

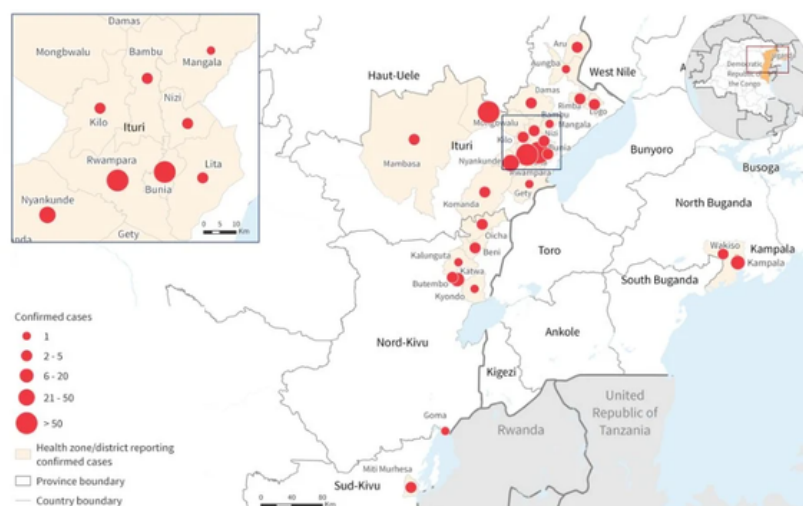
June 12, 2026

Key Takeaways

- The measles outbreak in Buckingham county continues to add cases. VDH issued an advisory about large events in the county.
- New World Screwworm was detected in domestic animals in Texas and New Mexico. Idaho detected HPAI A(H5N1) in 32 dairy cattle herds.
- Outside of the DRC, Uganda, and their immediate neighbors, the WHO rates the risk from the Ebola outbreak as low.

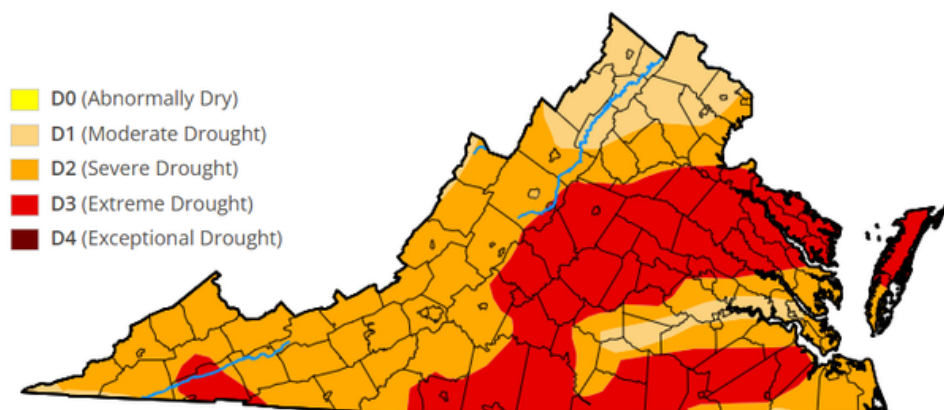
Key Figures

Distribution of Confirmed Ebola Cases, Jun 6



The Ebola outbreak remains centered in the DRC's Ituri province, with no cases reported outside of DRC or Uganda. Image Source: [WHO](#)

Drought Intensity



Despite recent rains, all of Virginia remains in drought, with 88% experiencing severe or extreme drought. Image Source: [U.S. Drought Monitor](#)

Ebola

814

Suspected and confirmed Ebola cases in the DRC and Uganda as of Jun 10 (DRC) and Jun 11 (Uganda).

139

Probable and confirmed Ebola deaths in the DRC and Uganda as of Jun 10 (DRC) and Jun 11 (Uganda).

Measles

43

Measles cases confirmed nationally in the week ending June 11.

20

New measles cases reported in [Virginia](#) in the past week.

Heat

253

Virginia emergency department visits for [heat-related illness](#) in the week ending Jun 11.

Key Dates

June 19

[Sail250](#) begins in Norfolk.

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Ongoing Monitored Situations

Ebola

- The WHO reported **695 confirmed cases and 139 deaths in the DRC and Uganda**. Uganda has 19 cases and 3 deaths (1 probable), with the remainder in the DRC. DRC also has an additional 119 suspected cases. However, some experts suspect the outbreak is larger, with some estimates of actual cases above 1,000.
- **Without adequate containment, the outbreak is more likely than not to exceed 20,000 cases** according to CDC scenario projections. However, with adequate control, the outbreak is very unlikely to reach 10,000 cases, even if the outbreak is larger than current data suggests.
- The WHO rated the global risk from the outbreak as **low**, including in most of Africa. However, the risk in Uganda and in countries bordering Uganda and the DRC is high. The risk in the DRC itself is very high.
- **Conflict continues to hamper the response in multiple ways**. Ebola has spread into areas controlled by the Islamic State, considered too dangerous for health workers to operate in. Volunteers smuggled samples out of the area for testing. Ebola has also been confirmed in a crowded camp for conflict-displaced residents.
- Health workers report **low supplies**, including protective equipment, along with delayed pay and worker stress. Testing has stalled in some labs due to a shortage of reagents, though testing has improved over the past weeks. An attack on a burial team was also reported this week.
- The risk to American travelers and the public remains **low**, according to the CDC. There have been no cases or contacts reported in the United States.
- US plans to establish an isolation unit in Kenya remain **uncertain**, though talks are continuing and the unit is under construction. A Kenyan court temporarily suspended the unit opening, with the next court date scheduled for Jun 23. Kenyan protests against the facility have resulted in at least 3 deaths.

Measles

- Virginia reported over 111 measles cases in 2026 as of Jun 11. Most are associated with the Buckingham county outbreak, with no cases reported outside of Virginia's Central region since May 14. 99% are unvaccinated or have unknown vaccination status, while 6% have been hospitalized.
- VDH advised unvaccinated people and those with measles symptoms to avoid large gatherings in Buckingham county during the outbreak. The health advisory to media partners listed one such event occurring Jun 12 and 13.
- The CDC reported **43 new measles cases in the US over the past week**, bringing the 2026 total to 2,073 cases across 40 jurisdictions. Pennsylvania added 15 new cases last week and Utah added 4. Outside of those 2 and Virginia, no other state added more than 2 new cases.

2026 Measles Cases in Virginia

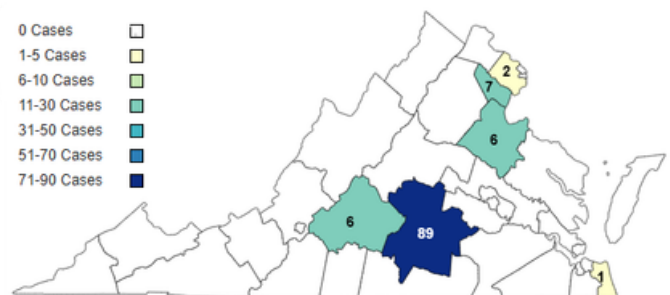


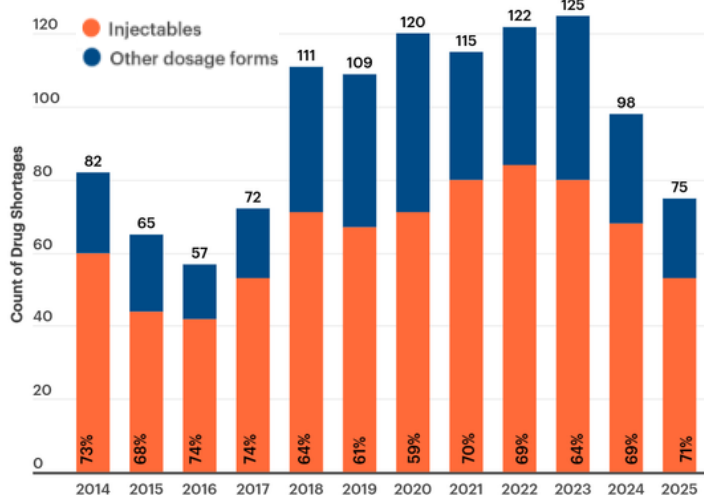
Image Source: VDH

- Two recent CDC studies examined the **2025 measles outbreak in West Texas**. The first found that 18.5% of cases were hospitalized, all unvaccinated or with unknown status. All but a few were children under age 18. The other examined mitigation measures in a child care facility.

Other News

- There have been **36 HPAI A(H5N1) detections in US dairy cattle in the past 30 days**. The majority of detections (33) occurred in Idaho, but Utah (2) and Texas (1) also had detections.
- The **USDA has confirmed 9 cases of New World Screwworm in the US**, all in domestic animals. 8 detections occurred in Texas, and 1 in New Mexico. 5 detections were in cattle, 2 in goats, and 1 in a dog. The first detection occurred Jun 3. Cases are spread across 4 central TX counties and eastern NM, spanning almost 500 miles.
- **7 Virginia rural hospitals are at 'highest risk' of financial distress or closure** across two measures of fiscal health according to a recent General Assembly report. By one metric, 5 are at 'immediate risk of closure' while 4 are at 'highest risk of distress' in the other.
- The **FIFA World Cup poses little additional risk of infectious disease outbreaks** according to a recent preprint. Researchers estimated travel in the US would increase by 20% for just a few weeks. Despite this, routine public health surveillance for large events is needed to contain small outbreaks and monitor for certain high-consequence threats.

Active Drug Shortages, Year-end, 2025

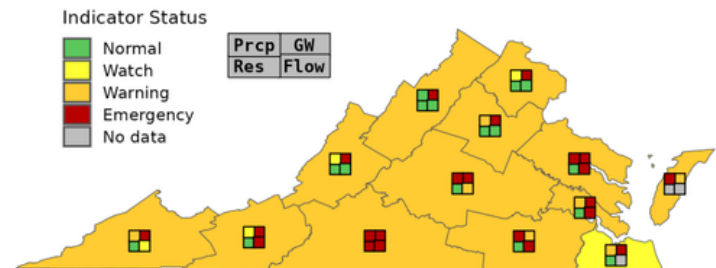


The number of drug shortages has decreased over the past two years. However, the average duration of shortages has increased to over 5 years.

Image Source: USP

DEQ Daily Drought Summary

Updated May 25



The DEQ maintained drought warnings on 127 Virginia localities, with the remaining localities under drought watch. The squares show the status of precipitation, groundwater, reservoirs and surface water flows. Image Source: DEQ

- **Virginia had 7,240 homeless individuals in Jan 2025** according to the US Dept of Housing and Urban Development. Of these, 5,891 were sheltered, and 1,349 were unsheltered. 2,289 were in families with children. Overall, the homeless population increased 1.4% over 2024, but has decreased 25.7% since 2017.
- **Federal epidemiologists and other public health workers were classified as 'at-will' hires**. In addition to epidemiologists, the list of titles losing civil service protections includes health scientist, public health analyst, health communications specialist and public health advisor, among others.
- **A closed Chesterfield landfill may be leaching into nearby Swift Creek and Piney Branch**. A court-appointed trustee described the situation at the landfill as a 'potential environmental catastrophe' while the county and community groups raised concerns about threats to recreational and drinking water, and impact on wastewater treatment.
- **El Niño conditions developed over the past month** according to the National Weather Service. There is a 63% chance of a very strong El Niño Nov - Jan, which forecasters expect would rank among the largest events on record. In Virginia, this increases the chance of higher than normal precipitation and temperatures.