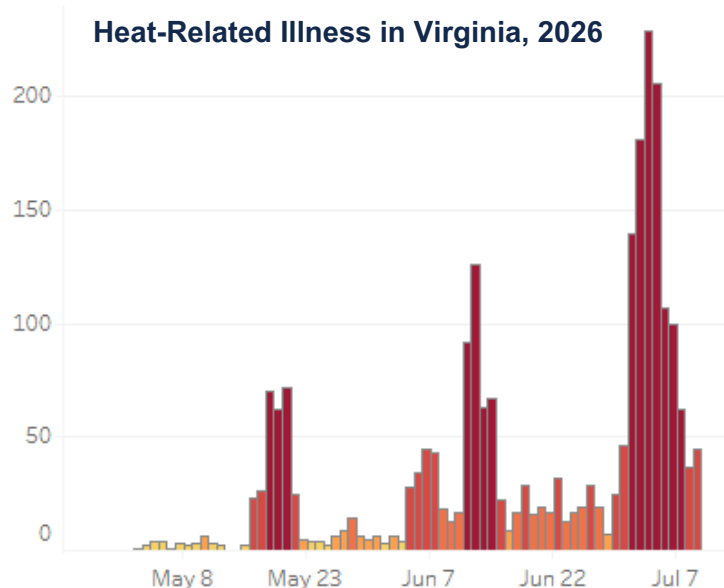


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Key Takeaways

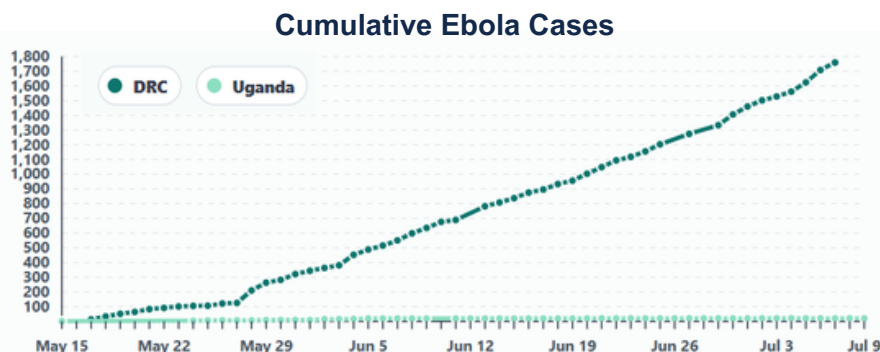
- The Buckingham County measles outbreak continues to add cases.
- The CDC reported increases in cyclosporiasis cases affecting multiple states.
- Most of Virginia remained in drought, despite recent rains and ongoing flash flood risk.

Key Figures



There were 542 emergency visits for HRI in Virginia over the July 4th holiday weekend (Jul 3-5). In the first 7 days of July there were 1,025.

Image Source: [VDH](#)



The current Ebola outbreak has expanded more rapidly than previous outbreaks, and continues to add cases. However, cumulative case growth is linear, not exponential, thus far.

Image Source: [GenomicEpi.com](#)

Ebola

2,040

Suspected and confirmed Ebola cases in the DRC and Uganda as of Jul 06.

628

Probable and confirmed Ebola deaths in the DRC and Uganda as of Jul 6.

Measles

32

Increase in measles cases in Virginia over the past week.

61

New measles cases reported nationally in the past week.

Heat

229

Virginia emergency department visits for heat-related illness on Jul 3, 2026.

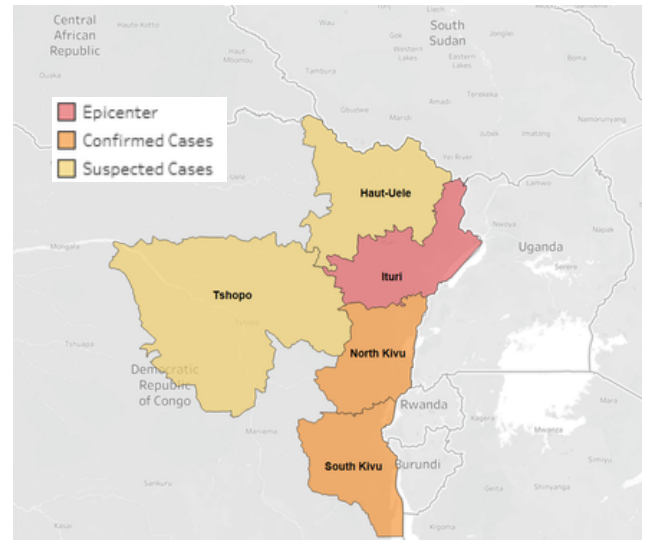
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Ongoing Monitored Situations

Ebola

- The **WHO** reported **1,812 confirmed cases and 627 deaths in the DRC and Uganda**. The DRC also has 227 suspected cases. France also has 1 confirmed case, who has since recovered. 313 people have recovered in total. The case fatality rate is 35%. WHO officials stated the outbreak is still in its 'expansion phase' and Ebola treatment centers are 90% full.
- **Suspected cases have been reported in two new DRC provinces:** Haut-Uele and Tshopo. Haut-Uele borders South Sudan and Central African Republic. The Tshopo cases occurred in the province's capital, Kisangani. Meanwhile, a model published in the Lancet placed the risk of spillover to South Sudan at 69%. Rwanda and Burundi were also at risk in the model.
- **Response workers in Ituri province went on strike.** Workers, including healthcare, safety and security, and outreach workers, cite delays in payments and limited support. Most workers returned to work quickly, but some remain on strike, including some who had been working in a displacement camp. Response workers face numerous risks, including risk of infection and attacks from community members.
- **Clinical trials to test treatments began Jul 2**, the first-ever trials targeting the Ebola Bundibugyo virus. 1,200 patients were enrolled to test 2 candidate drugs: remdesvir and an antibody treatment. A third treatment may be added later, and the trial is expected to expand to additional treatment centers. A second trial on a postexposure prophylaxis for close contacts may start in a few weeks.

Affected DRC Provinces



Ituri remains the epicenter of the outbreak, with confirmed cases also reported in North and South Kivu. Haut-Uele and Tshopo both have new suspected cases. Image Source: VDH

- **Top CDC officials noted the CDC response is likely to last 6 to 12 months** and require 'substantial staffing.' The CDC is still facing challenges from the loss of over 25% of its workforce, with few replacement hires. Staff are also responding to measles, New World Screwworm and polio, along with the hantavirus outbreak that officially ended June 24.

Measles

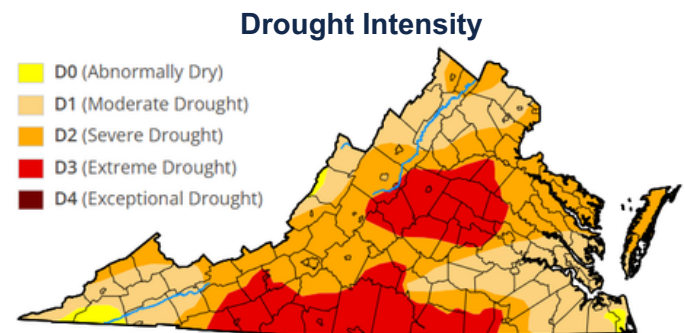
- **Virginia's 2026 measles case count increased to 177 as of Jul 9**, an increase of 32 cases over the past week. All new cases were reported in Virginia's Central Region. No cases have been reported outside of Central Region since May 14.
- **Nationally, the CDC reported 2,231 cases across 42 jurisdictions** as of Jul 9. Pennsylvania added 13 cases last week and Arizona added 8. Outside of Virginia, no other state added more than 2 cases.

Other Situations

- **Uganda reported an isolated Marburg case**, discovered during Ebola surveillance. No close contacts developed symptoms and the single case is no longer active.
- **The USDA reported 3 New World Screwworm detections in July**, bringing the total to 34 detections. All but 1 detection was in Texas. Most detections were in livestock (cattle, sheep and goats) but two detections were in dogs.

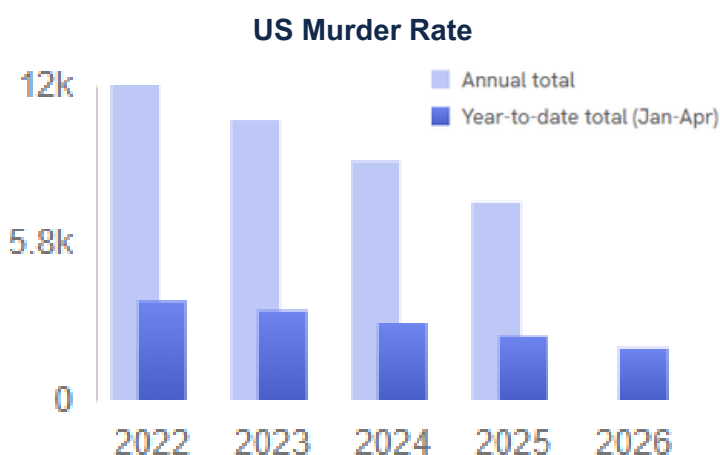
Other News

- The USDA reported 3 HPAI A(H5N1) detections in dairy cattle in July, with 20 detections in the past 30 days. The latest detections occurred in Utah, but Idaho has the most detections in the past 30 days (10).
- Flood events in West Virginia have doubled over the past decade, increasing from 765 total events from Jul 2006 to Jun 2016 to 1,964 in the following 10 years. In addition to drawing more response resources, increased frequency disrupts recovery processes.
- Flash floods killed at least 7, including 6 in Kentucky and 1 in Tennessee. Kentucky declared a statewide emergency. Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia, along with far Southwest Virginia, have a limited flood hazard outlook over the next week.
- The WHO released a blueprint to address fungal disease and antifungal resistance, noting that fungal disease affects over 300 million people annually. Antifungal resistance is also a growing concern. The blueprint aims to foster health system improvements, innovation, surveillance and preparedness, and root cause mitigation.



Despite recent rains, most of Virginia remained under drought conditions as of Tues morning, with 66% in severe or extreme drought. Image Source: USDM

- Kratom-related reports to Poison Centers have increased 68% year-over-year. In the first half of 2026 poison centers received 3,190 reports, compared to 3,803 in all of 2025.
- The US has likely had more than 1,700 cyclosporiasis cases according to unofficial counts of state data. Michigan has reported over 1,250 cases in the past few weeks, 25x the annual average of 50. Neighboring northwest Ohio has reported over 500. At least 18 states have reported cases this year, including Virginia (10).
- The West Nile Virus season has had its earliest start since 2004. Through Jun 30 2026, 48 human cases were reported, compared to the YTD average of 10. Currently, 15 states have reported 56 cases, including 44 that were neuroinvasive. Virginia has not reported any cases in 2026.
- Three rail cars carrying corn derailed in downtown Richmond last week, while 2 other cars became unstable. The cars fell from an elevated track into an adjacent canal. The track runs above a popular recreational trail and alongside a busy roadway. The derailment occurred at 4PM on the Jul 3rd holiday.
- Extreme heat blanketed much of the eastern US over July 4th holiday, including Virginia where multiple temperature records were broken and a Virginia Beach hospital lost air conditioning. Heat is suspected in at least 30 deaths nationally, with New Jersey alone reporting 29.



The US murder rate is on track to be the lowest on record in 2026. Murder rates have been declining since COVID-era spikes. Overall violent crime rates have been declining as well, but at a slower pace.

Image Source: Crime Index