



Enhanced Surveillance Pacific Mini Games, Palau 2025



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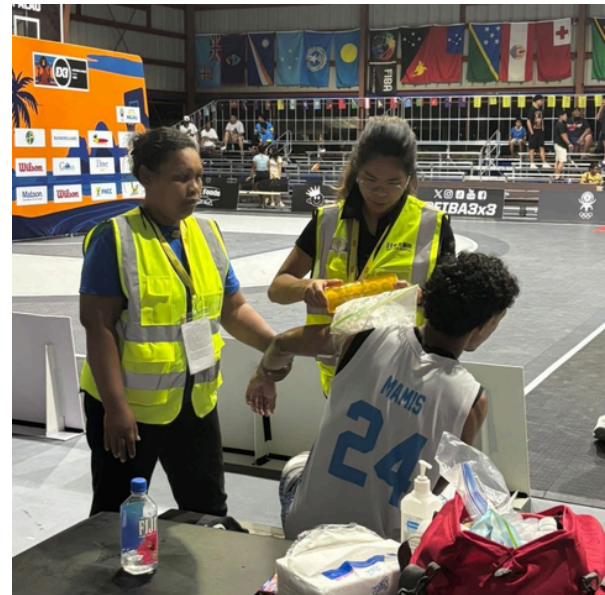
Surveillance activity from : 3:00PM 7/07/25 - 3:00PM 7/08/25

Report Date: 07/09/2025

Situation Report: 11

Summary:

- Syndromic surveillance: 9 new syndromic cases were reported today across sentinel sites, bringing the cumulative total to 64 cases since the start of surveillance activities. Of the 9 cases reported today, 4 (44%) were classified as Influenza-like Illnesses (ILI). One case of influenza A and one case of Covid-19 were identified through clinical diagnostics. No additional dengue cases have been identified since the first confirmed case on 4 July, indicating no further spread at this time. Ages of cases range from 13 to 80 years, mean age = 24 years.
- Injury surveillance: 20 new injury cases were reported today across competition and training venues, bringing the cumulative injury count to 295 since enhanced surveillance began. Strains continue to account for the largest proportion of reported injuries (35%) followed by sprains (27%). Injury cases ranged in age from 13 to 61, mean age = 33 years.
- Environmental monitoring: 47 environmental site inspections were conducted across priority areas, contributing to a cumulative total of 447 inspections since the onset of enhanced surveillance operations. All inspections met compliance standards.

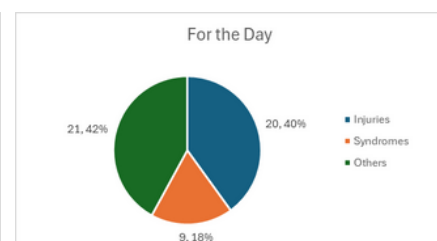
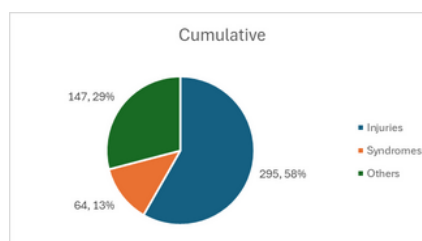
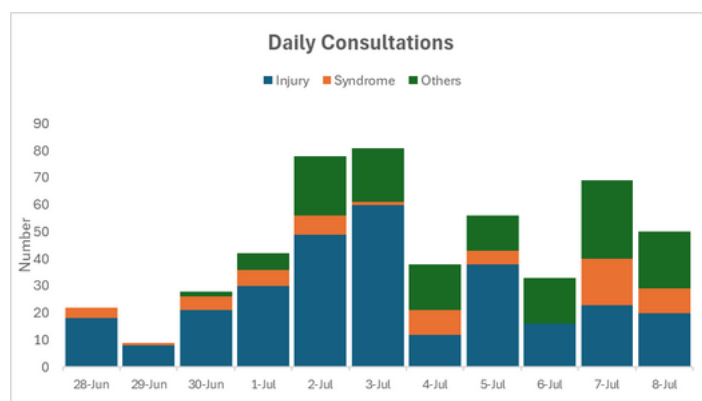


Rapid Assessment Overview

- The risk communication rapid assessment led by the MHHS-EOC PIO Team is progressing well and remains ongoing. As of today, the team has successfully reached 125 respondents. In light of this progress, the assessment period has been extended through July 14, with a new target of 200 participants. The team is actively working each day to achieve this goal.
- Additionally, the health exit message has been finalized and submitted for display on the departure screens at the airport, ensuring key health information reaches departing athletes and visitors.

Consultations:

- A total of 506 consultations have been recorded since enhanced surveillance started on 26 June.
- During this reporting period there were 50 consultations at sentinel sites:
 - 20 (40%) injuries
 - 9 (18%) syndromes
 - 21 (42%) were medical consultations, majority of which involved routine but essential support services such as athletic taping, wound care, and minor clinical interventions





Injuries:

- 20 new injuries have been recorded across both competition and training venues, for a cumulative total of 295 injuries since enhanced surveillance started.
- The most frequently reported injuries were:
 - Muscle strains – 103 (35%)
 - Joint sprains – 79 (27%)
 - Abrasions – 30 (10%)
 - Open wound and cuts – 20 (7%)
- These injury patterns are consistent with participation in high-intensity sports, where rapid movements and physical stress routinely affect joints and muscles.
- Cases included 10 males and 10 females, ranging in age from 17 to 51 years old.

Injury Type	(Bars show daily trends)	Cumulative Total		Daily Count
		Number	Percent	
Abrasion / graze		30	10%	3
Blisters		2	1%	1
Bruise / contusion		16	5%	4
Cardiac problem		0	0%	0
Concussion		6	2%	0
Dislocation / subluxation		3	1%	0
Fracture		2	1%	0
Inflammation / swelling		13	4%	0
Loss of consciousness		1	0%	0
Open wound / laceration / cut		20	7%	1
Other		17	6%	1
Respiratory problem		0	0%	0
Sprain		79	27%	6
Strain		103	35%	3
Unspecified medical condition		3	1%	1
TOTAL		295	100%	20

Syndromes:

- 9 syndromic cases have been reported today across sentinel sites. A cumulative total of 64 syndromic alerts were reported during the enhanced surveillance period that began on 26 June.
- 56% of cases have been classified as Influenza-like Illness (ILI), reflecting the predominance of respiratory symptoms. 1 case of influenza A and 1 case of Covid-19 were detected through clinical diagnostics.
- 14% have been attributed to Acute Gastroenteritis (AGE), pointing to gastrointestinal symptoms that may be linked to food, water, or person-to-person transmission.
- 14% attributed to rash, conjunctivitis, and headaches.
- Syndromic cases included 3 males and 6 females, ranging in age from 16 to 72 years old.

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	14%	0
Alcohol and drug / toxin related illness		0	0%	0
Dengue-like Illness (DLI)		2	3%	0
Diarrhoea (bloody)		0	0%	0
Diarrhoea (watery)		4	6%	2
General rash		2	3%	1
Heat-related illness		3	5%	0
Influenza-like Illness (ILI)		36	56%	4
Neonatal tetanus		0	0%	0
Other or unusual health event		8	13%	2
Prolonged cough		0	0%	0
Prolonged fever		0	0%	0
Severe acute respiratory illness (SARI)		0	0%	0
TOTAL		64	100%	9



Environmental Health:

- 47 site inspections were conducted today, bringing the cumulative number of inspections since the start of enhanced surveillance to 447.
- Overall compliance with safety standards remain high for all Games' venues and athletes' accommodations. This is attributed to continued vigilance and prompt corrective action.

Site Category	Number of inspections done (Cumulative)	Number of inspections done (for the day)	Trends in Past 24 Hours
Athletes' accomodation	97	13	▲ 99%
Food booth	199	14	▲ 99%
Games venue	31	3	▲ 100%
Kitchen	18	1	▬ 100%
Vector control Games Venues	26	3	▲ 100%
Vector control Athletes Accomodation	76	13	▲ 100%
Quality Markers ▲ Improving ▬ No change ▼ Deteriorating			

Public Health Measures:

- Ongoing enhanced surveillance, including event-based surveillance for social listening and tracking of unusual events.
- Active monitoring for dengue is ongoing; no new cases have been reported.
- Detected cases of Covid-19 and influenza A were managed according to established public health protocols. There is no increased general risk to athletes, delegates or Games' personnel based on current assessments.



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.
- 5 signals were captured by the event-based surveillance system. All five were assessed and closed as no further action was required.

Recommendations:

- Promote hand hygiene and cough etiquette across athletes' villages and public venues; enhance ventilation in shared spaces to reduce the spread of Influenza-like Illness (ILI).
- Encourage departing athletes and visitors to seek medical attention if they experience symptoms after they return home and to report their recent travel history.
- Continue environmental assessments across Games' sites and communal areas.
- Reinforce clinical vigilance for influenza-like illness to prompt timely public health interventions and maintain laboratory readiness to test and confirm any emerging influenza-related concerns.