



# WEEKLY DENGUE UPDATE

Week 12 (16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026)

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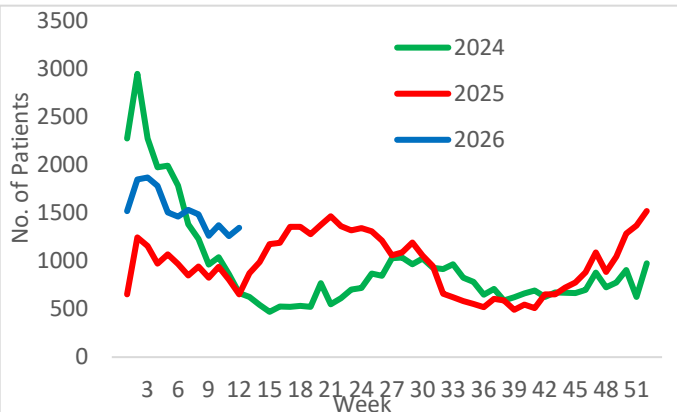
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## DENGUE CASE REPORTING

During the 12<sup>th</sup> week, 1348 suspected dengue cases were reported across 23 districts, compared to 1261 cases in the previous week, reflecting an 6.9% increase. The Western Province accounted for 53.7% of total cases, with the Colombo Municipal Council (CMC) contributing 5%, the rest of Colombo District 23.9%, Gampaha District 16.8%, and Kalutara District 7.9%. Outside the Western Province, notable case contributions were reported from Galle (7.8%), Matara (7.2%), Ratnapura (5.4%), Batticaloa (3.7%), Kandy (3.6%), Kegalle (3%), Puttalam (2.2%), and Hambantota (2%) (see Table 1).

## WEEKLY DISTRIBUTION OF DENGUE PATIENTS in 2024, 2025 and 2026



Source: NaDSys – National Dengue Surveillance System

## HIGH RISK MOH AREAS

As presented in Table 2, during the 12<sup>th</sup> week of 2026, 39 Medical Officer of Health (MOH) areas were identified as high-risk, including 13 newly flagged areas (highlighted in light blue in Table 2). Previously classified 7 high-risk MOH areas in week 11, were not identified as high-risk in the 12<sup>th</sup> week of 2026 (Table 2).

## MIDNIGHT TOTAL OF DENGUE PATIENT ADMISSIONS

\* After incorporating delayed hospital reports, the average midnight total for the 11<sup>th</sup> week rose from 415 to 421.

In the 12<sup>th</sup> week of 2026, the average midnight total of dengue patients across 74 sentinel hospitals was 420. During this period, 22 hospitals reported an increase in dengue admissions, while 27 hospitals reported a decrease.

Table 3 highlights sentinel hospitals with high average midnight totals and changes in dengue admissions during the 12<sup>th</sup> week.

Table 1: Reported dengue cases in week 12 and week 11 of 2026

District/ RDHS	No. of cases					
	2025		2026		Up to Week 12	
	Week 11	Week 12	Week 11	Week 12	2025	2026
Colombo	255	261	301*	390	3146	5159
Gampaha	142	108	191	227	1712	2804
Kalutara	28	41	74	107	462	958
Kandy	56	60	49	48	739	677
Matale	7	28	20	16	327	283
Nuwara Eliya	4	5	5	2	30	66
Galle	30	31	81	105	599	1244
Hambantota	15	16	41	27	240	605
Matara	34	36	109	97	459	1313
Jaffna	23	15	21	23	361	365
Kilinochchi	3	1	2	Nil	23	26
Mannar	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	64	19
Vavuniya	1	2	Nil	1	11	38
Mullaitivu	0	1	1	Nil	4	15
Batticaloa	34	29	55*	50	717	551
Ampara	2	3	9	4	30	146
Trincomalee	16	22	17	13	311	190
Kalmunai*	9	5	25	26	152	319
Kurunegala	24	22	51	25	239	458
Puttalam	19	10	30*	29	257	340
Anuradhapura	4	5	21	12	173	156
Polonnaruwa	1	2	7	16	79	118
Badulla	7	13	20	10	194	234
Monaragala	18	21	22	7	189	221
Ratnapura	46	74	78	73	620	973
Kegalle	36	17	31	40	312	457
<b>Total*</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>1261*</b>	<b>1348</b>	<b>11450</b>	<b>17735</b>

Source: NaDSys (Dengue Surveillance, National Dengue Control Unit)

\*Ampara district is divided into two Regional Directorates of Health Services (RDHS) as Ampara & Kalmunai

■ Districts reporting higher number of cases.

\* Week total may vary slightly due to the deletion of duplicate entries. Inter-district transfers can affect the district totals.

**Table 2: High risk MOH areas**

MOH Area	Cases reported		MOH Area	Cases reported		MOH Area	Cases reported		MOH Area	Cases reported	
	Week 11	Week 12		Week 11	Week 12		Week 11	Week 12		Week 11	Week 12
<b>WESTERN PROVINCE</b>			Rathmalana	15	20	Pugode(Dompe)	9	10	Weligama	20	16
Colombo District			D2B-CMC	10	12	Ragama	9	11	<b>EASTERN PROVINCE</b>		
Battaramulla	17	35	D3-CMC	18	15	Seeduwa	15	16	Kalmunai District		
Boralesgamuwa	9	10	D4-CMC	11	20	Wattala	10	14	Addalaichenai 6 13		
Dehiwala	13	14	<b>Gampaha District</b>			<b>Kalutara District</b>			<b>NORTH WESTERN PROVINCE</b>		
Egodauyana	11	14	Attanagalla	16	12	Ingiriya	15	18	Puttalam District		
Gothatuwa	22	20	Biyagama	33	31	Panadura	19	21	Madampe 14 10		
Hanwellla	11	10	Gampaha	11	15	Wadduwa	4	12	<b>SABARAGAMUWA PROVINCE</b>		
Homagama	16	11	Katana	13	11	<b>SOUTHERN PROVINCE</b>			Ratnapura District		
Kaduwela	46	76	Kelaniya	24	37	Galle District			Embilipitiya 10 13		
Maharagama	25	48	Mahara	13	14	Habaraduwa 9 14			Udawalawa 7 10		
Moratuwa	11	11	Minuwangoda	5	18	MC Galle 10 17					
Padukka	3	11	Negombo	10	14	Matara District					
Piliyandala	14	18				Matara MC 25 29					

**Table 3: Sentinel hospitals with high average midnight totals in the 12<sup>th</sup> week**

Hospital	Average Midnight Total		Hospital	Average Midnight Total		Hospital	Average Midnight Total	
	Week 11	Week 12		Week 11	Week 12		Week 11	Week 12
NIID	36	42	TH - Kurunegala	12	11	BH - Wathupitiwala	6	6
TH-Matara	38	38	NH - Kandy	9	9	BH - Kahawatta	5	6
NHSL	25	27	TH - Peradeniya	5	9	BH - Tangalle	8	5
NH - Galle	23	27	BH - Balapitiya	7	8	DGH - Polonnaruwa	3	5
TH - Colombo South	23	26	BH - Panadura	9	8	BH - Kalmunai North	6	5
TH - Colombo North	13	23	DGH-Avissawella	6	8	BH - Balangoda	5	5
DGH - Negombo	14	19	TH - Kalutara	9	8	PGH - Badulla	8	5
DGH - Horana	8	13	TH - Batticaloa	12	8	BH - Kamburupitiya	5	4
LRH	11	11	DGH - Gampaha	12	7	BH - Point Pedro	3	4
TH - Ratnapura	16	11	DGH - Embilipitiya	8	6	BH - Marawila	3	4

**Table 4: Dengue related deaths**

	2025	2026		2025	2026
Reported Deaths	29	06	Case Fatality Rate	0.05%	0.04%

Deaths reported in 2026 [Districts/Admin area]					
District/area	No	District/area	No	District/area	No
Colombo	2	Gampaha	2	NIHS Kalutara	1
Hambantota	1				

Deaths reported in 2026 [Age & Sex]					
Age Group (Yrs)	Male	Female	Age Group (Yrs)	Male	Female
5-14	0	0	45 - 54	0	1
15-24	0	1	55 - 64	0	1
25-34	0	0	> 64	0	2
35-44	0	1	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>

