

Outbreak Report for May 2026 West Virginia

During the month of May 2026, there were eighteen outbreaks reported in West Virginia, and seventeen were confirmed as outbreaks or clusters of disease. Reported outbreaks occurred in seven long-term care facilities (LTCF), three hospitals, three daycares, one school, and three in community-based settings.

The rest of this report describes the types and settings of the outbreaks. All data provided is provisional as some outbreaks may still be under investigation.

Respiratory Outbreaks During May 2026 (n=11)

Type of Outbreak or Cluster	Number of Outbreaks	Outbreak Setting	# of Cases (Range of Cases)	Testing
Influenza	1	1 School	98	Rapid Test Confirmed
Human Metapneumovirus	1	1 LTCF	10	Rapid Test or Lab Confirmed
Pertussis	2	2 Community Based	4	Lab Confirmed
Respiratory Syncytial Virus	2	2 LTCF	(4-9)	Rapid Test or Lab Confirmed
Legionellosis	2	2 Hospital	(1-4)	Lab Confirmed
Multiple Acute Respiratory Illnesses	3	1 Daycare 2 LTCF	8 32	Rapid Test or Lab Confirmed

Enteric Outbreaks During May 2026 (n=3)

Type of Outbreak or Cluster	Number of Outbreaks	Outbreak Setting	# of Cases (Range of Cases)	Laboratory Testing
Salmonellosis	1	1 Community Based	2	Lab Confirmed
Norovirus	1	1 LTCF	15	Lab Confirmed
Acute Gastroenteritis Illness	1	1 LTCF	5	No Lab Testing

Rash Outbreaks During May 2026 (n=2)

Type of Outbreak or Cluster	Number of Outbreaks	Outbreak Setting	# of Cases (Range of Cases)	Laboratory Testing
Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease	2	2 Daycares	(3-23)	No Lab Testing

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MDRO Outbreaks During May 2026 (n=1)

Type of Outbreak or Cluster	Number of Outbreaks	Outbreak Setting	# of Cases (Range of Cases)	Laboratory Testing
Candida auris	1	1 Hospital	2	Lab Confirmed

Figure 1 illustrates confirmed outbreaks by type.

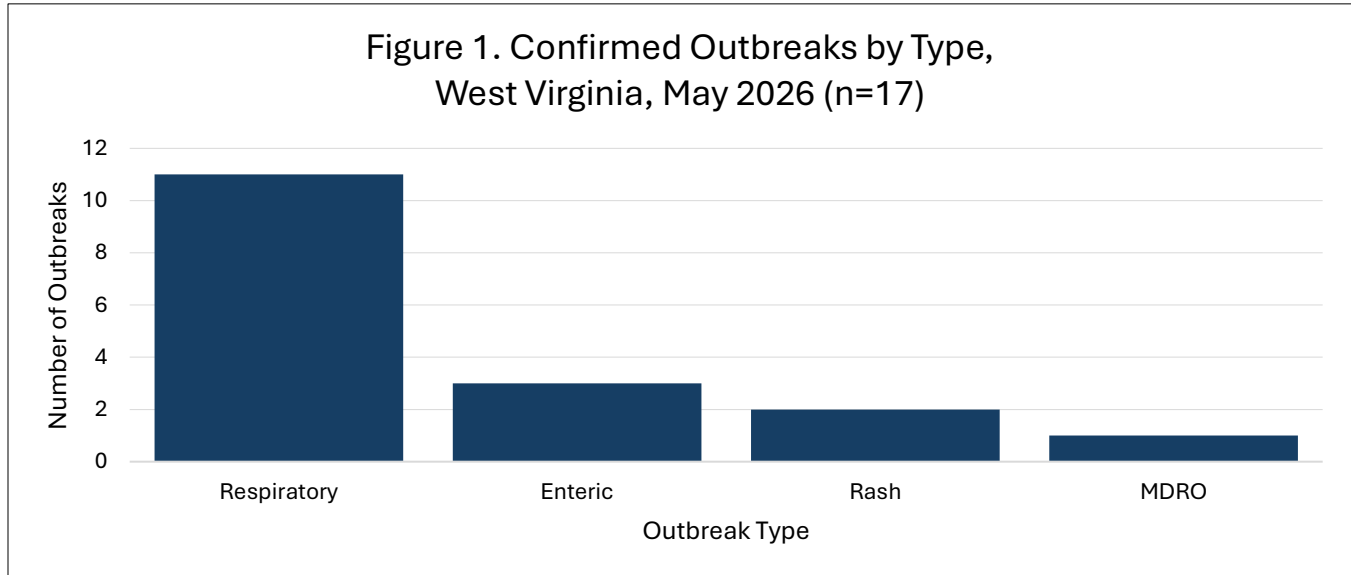
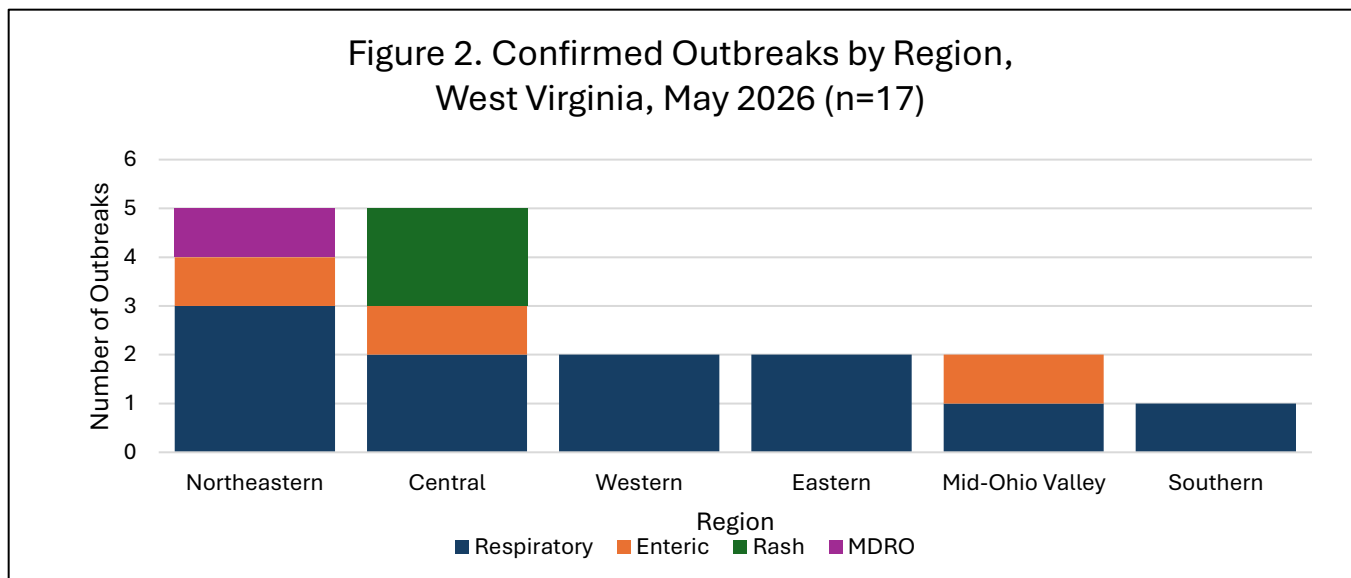
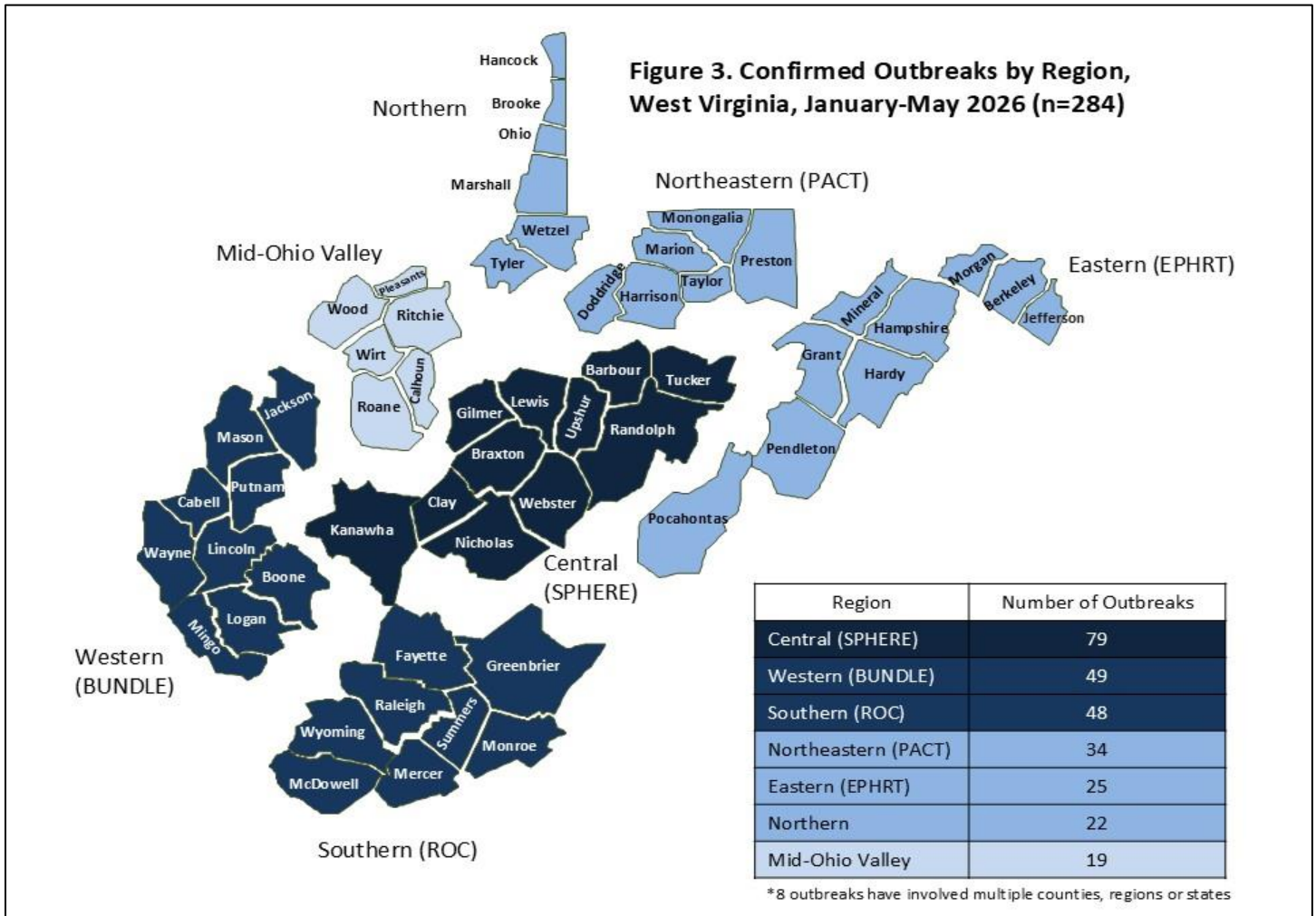


Figure 2 illustrates the number of outbreaks per region by type.



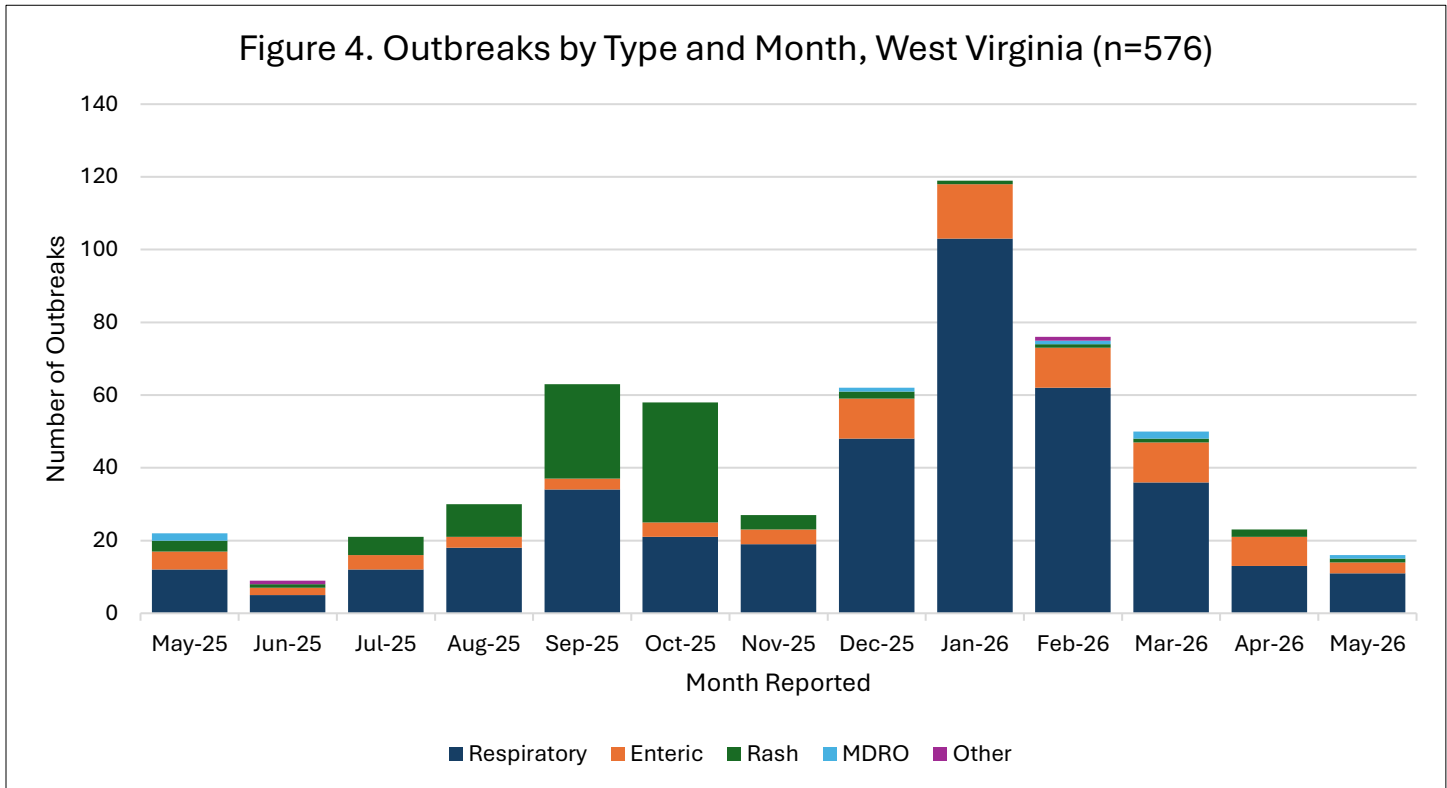
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Figure 3 displays the number of outbreaks by region.



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Figure 4 displays the number of outbreaks by type and month for the period from 2025 to 2026.



For outbreak guidelines or information on any disease or condition, visit the Office of Epidemiology & Prevention Services website at <https://oepe.wv.gov>. For after-hours public health emergencies, disease reporting, or to consult with an epidemiologist, call (304) 558-5358, or toll-free in West Virginia at 1-800-423-1271 (available 24/7/365)

Remember that outbreaks should be reported immediately to the local health department.

This report is sent monthly. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding this report.