

Outbreak Report for September 2026 West Virginia

During the month of September 2026, there were forty-five outbreaks reported in West Virginia, and forty-three were confirmed as outbreaks or clusters of disease. Reported outbreaks occurred across eleven long-term care facilities (LTCF) and two psychiatric hospitals. They were also reported across several educational and community settings, which include seventeen schools, seven community-based settings (two occurring in multiple regions and one multistate), four daycares, one child residential facility, and one congregate living facility.

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 September 2026 (n=14)

Type of Outbreak or Cluster	Number of Outbreaks	Outbreak Setting	# of Cases (Range of Cases)	Testing
COVID-19	5	3 LTCF 1 Child Residential 1 Congregate Living	(7-69) 3 13	Rapid Test or Lab Confirmed
Acute Respiratory Illness	5	2 LTCF 2 Schools 1 Psychiatric Hospital	(15-17) (6-10) 15	No Lab Testing, Insufficient, or Negative/Non-Contributory
Enterovirus/rhinovirus	1	1 LTCF	6	Lab Confirmed
Legionellosis	1	1 LTCF	1	Lab Confirmed
Respiratory Syncytial Virus	1	1 LTCF	3	Lab Confirmed
Picornavirus	1	1 LTCF	11	Lab Confirmed

Rash Outbreaks During September 2026 (n=16)

Type of Outbreak or Cluster	Number of Outbreaks	Outbreak Setting	# of Cases (Range of Cases)	Laboratory Testing
Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease	15	2 Daycares 13 Schools	(9-11) (3-14)	No Lab Testing
Varicella	1	1 Daycare	4	Lab Confirmed

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Enteric Outbreaks During September 2026 (n=10)

Type of Outbreak or Cluster	Number of Outbreaks	Outbreak Setting	# of Cases (Range of Cases)	Laboratory Testing
Salmonellosis	1	1 Community Based	16	Lab Confirmed
Waterborne Giardiasis	1	1 Community Based	3	Lab Confirmed
Escherichia coli	1	1 Daycare	19	Lab Confirmed
Listeria monocytogenes	1	1 Community Based	1	Lab Confirmed
Campylobacteriosis	2	2 Community Based	4	Lab Confirmed
Cryptosporidiosis	2	2 Community Based	(2-3)	Lab Confirmed or Insufficient Testing
Acute Gastroenteritis	2	1 LTCF 1 Psychiatric Hospital	(5-12)	Testing Negative or Non-Contributory

MDRO Outbreaks During September 2026 (n=2)

Type of Outbreak or Cluster	Number of Outbreaks	Outbreak Setting	# of Cases (Range of Cases)	Laboratory Testing
Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus	2	2 Schools	(2-8)	No Lab Testing

Other Outbreaks During September 2026 (n=1)

Type of Outbreak or Cluster	Number of Outbreaks	Outbreak Setting	# of Cases (Range of Cases)	Laboratory Testing
Conjunctivitis	1	1 LTCF	4	No Lab Testing

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Figure 1 illustrates confirmed outbreaks by type.

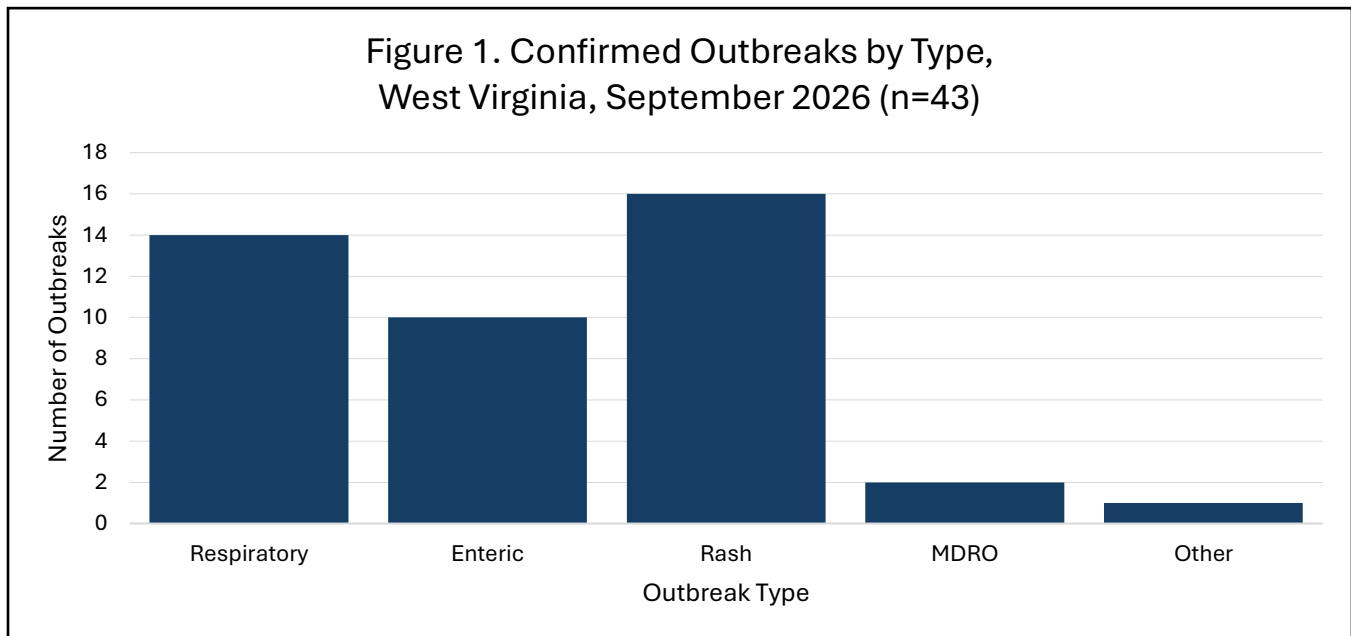
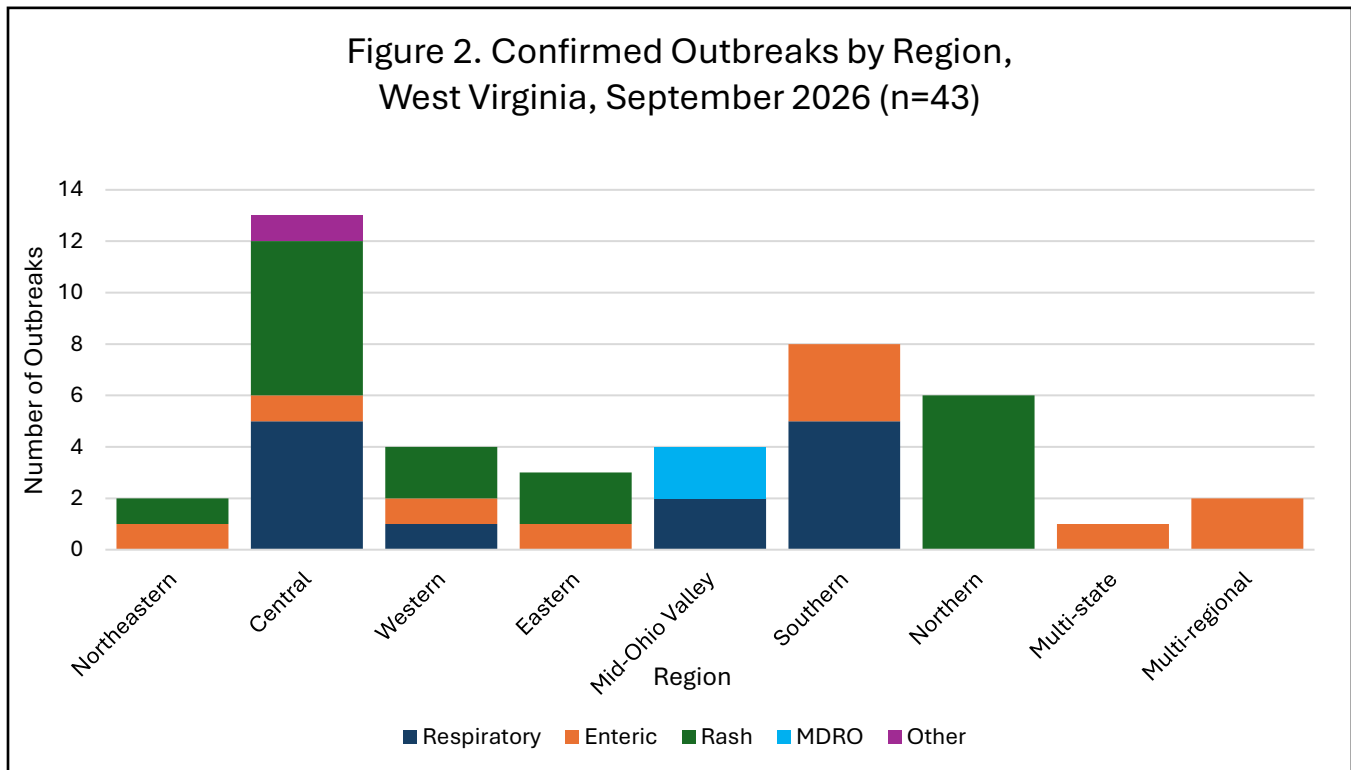
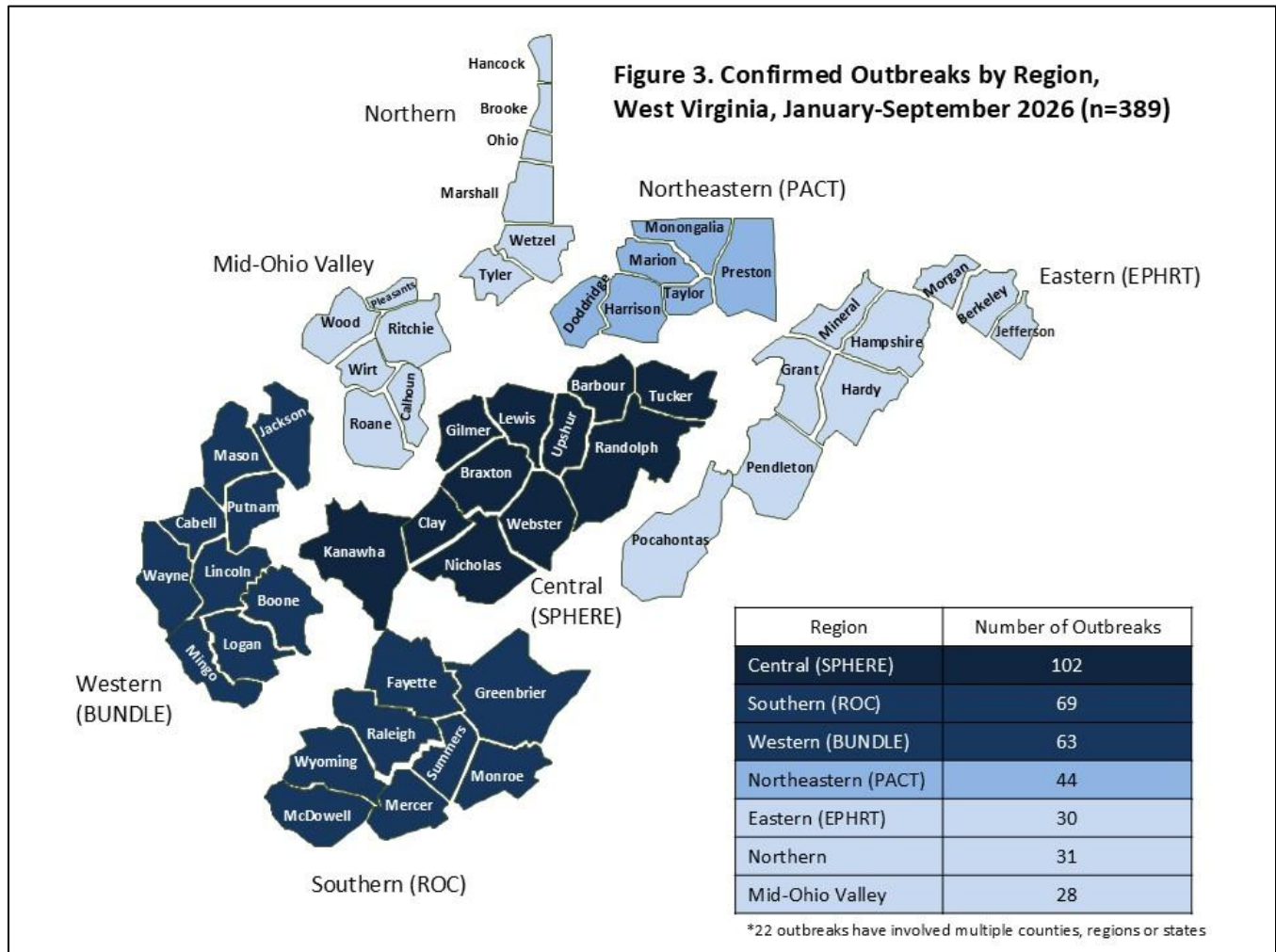


Figure 2 illustrates the number of outbreaks per region by type.



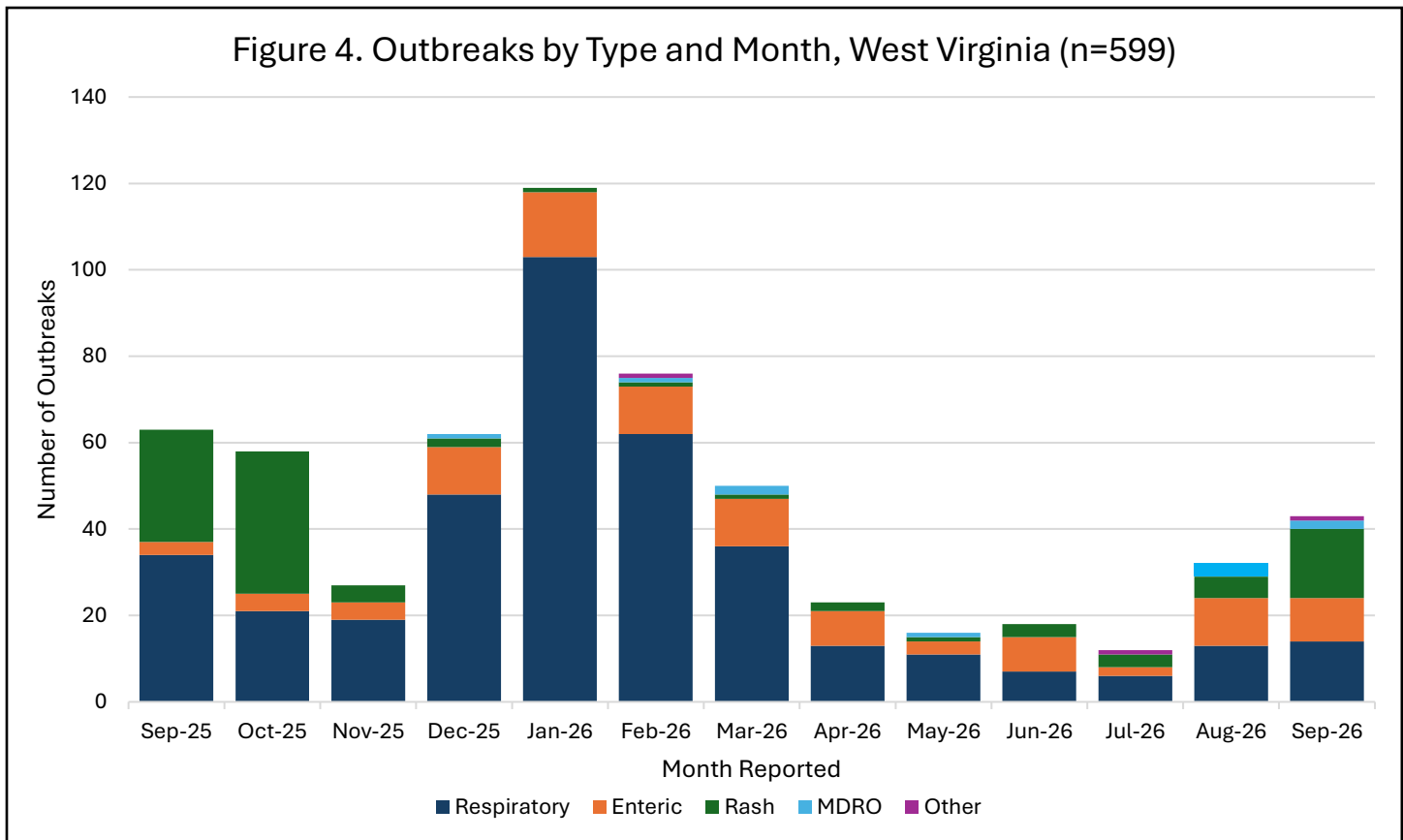
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Figure 3 displays the number of outbreaks by region.



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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.