Region of the Americas. EW 01, 2025 – EW 12, 2026 (n= 28,968)







Source: PAHO/WHO Regional Measles Dashboard: <https://tinyurl.com/3xtcjv84>

Annex 1

Epidemiological Overview

1. Trends of Measles cases in the Region of the Americas by country, as of EW 12, 2026

The table below summarizes the epidemiological situation in countries that have reported confirmed measles cases.

Country	Cases	Trend (last 4 weeks)**	Jurisd ictions	Epi Notes	RVC Class.
Mexico*	2025: 6,152 2026: 8,315		32/32	Outbreak has an upward trend with most new cases reported in Jalisco. Nine additional deaths were reported in 2026 up to epidemiological week (EW) 12, bringing the total number of deaths since the start of the outbreak in 2025 to 36. Last case in EW 12 of 2026.	Sust. Elim. with major concerns
Canada*	2025: 5,425 2026: 733		10/13	98% of cases are linked to the New Brunswick (NB) 2024 outbreak. In EWs 05-08, six provinces reported 259 cases, of which 256 are related to NB2024. Last case on 28 Mar 2026 (EW 12).	Endemic
United States*	2025: 2,144 2026: 1,664		31/52	In 2025, 49 outbreaks; in 2026, 14. Majority of cases in under-vaccinated populations. Most cases in South Carolina (664), Utah (231), Florida (116), Texas (93) and Arizona (43). Last case on EW 12 of 2026.	Sust. Elim. with major concerns
Guatemala*	2025: 1 2026: 3,687		29/29	Cluster of cases reported after a Christian religious meeting that have disseminated to at least 19/22 departments (23/29 health areas). PAHO is supporting outbreak rapid response. Last case on EW 12 of 2026.	Sustained elimination
Bolivia*	2025: 595 2026: 51	No trend	9/9	In 2026, 85% of cases are from Santa Cruz Department, followed by Beni and Cochabamba (5%). 75% of cases are <10 years. There is a low transmission intensity over the past 4 weeks. Last case on 3 March 2026 (EW 09).	Sust. Elim. with major concerns
Paraguay	2025: 48	No trend	2/18	Last case on 25 September 2025 (EW 39).	Sustained elimination
Belize	2025: 44	No trend	2/6	Last case was on 2 November 2025 (EW 45).	Sustained elimination
Brazil	2025: 38 2026: 2	No trend	7/27	Imported cases in Rio de Janeiro, Brasilia, Sao Paulo, Rio Grande do Sul, Tocantins, Maranhão and Matto Grosso. Last case on EW 11 of 2026.	Sust. Elim. with moderate concerns
Argentina	2025: 37 2026: 1	No trend	3/24	Last case on 8 Feb 2026 (EW 6), case imported from Philippines.	Sust. Elim. with moderate concerns
Uruguay*	2025: 12 2026: 2	No trend	2/19	Twelve cases in an Orthodox community and general population in Rio Negro Department, associated with recent travel to Bolivia. Two other importations in 2026 in Montevideo. Last case on EW 03.	Sustained elimination
Colombia*	2026: 4	No trend	2/33	Four cases identified during EW 06-08 in Bogotá and Bucaramanga. All cases with probable source of	Sustained elimination

				infection in Mexico, due to international travel. Last cases on 23 February 2026 (EW 08).	
Peru*	2025: 5 2026: 2	No trend	1/25	One case in 2026, imported from Spain. Another case with unknown source of infection. Last case on 23 February 2026 (EW 08).	Sustained elimination
El Salvador	2025: 1	No trend	1/14	One imported case, with probable source of infection in Guatemala during a meeting of the "Iglesia Palabra Miel". Date of rash onset was 24 Dec 2025 (EW 52).	Sustained elimination
Costa Rica*	2025: 1 2026: 3	No trend	1/7	Cases with probable source of infection in Costa Rica during an international music festival.	Sustained elimination
Chile*	2026: 1	No trend	1/29	One case in 2026, imported from Mexico in EW 04.	Sustained elimination

* Countries with active outbreaks. **Last EW not included to avoid under-reporting.