

## Outbreak Report for March 2026 West Virginia

During the month of March 2026, there were fifty-three outbreaks reported in West Virginia, fifty of which were confirmed as outbreaks or clusters of disease. Reported settings include 21 long-term care facilities (LTCF), 19 schools, 5 daycares, and single reports involving a hospital, a rehabilitation center, an assisted living facility, a food and hospitality establishment, and one multi-state outbreak.

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 March 2026 (n=36)

Type of Outbreak or Cluster	Number of Outbreaks	Outbreak Setting	# of Cases (Range of Cases) Absentee rate	Testing
<b>Influenza</b>	21	12 Schools 7 LTCF 2 Daycares	(7-207), 11.5-43% (2-41) (5-18)	Rapid Test or Lab Confirmed
<b>Respiratory Syncytial Virus</b>	8	3 Daycares 2 Schools 2 LTCF 1 Assisted Living	(7-14) 10, 12.8% 8 4	Rapid Test or Lab Confirmed
<b>COVID-19</b>	4	3 LTCF 1 Rehabilitation Center	(4-23) 22	Rapid Test or Lab Confirmed
<b>Multiple Acute Respiratory Illnesses</b>	2	2 Schools	26, 26%	Rapid Test or Lab Confirmed
<b>Acute Respiratory Illness</b>	1	1 School	14	No Lab Testing or Negative/Non-Contributory

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### Enteric Outbreaks During March 2026 (n=11)

Type of Outbreak or Cluster	Number of Outbreaks	Outbreak Setting	# of Cases (Range of Cases)	Laboratory Testing
<b>Acute Gastroenteritis Illness</b>	5	3 LTCF 1 Food & Hospitality 1 School	(4-17) 5 6	No Lab Testing or Negative/Non-Contributory
<b>Norovirus</b>	5	4 LTCF 1 Hospital	(7-24) 13	Lab Confirmed
<b>Salmonellosis</b>	1	1 Multi-state	1	Lab Confirmed

### MDRO Outbreaks During March 2026 (n=2)

Type of Outbreak or Cluster	Number of Outbreaks	Outbreak Setting	# of Cases (Range of Cases)	Laboratory Testing
<b>C. difficile</b>	2	2 LTCF	(2-3)	Lab Confirmed

### Rash Outbreaks During March 2026 (n=1)

Type of Outbreak or Cluster	Number of Outbreaks	Outbreak Setting	# of Cases (Range of Cases)	Laboratory Testing
<b>Fifths Disease</b>	1	1 School	10	No Lab Testing

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Figure 1 illustrates confirmed outbreaks by type.

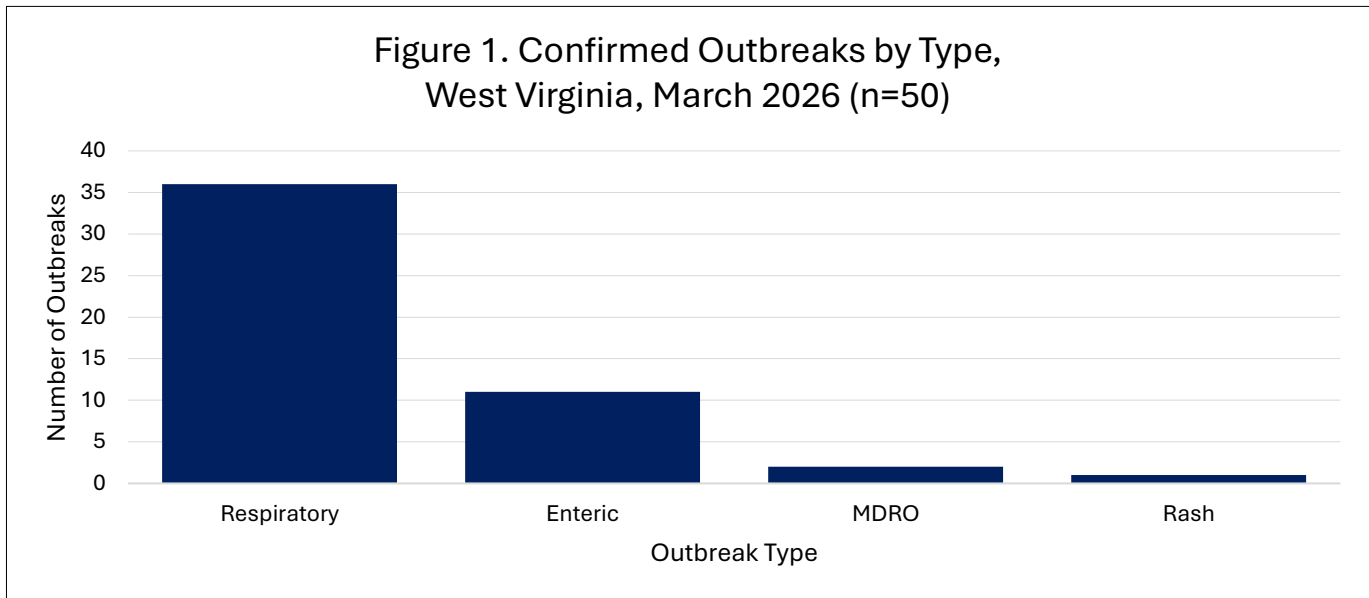
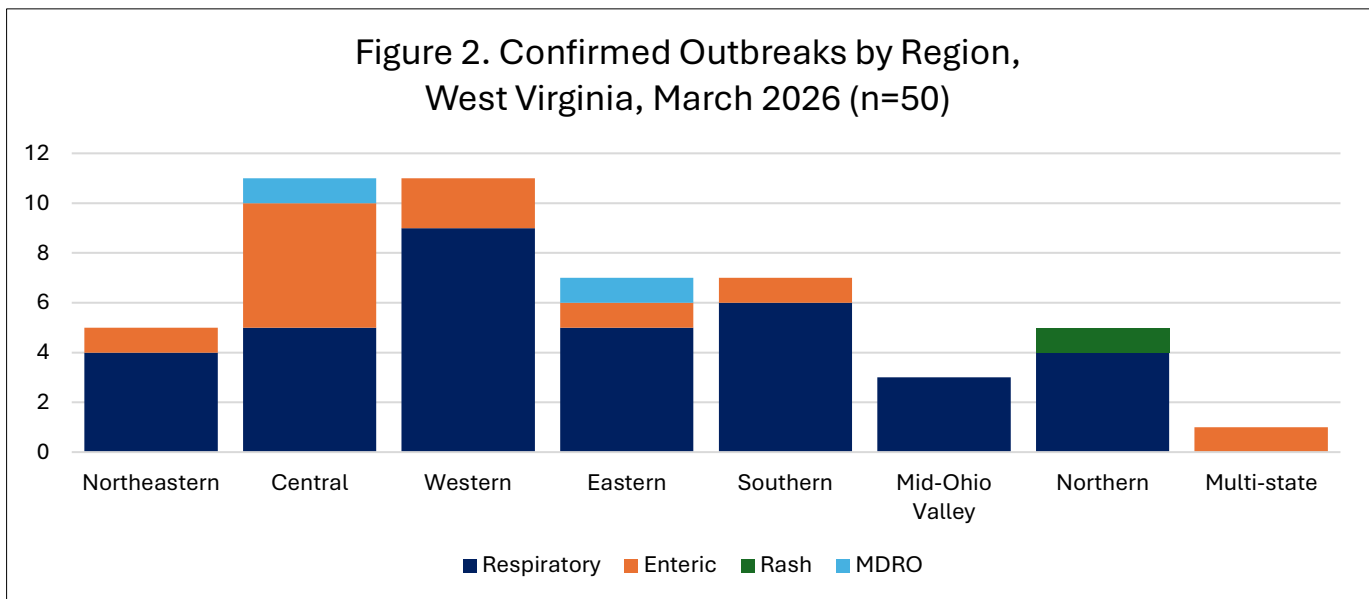
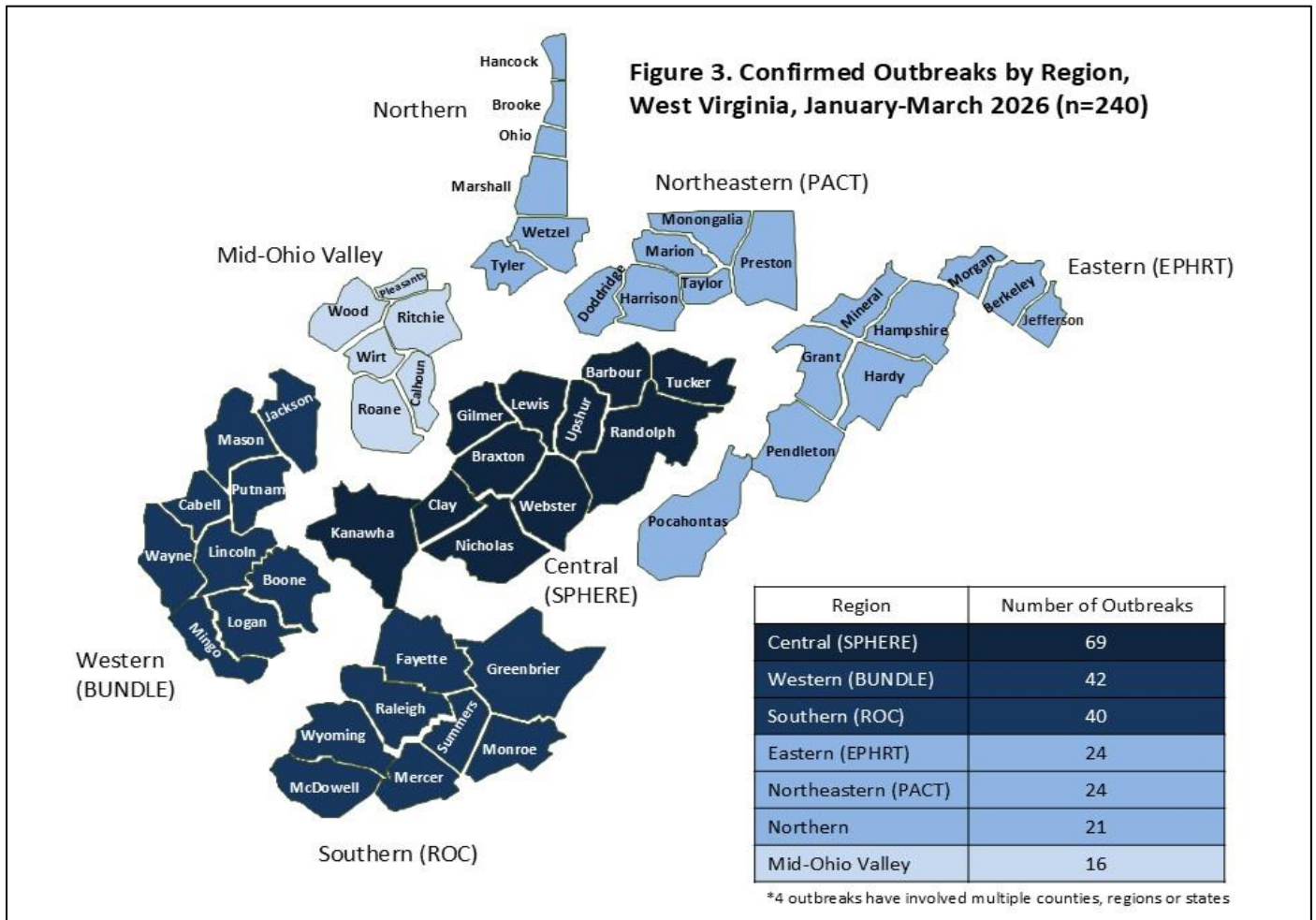


Figure 2 illustrates the number of outbreaks per region by type.



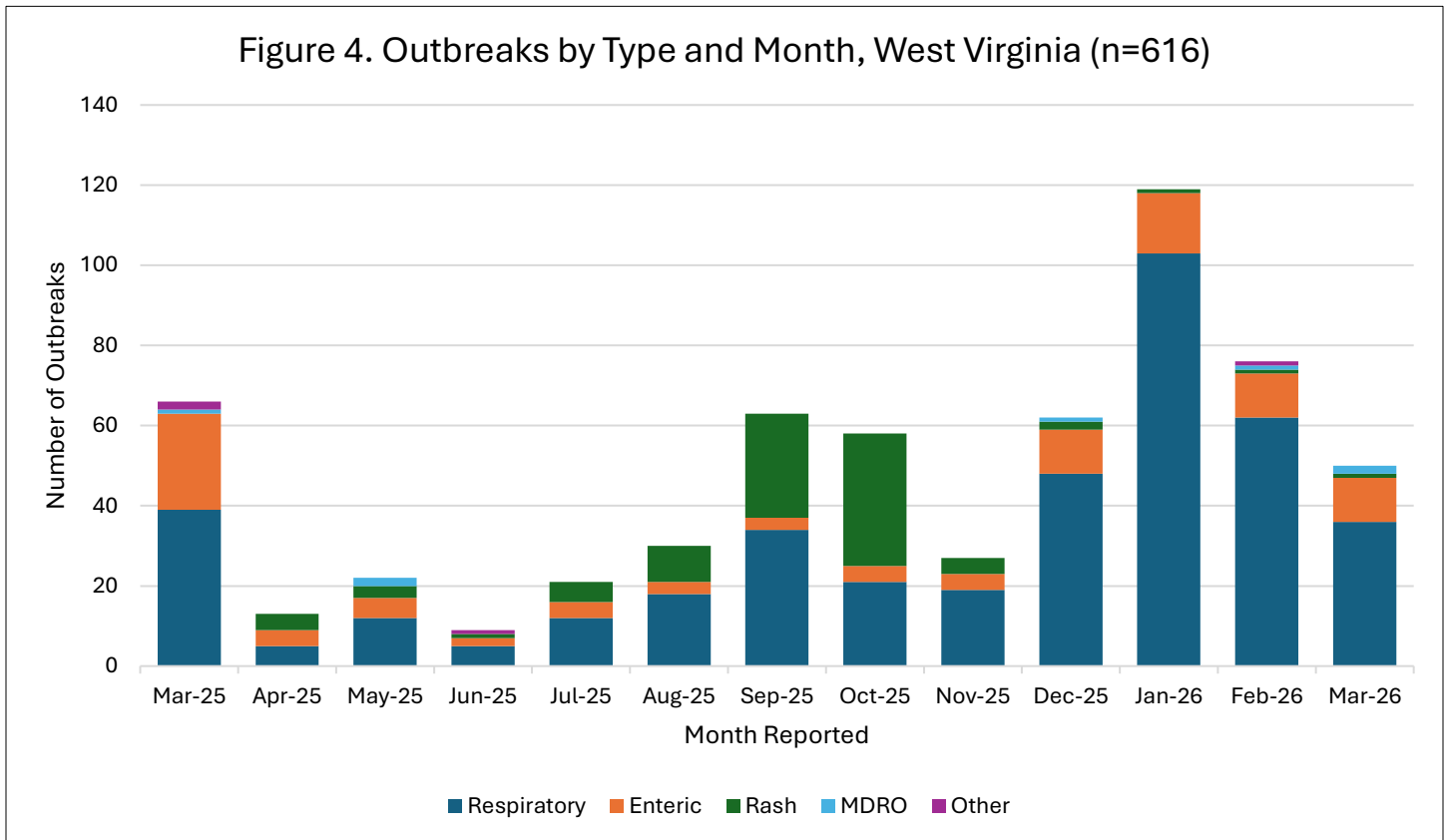
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Figure 3 displays the number of outbreaks by region.



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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://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.