

Communicable Diseases Weekly Report

Week 34, 22 August to 28 August 2021

In summary, we report:

- [Condensed reporting](#) – until further notice
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- [Summary of notifiable conditions activity in NSW](#)

For further information see NSW Health [infectious diseases page](#). This includes links to other NSW Health [infectious disease surveillance reports](#) and a [diseases data page](#) for a range of notifiable infectious diseases.

Condensed reporting

Due to increasing demand on public health staff and clinicians in NSW as a result of the COVID-19 response, the Communicable Diseases Weekly Report will be published in a condensed format until further notice.

The condensed CDWR (introduced in Week 11 2020) consists of the summary of notifiable conditions activity in NSW ([Table 1](#)), and links to the most up to date information on COVID-19. Full reports will be published in the event of high priority notifications, or events of significant interest.

Public health alerts will continue to be published on the [NSW Health Infectious Diseases Alerts Page](#).

Novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19)

For up-to-date information regarding the COVID-19 outbreak and the NSW response, please visit the [NSW Health COVID-19 page](#).

Summary of notifiable conditions activity in NSW

The following table summarises notifiable conditions activity over the reporting period (Table 1).

Table 1. NSW Notifiable conditions from 22 August – 28 August 2021, by date received*

		Weekly		Year to date			Full year	
		This week	Last week	2021	2020	2019	2020	2019
Enteric Diseases	Cryptosporidiosis	4	6	347	438	464	550	669
	Giardiasis	12	14	1167	1348	2452	1869	3323
	Hepatitis A	0	1	3	17	46	18	61
	Listeriosis	1	0	15	10	8	20	16
	Rotavirus	5	7	197	391	606	464	1754
	Salmonellosis	38	32	2179	2190	2519	2887	3556
	Shigellosis	0	3	47	410	576	495	867
	STEC/VTEC	2	1	78	60	42	114	80
Respiratory Diseases	Influenza	3	1	69	7416	95899	7489	116438
	Legionellosis	0	2	124	105	102	170	153
	Tuberculosis	7	16	393	380	380	623	590
Sexually Transmissible Infections	Chlamydia	372	435	18408	18218	21221	27271	32488
	Gonorrhoea	106	126	5764	6678	7873	9905	11697
	LGV	3	4	31	35	39	44	69
Vaccine Preventable Diseases	Pertussis	0	1	41	1378	4151	1404	6388
	Pneumococcal Disease (Invasive)	5	12	319	240	406	359	690
	Barmah Forest	0	1	80	214	51	271	63
Vector Borne Diseases	Malaria	0	1	5	21	45	25	73
	Ross River	2	4	570	1845	471	1991	593
Zoonotic Diseases	Q fever	1	3	110	150	169	206	248

* Notes on Table 1: NSW Notifiable Conditions activity

- Only conditions which had one or more case reports received during the reporting week appear in the table.
- Due to the rapidly evolving nature of the situation, data on COVID-19 notifications can be found separately on the NSW Health [Latest Updates on COVID-19](#) page.
- Data cells represent the number of case reports received by NSW public health units and recorded on the NSW Notifiable Conditions Information Management System (NCIMS) in the relevant period (i.e. by report date).
- Note that [notifiable disease data](#) available on the NSW Health website are reported by onset date so case totals are likely to vary from those shown here.
- Cases involving interstate residents are not included.
- The shigellosis case definition changed on 1 July 2018 to include probable cases (PCR positive only), hence case counts cannot be validly compared to previous years.
- Chronic blood-borne virus conditions (such as HIV, hepatitis B and C) are not included here. Related data are available from the [Infectious Diseases Data](#), the [HIV Surveillance Data Reports](#) and the [Hepatitis B and C Strategies Data Reports](#) webpages.
- Notification is dependent on a diagnosis being made by a doctor, hospital or laboratory. Changes in awareness and testing patterns influence the proportion of patients with a particular infection that is diagnosed and notified over time, especially if the infection causes non-specific symptoms.