

Outbreak Report for January 2026 West Virginia

During the month of January 2026, there were one hundred and twenty-two outbreaks reported in West Virginia and one hundred nineteen were confirmed to be outbreaks or clusters of disease. The reported settings for these outbreaks included 57 long-term care facilities (LTCF), 32 schools, 12 daycares, 6 assisted living facilities, and 5 psychiatric hospitals. There were also 3 outbreaks in congregate living facilities, including a housing authority site and other residential facilities. The remaining reports included 2 community-based clusters, 1 other healthcare setting, and 1 in food and hospitality.

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 January 2026 (n=103)

Type of Outbreak or Cluster	Number of Outbreaks	Outbreak Setting	# of Cases (Range of Cases)	Testing
COVID-19	38	27 LTCF 6 Assisted Living 1 School 1 Daycare 1 Psychiatric Hospital 2 Congregate Living	(3-66) (3-31) 6 3 11 26	Lab Confirmed
Influenza	37	15 LTCF 16 Schools 3 Daycares 1 Psychiatric Hospital 1 Congregate Living 1 Other Healthcare	(2-37) (3-40) (11-22) 35 12 3	Lab Confirmed
Multiple Acute Respiratory Illnesses	14	8 Schools 2 Daycares 2 LTCF 2 Psychiatric Hospital	(6-35) (12-21) (13-27) (9-10)	Rapid Test or Lab Confirmed
Respiratory Syncytial Virus	5	4 Daycares 1 LTCF	(3-20) 3	Lab Confirmed
Acute Respiratory Illness	3	2 Schools 1 LTCF	(6-11) 7	No Lab Testing or Negative or Non-Contributory
Pertussis	2	1 School 1 Community-Based	2 2	Lab Confirmed
Streptococcal Pharyngitis	2	2 Schools	(13-29)	No Lab Testing
Legionellosis	1	1 LTCF	2	Lab Confirmed
Human metapneumovirus	1	1 LTCF	18	Lab Confirmed

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Enteric Outbreaks During January 2026 (n=15)

Type of Outbreak or Cluster	Number of Outbreaks	Outbreak Setting	# of Cases (Range of Cases)	Laboratory Testing
Acute Gastroenteritis Illness	10	6 LTCF 2 Schools 1 Psychiatric Hospital 1 Food and Hospitality	(5-34) (4-5) 34 3	No Lab Testing or Negative/Non-Contributory
Norovirus	4	3 LTCF 1 Daycare	(3-46) 16	Lab Confirmed
Salmonellosis	1	1 Community-Based	1	Lab Confirmed

Rash Outbreaks During January 2026 (n=1)

Type of Outbreak or Cluster	Number of Outbreaks	Outbreak Setting	# of Cases (Range of Cases)	Laboratory Testing
Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease	1	1 Daycare	10	No Lab Testing

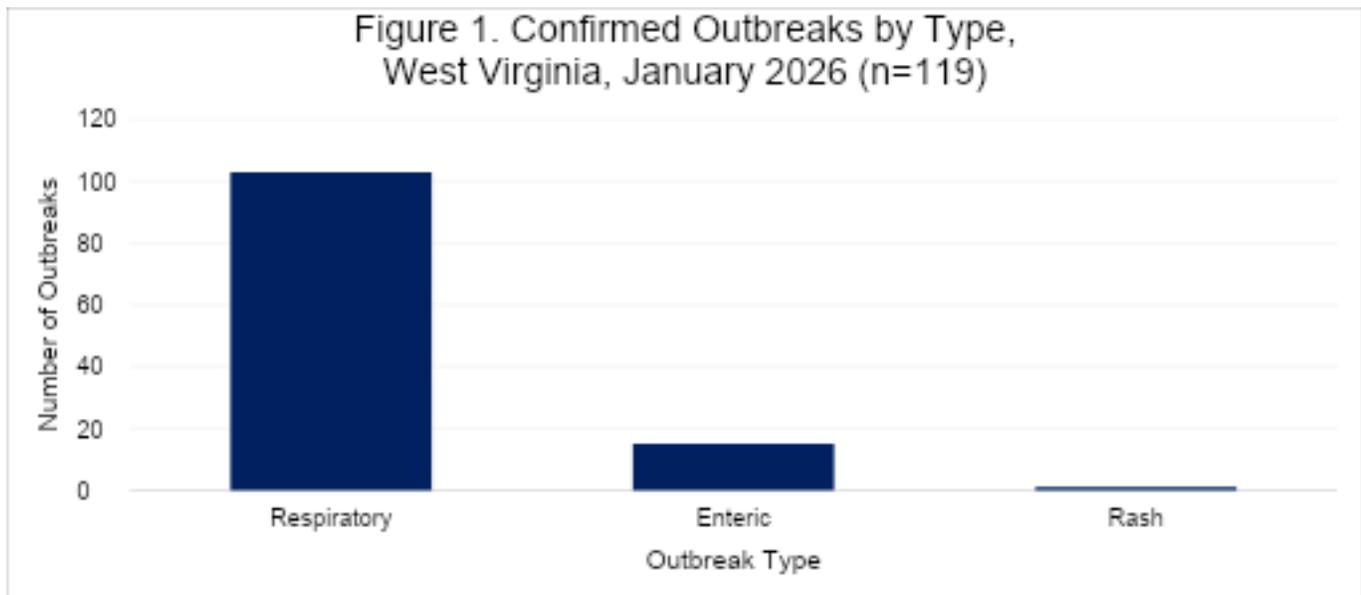


Figure 1 illustrates confirmed outbreaks by type.

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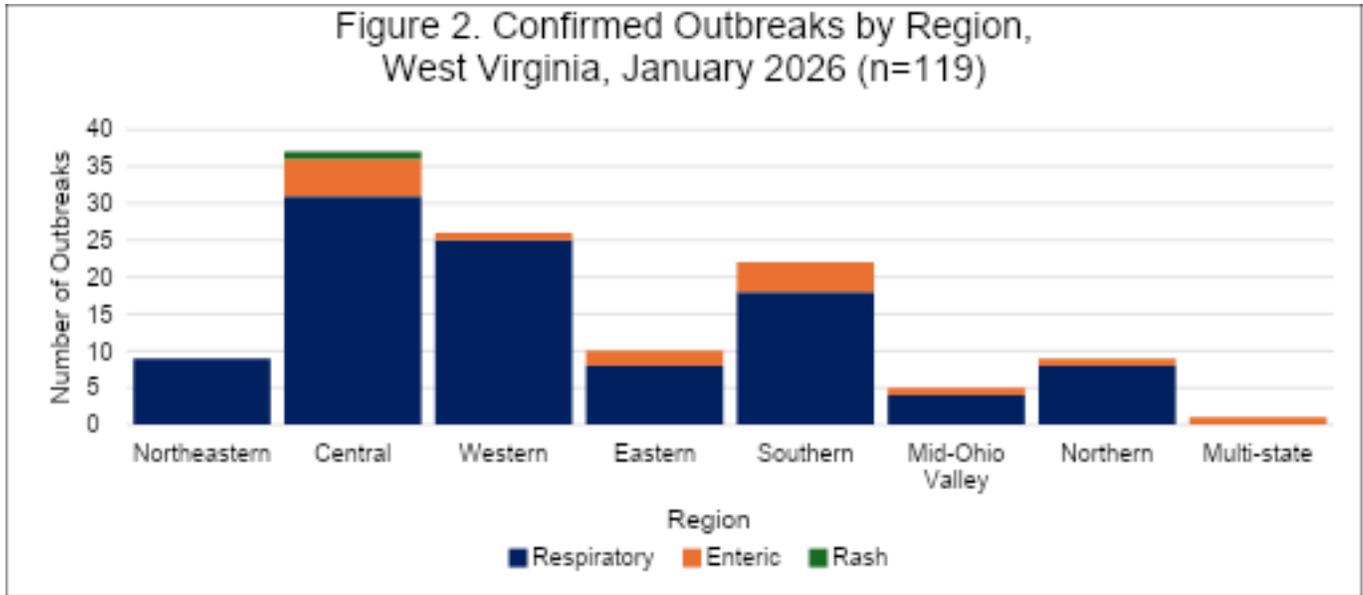


Figure 2 illustrates the number of outbreaks per region by type.

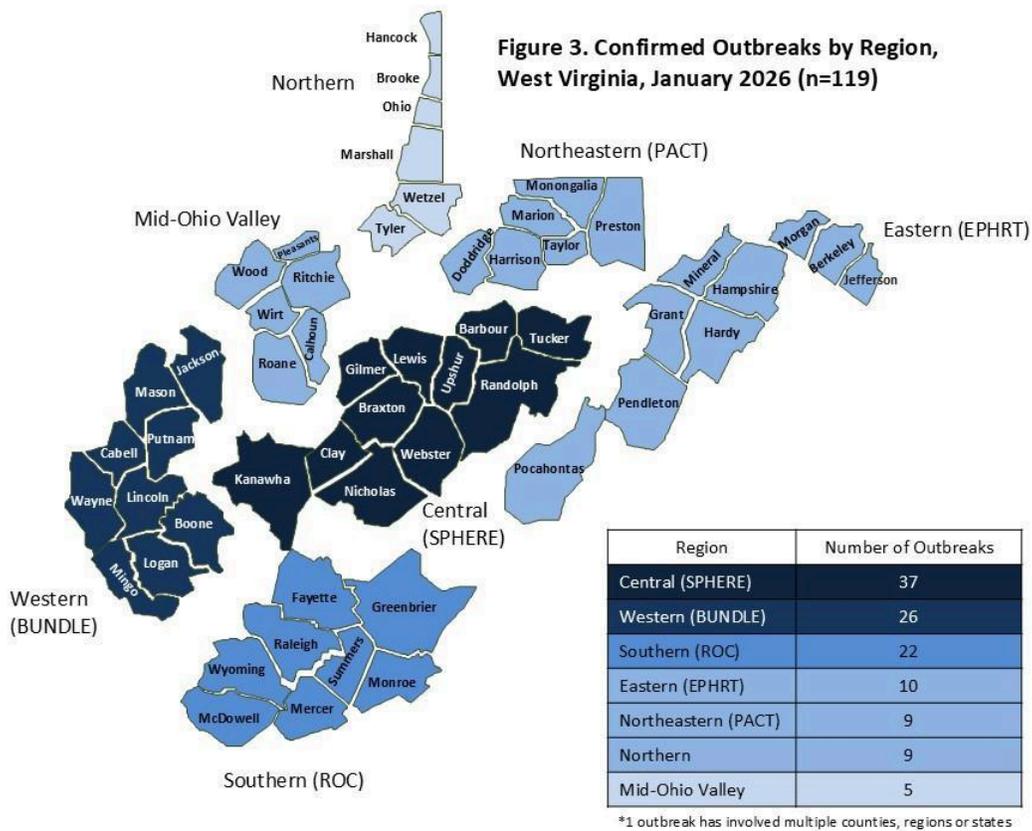


Figure 3 displays the number of outbreaks by region.

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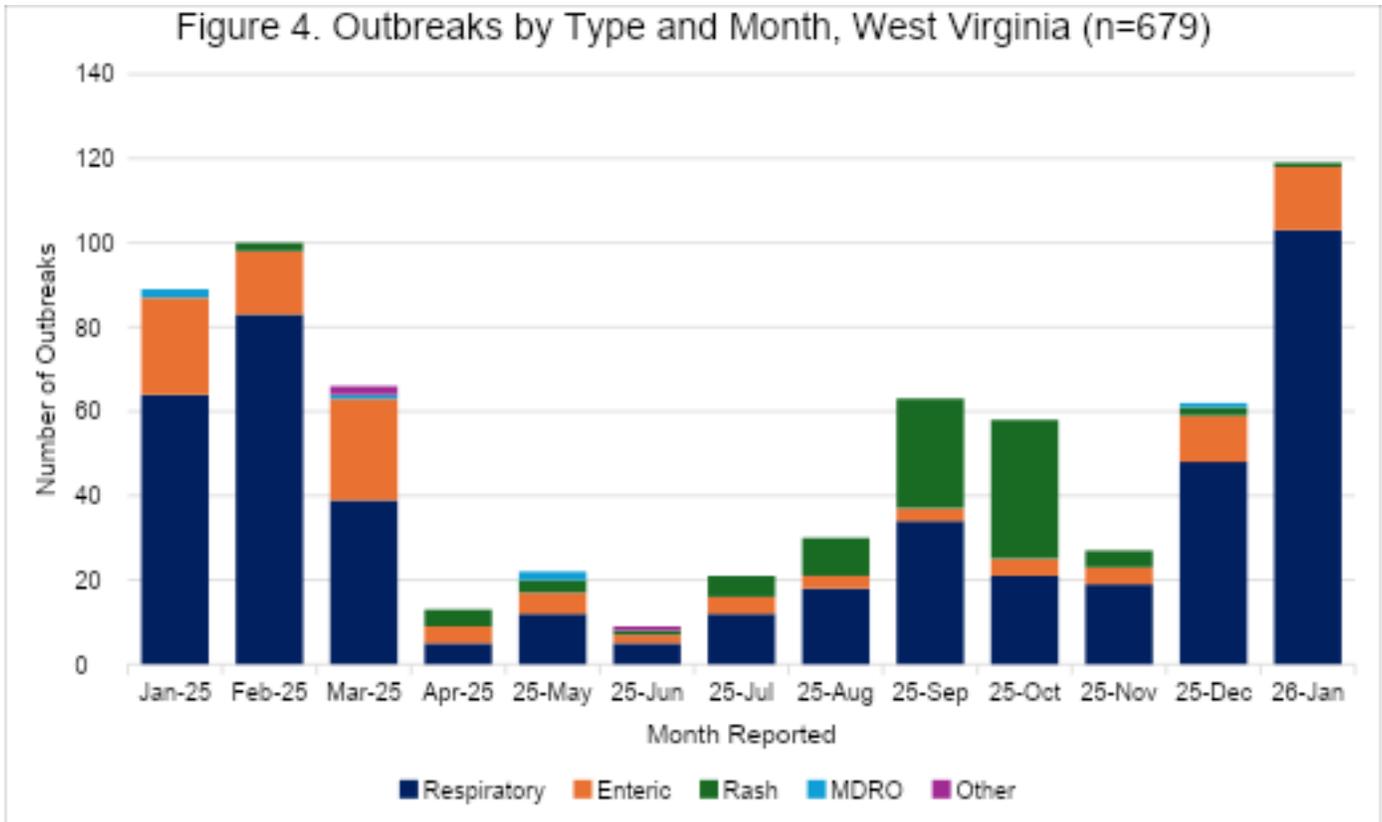


Figure 4 displays the number of outbreaks by type and month for the period from 2026 to 2026.

For outbreak guidelines or information on any disease or condition, visit the Office of Epidemiology & Prevention Services website at <https://oeps.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.