



Enhanced Surveillance Pacific Mini Games, Palau 2025



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Surveillance activity from : 3:00PM 7/05/25 - 3:00PM 7/06/25
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Situation Report: 09

Summary:

- This report provides a consolidated account of public health activities and findings since enhanced surveillance activities started, with particular emphasis on syndrome surveillance outcomes (N=38), injury monitoring (N=250), environmental assessments (N=349), and site-level interventions.
- Data from routine and event-based reporting systems informed targeted actions, including case investigations, sanitation reviews, and risk communication actions.
- Sporadic cases of gastrointestinal and influenza-like illnesses were managed through reinforced health promotion, food safety reviews, and case management where appropriate.
- Strong coordination across health practitioners, technical teams, and field responders enabled timely responses and helped to contain public health threats.
- As the Games progress, these efforts continue to shine a light on the importance of proactive health measures—just like a sunset reminds us to pause, reflect, and prepare for a new week.



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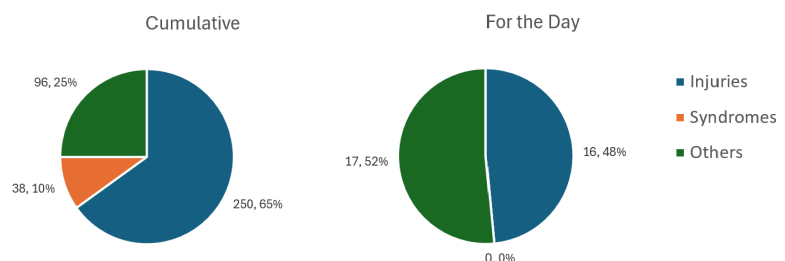
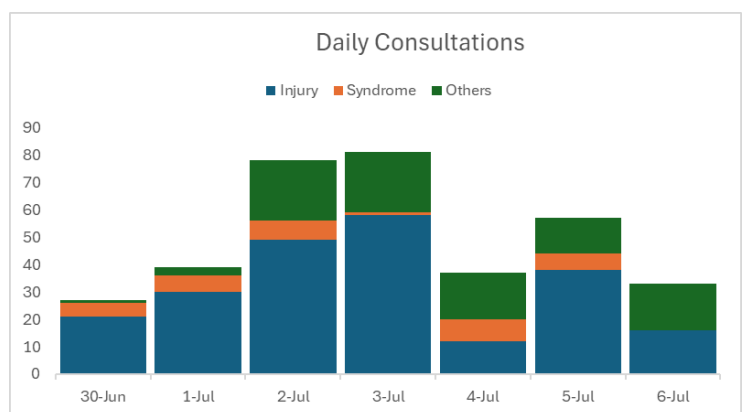
PIO Rapid Assessment & Health Messaging Update

- The MHHS-EOC Public Information Office (PIO) team continues to conduct the Risk Communication Rapid Assessment across Games' venues and athlete accommodations. To expand reach, a QR code linking to the survey was disseminated at key locations and posted on the MHHS Facebook page.

Consultations:

- A total of 384 consultations have been recorded since enhanced surveillance started on 6/26.
- During this reporting period there were 33 consultations at sentinel sites:
 - 16 (48%) injuries
 - 0 (0%) syndromes
 - 17 (52%) were medical consultations, majority of which involved routine but essential support services such as athletic taping, wound care, and minor clinical interventions

Encounters / Consultations





Injuries:

- 16 new injuries have been recorded across both competition and training venues, for a cumulative total of 250 injuries since enhanced surveillance started.
- The most frequently reported injuries were:
- Muscle strains – 87 cases (35%)
- Joint sprains – 70 cases (28%)
- Abrasions – 24 (10%)
- Open wound and cuts – 15 (6%)
- Bruise and contusions – 14 (6%)
- These injury patterns are consistent with participation in high-intensity sporting disciplines, where rapid movements and physical stress routinely affect joints and muscles.
- Injured athletes included 7 males and 9 females, ranging in age from 17 to 35 years old.
- This age group represents a segment of peak athletic capacity, further reinforcing the need for robust physical preparations and proper injury prevention strategies during sporting events.

Injury Type (Bars show daily trends)	Cumulative Total		Daily Count
	Number	Percent	
Abrasion / graze	24	10%	2
Blisters	1	0%	0
Bruise / contusion	14	6%	1
Concussion	5	2%	2
Dislocation	3	1%	0
Subluxation	0	0%	0
Fracture	2	1%	0
Inflammation / swelling	11	4%	1
Loss of consciousness	1	0%	0
Open wound / laceration / cut	15	6%	2
Other	16	6%	0
Sprain	70	28%	6
Strain	87	35%	2
Unspecified medical condition	1	0%	0
TOTAL	250	100%	16

Syndromes:

- No new syndromic case was reported today across designated sentinel sites. A cumulative total of 38 syndromic alerts were reported during the enhanced surveillance period that began on 26 June.
- 53% of cases have been classified as Influenza-like Illness (ILI), reflecting the predominance of respiratory-related symptoms.
- 24% have been attributed to Acute Gastroenteritis (AGE), pointing to gastrointestinal symptoms that may be linked to food, water, or person-to-person transmission.
- 8% of cases are heat related.

Syndrome Type (Bars show daily trends)	Cumulative Total		Daily Count
	Number	Percent	
Acute Fever and Neurological Symptoms (AFN)	0	0%	0
Acute Fever and Rash (AFR)	0	0%	0
Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP)	0	0%	0
Acute Gastroenteritis (AGE)	9	24%	0
Alcohol and drug / toxin related illness	0	0%	0
Dengue-like Illness (DLI)	1	3%	0
Diarrhoea (bloody)	0	0%	0
Diarrhoea (watery)	0	0%	0
General rash	1	3%	0
Heat-related illness	3	8%	0
Influenza-like Illness (ILI)	20	53%	0
Neonatal tetanus	0	0%	0
Other or unusual health event	4	11%	0
Prolonged cough	0	0%	0
Prolonged fever	0	0%	0
Severe acute respiratory illness (SARI)	0	0%	0
TOTAL	38	100%	0



Environmental Health:

- 349 inspections have been conducted, 63 of them today, across priority sites including athletes' accommodations, Games' venues, food booths, kitchen and dining areas, as well as designated sites for vector surveillance.
- Each inspection is guided by a comprehensive quality index, tailored to the specific operational context of each site. The depth and specificity of these standards reflect the host country's commitment to health security and operational excellence.
- All inspected sites either improved or maintained their quality status.

Site Category	Number of inspections done (Cumulative)	Number of inspections done (for the day)	Quality Index	Quality Index (Past 24 hours)
Athletes' accommodation	77	12	100%	▲ 100%
Food booth	155	23	98%	▲ 98%
Games venue	25	8	100%	▬ 100%
Kitchen	15	1	100%	▬ 100%
Vector control: Games venues	53	8	100%	▬ 100%
Vector control: Athletes' accommodation	23	10	100%	▲ 100%
Quality Markers ▲ Improving ▬ No change ▼ Deteriorating Poor Good				



Public Health Measures:

- Ongoing enhanced surveillance, including event-based surveillance for social listening and tracking of unusual events.
- No new case of dengue was reported.
- Environmental health assessments and interventions are continuing at Games' venues, accommodations and food vendors to ensure adherence to standards.

Social Listening

- Ongoing social listening surveillance is used to identify "signals", or potential concerns related to health misinformation, emerging public fears, or behavioral trends that could impact community well-being.
- 2 signals were captured by the event-based surveillance system, assessed and closed as no further action was required.

Recommendations:

- Athletes and coaches are encouraged to review warm-up protocols, recovery routines, and physical conditioning plans to minimize future risk.
- All athletes, staff, and community members are advised to practice frequent handwashing, wear masks where appropriate, and seek medical attention promptly if symptoms develop.
- Games Officials and medical teams are advised to maintain responsive injury support systems and reinforce athlete education on early symptom recognition.
- Medical teams and public health coordinators are encouraged to continue vigilant screening of syndromes and early intervention efforts.