



Western Canada Immunization Forum 2026

Provincial Updates

Panel Discussion:
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Update from British Columbia

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Measles cases in BC, 2025 and 2026

Health Authority: Fraser Interior Northern Vancouver Coastal Island Active Status: Active Not active

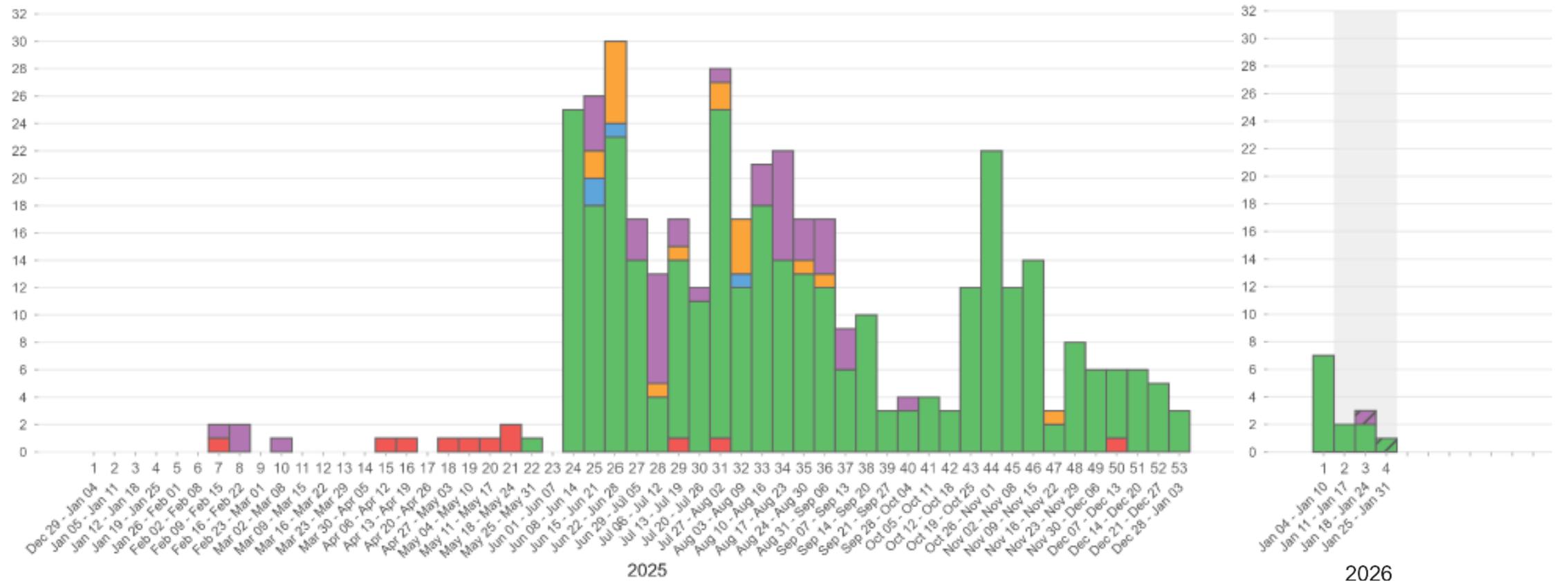


Table 2. Confirmed measles cases reported in BC in 2025 and 2026, by age group, exposure source, immunization status, and hospitalization status

	Category	Number (%) of confirmed measles cases
Age group (Years)	<1	19 (5%)
	1 to 4	74 (18%)
	5 to 17	202 (48%)
	18 to 24	52 (12%)
	25 to 34	46 (11%)
	35 to 44	16 (4%)
	45 to 54	5 (1%)
	55+	4 (1%)
Exposure source ²	Outside Canada	9 (2%)
	Within Canada	384 (92%)
	Unknown	25 (6%)
Immunization status prior to case onset	Received 2 or more valid doses	27 (6%)
	Received 1 valid dose	9 (2%)
	Assumed immune because of age	4 (1%)
	Unimmunized	352 (84%)
	Unknown	26 (6%)
Hospitalization at time of case report	Hospitalized	26 (6%)
	Not Hospitalized	382 (91%)
	Unknown	10 (2%)
Total		418



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Update from British Columbia's First Nations Health Authority

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DIRECTIVE #1
COMMUNITY-DRIVEN,
NATION-BASED

DIRECTIVE #2
INCREASE FIRST
NATIONS DECISION-
MAKING AND CONTROL

DIRECTIVE #3
IMPROVE SERVICES

DIRECTIVE #4
FOSTER MEANINGFUL
COLLABORATION AND
PARTNERSHIP

DIRECTIVE #5
DEVELOP HUMAN AND
ECONOMIC CAPACITY

DIRECTIVE #6
BE WITHOUT
PREJUDICE TO FIRST
NATIONS INTERESTS

DIRECTIVE #7
FUNCTION AT A
HIGH OPERATIONAL
STANDARD

HEALTH GOVERNANCE

The First Nations Health Governance structure belongs to First Nations in BC. It consists of:

- *political representation, leadership, and advocacy* through the regionally-appointed 15-member **FIRST NATIONS HEALTH COUNCIL**;
- *health service delivery and associated partnership and leadership functions* through the **FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AUTHORITY** (including the services formerly delivered in BC by Health Canada's First Nations Inuit Health Branch Pacific Region) and;
- *technical advice and capacity development* on behalf of First Nations community Health Directors through the **FIRST NATIONS HEALTH DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION**;

The FNHA, FNHC, and FNHDA receive direction from community leadership and Nations throughout the five regions of the province through community engagement sessions.

The **TRIPARTITE COMMITTEE ON FIRST NATIONS HEALTH** is the forum for coordinating and aligning programming and planning efforts between the FNHA, BC Health Authorities, the BC Ministry of Health, and Health Canada Partners.





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Alberta Measles Update: Outbreak Epidemiology, Immunization, and Preparedness

Western Canada Immunization Forum 2026: Panel Presentation

Dr. Vivien Suttorp, Chief Medical Officer of Health

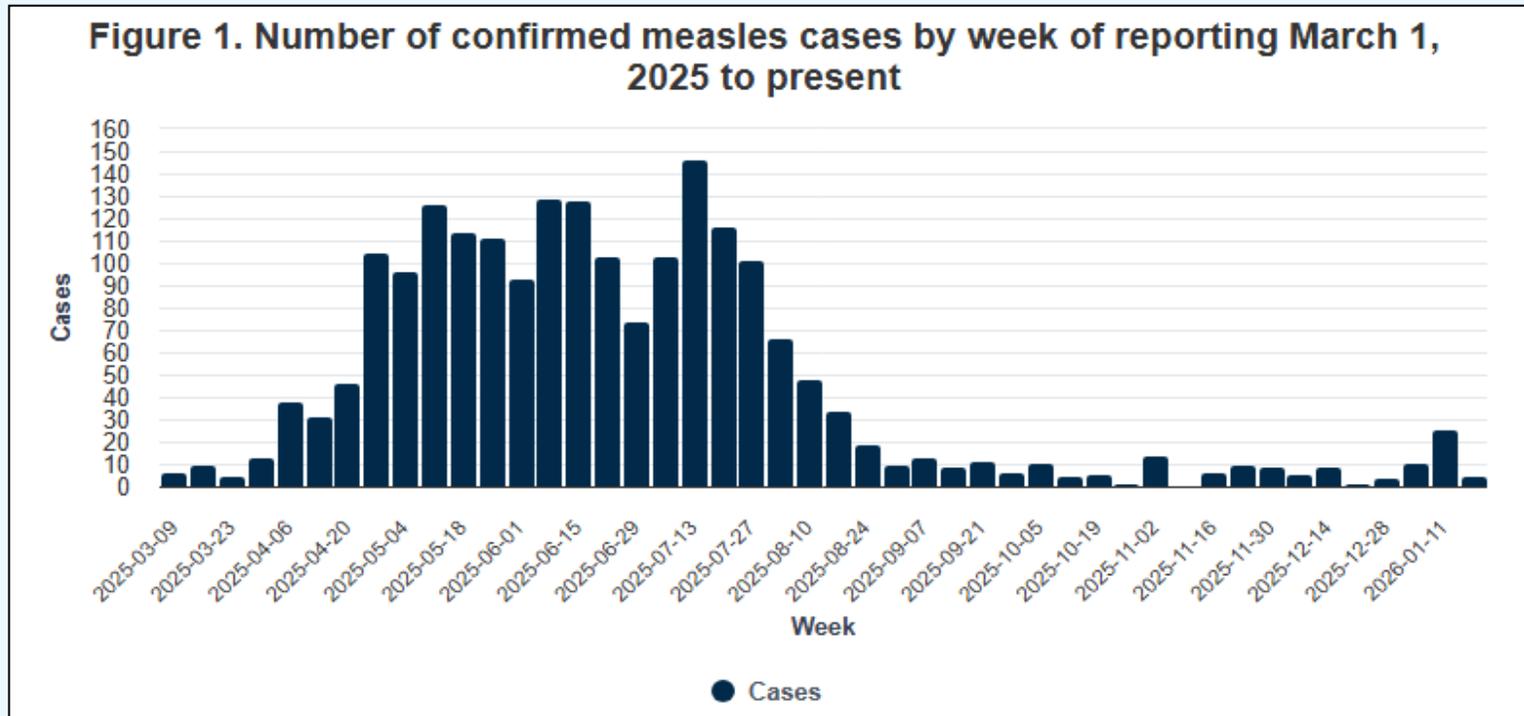
February 24, 2026

Agenda

1. Alberta Epidemiology
2. Immunization
 - Coverage
 - Schedule & Delivery
3. Provincial & Local Planning

Alberta Measles Epidemiology

- Weekly reporting as of Jan.31



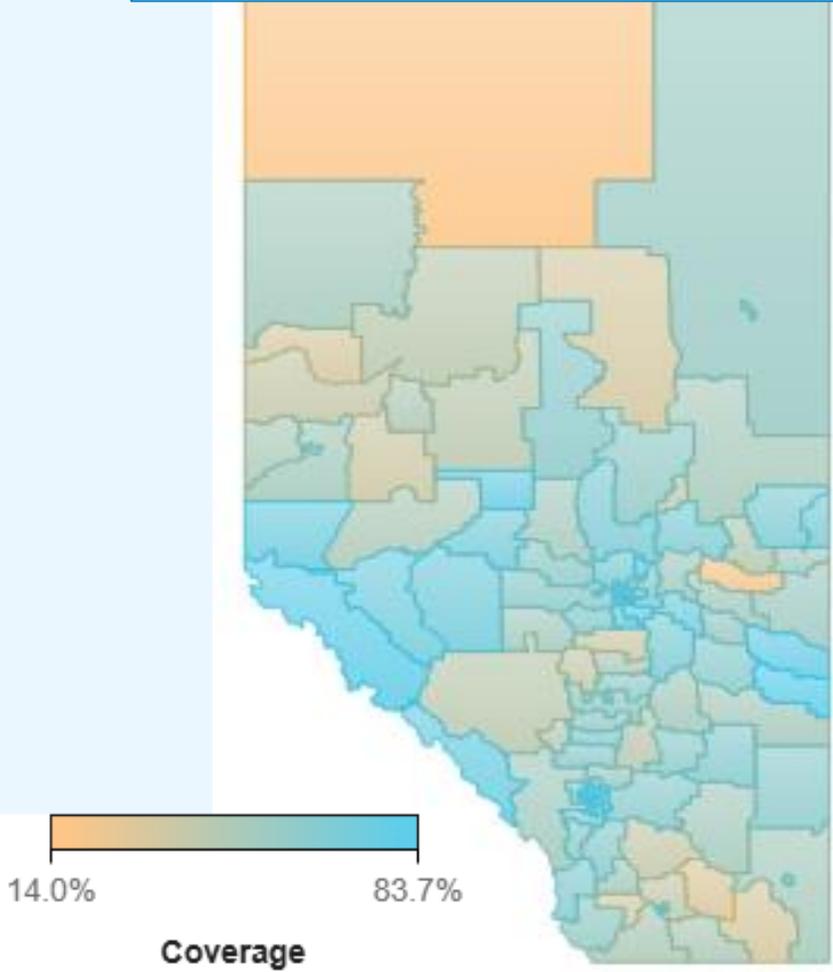
Source: <https://www.alberta.ca/measles-data-and-statistics#jumplinks-1>

Outcomes	Count
Hospitalizations	167
ICU Admissions	17
Deaths	1
Confirmed cases	2,055

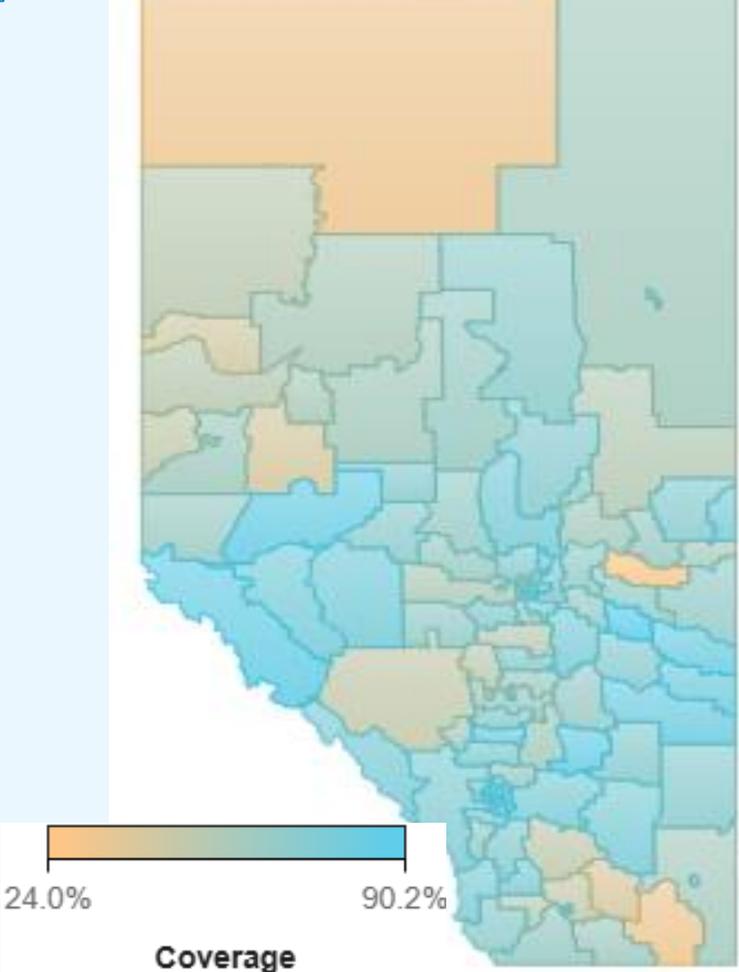
Immunization Status	Count
Unimmunized	90%
1 dose	2.6%
2 doses or more	3.8%
Unknown	3.7%
Confirmed cases	2,055

Immunization Coverage

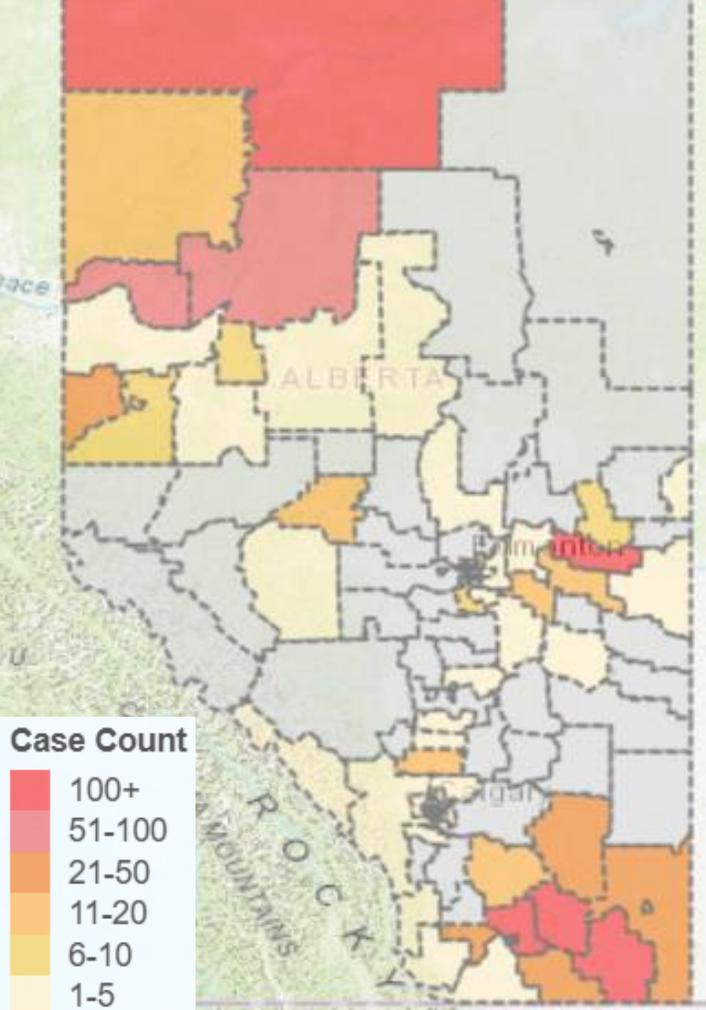
**MMR Dose 2 by Age 2
Coverage Estimate: 2024**



**MMR Dose 2 by Age 7
Coverage Estimate: 2024**



**Confirmed Measles Cases
(as of January 2026)**



Alberta's Immunization Schedule

- MMRV/MMR -12 and 18 months of age
- Individuals born <1970 considered immune; other than health care workers and post-secondary students without proof of immunity
- During 2025/26, travel dose offered to adults born before 1970 in areas with active transmission, including Alberta
- Null doses offered to infants 6-11 months only in select areas with higher transmission rates

Alberta's Vaccine Delivery

- **Public health clinics**
 - Primary delivery point for infant, preschool and school immunizations
 - Offer catch-up doses for children, adults, and newcomers
 - Provide additional vaccine clinics in response to outbreaks (as needed)
- **School immunization programs:**
 - Delivers routine vaccines in Grades 1, 6, and 9 and reviews records to ensure students are up to date with all eligible vaccines, including completion of the second MMR/MMRV dose

Provincial & Local Preparedness

- **Monitoring global disease activity** to inform Public Health Disease Management Guidelines updates
- **Community-level partnerships** - Understanding heterogeneity in immunization coverage between communities, travel patterns, and social structures, to support building of trust, partnerships and preparedness
- **Update Communicable Disease Emergency Response Plan** to align with Alberta's new health structure and provincial emergency management systems and support cross-ministry coordination

Thank-you





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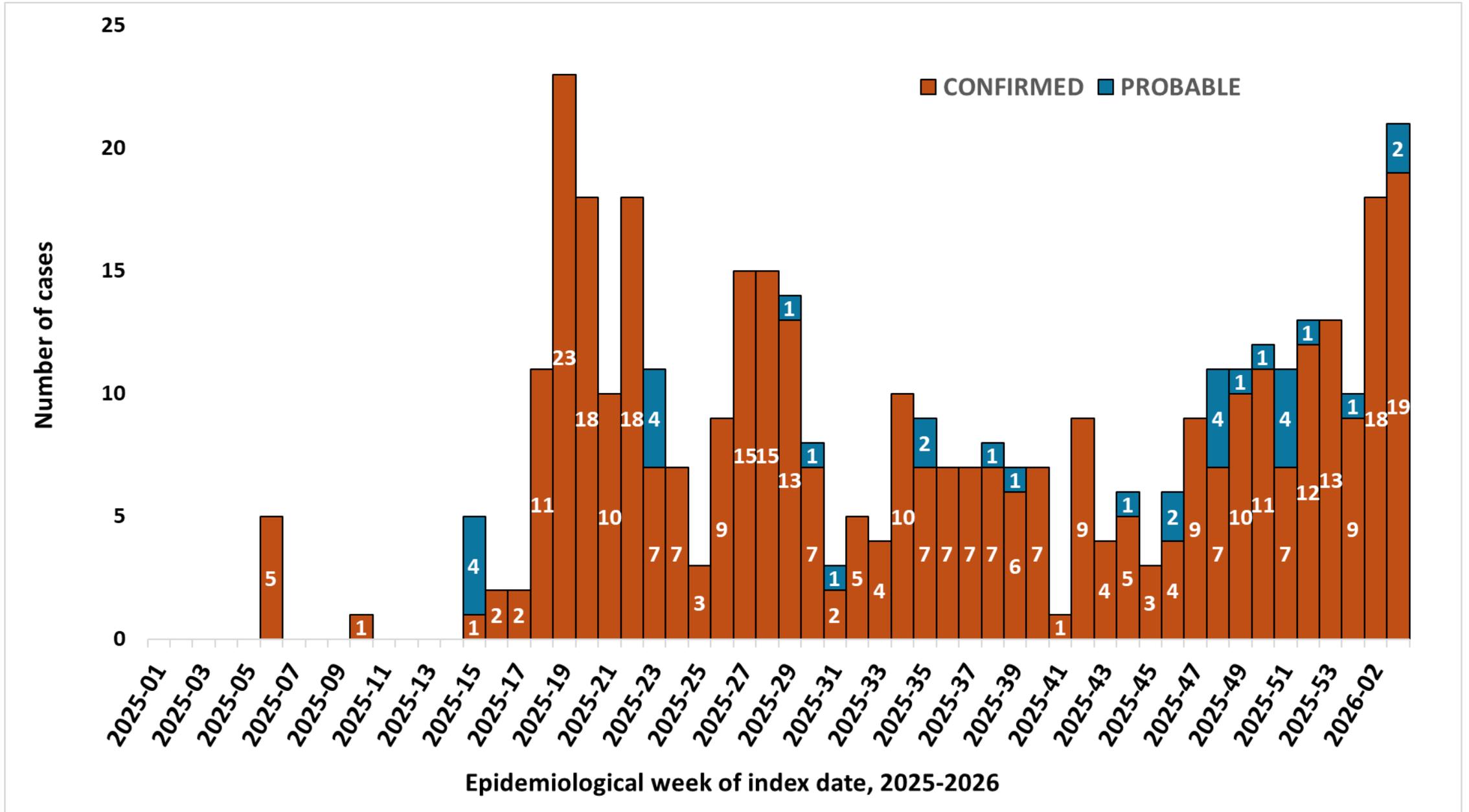
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Number of measles cases in Manitoba by week, January 1, 2025 – January 24, 2026





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