



# WEEKLY DENGUE UPDATE

Week 17 (20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026)

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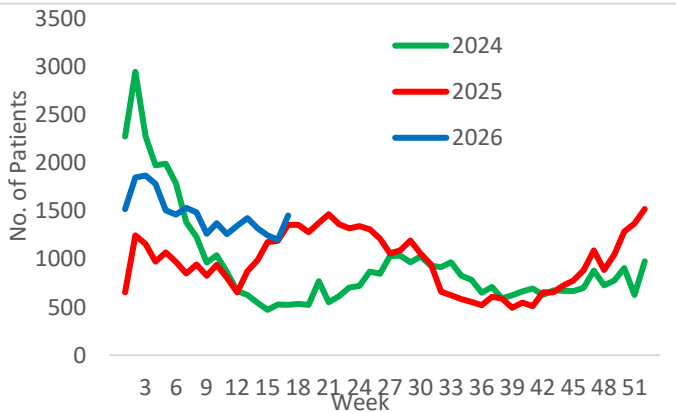
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## DENGUE CASE REPORTING

During the 17<sup>th</sup> week, 1453 suspected dengue cases were reported across all 26 districts, compared to 1202 cases in the previous week, reflecting an 20.9% increase. The Western Province accounted for 52.9% of total cases, with the Colombo Municipal Council (CMC) contributing 3.5%, the rest of Colombo District 22%, Gampaha District 18.9%, and Kalutara District 8.6%. Outside the Western Province, notable case contributions were reported from Ratnapura (9.8%), Galle (6.3%), Matara (5.8%), Kandy (3.2%), Kegalle (2.9%), Kalmunai (2.8%), Batticaloa (2.7%), and Jaffna (2.1%) (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 17<sup>th</sup> week of 2026, 43 Medical Officer of Health (MOH) areas were identified as high-risk, including 16 newly flagged areas (highlighted in light blue in Table 2). Previously classified 5 high-risk MOH areas in week 16, were not identified as high-risk in the 17<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 17<sup>th</sup> week rose from 424 to 500.

In the 17<sup>th</sup> week of 2026, the average midnight total of dengue patients across 74 sentinel hospitals was 500. During this period, 34 hospitals reported an increase in dengue admissions, while 12 hospitals reported a decrease.

Table 3 highlights sentinel hospitals with high average midnight totals and changes in dengue admissions during the 17<sup>th</sup> week.

Table 1: Reported dengue cases in week 17 and week 16 of 2026

District/ RDHS	No. of cases					
	2025		2026		Up to Week 17	
	Week 16	Week 17	Week 16	Week 17	2025	2026
Colombo	273	336	288*	370	4585	6801
Gampaha	177	184	202*	274	2509	3885
Kalutara	36	68	97*	125	690	1544
Kandy	42	68	69	47	1019	930
Matale	38	29	7	11	511	346
Nuwara Eliya	5	3	4	3	57	83
Galle	36	27	72	91	779	1677
Hambantota	18	19	32	24	315	767
Matara	45	16	67	85	638	1751
Jaffna	15	23	20*	30	435	477
Kilinochchi	4	2	Nil	2	30	34
Mannar	3	Nil	1	4	74	32
Vavuniya	4	Nil	1	1	18	44
Mullaitivu	1	Nil	Nil	2	7	19
Batticaloa	55	107	26*	39	1062	745
Ampara	5	1	7	7	49	187
Trincomalee	51	43	24	23	501	308
Kalmunai*	10	12	32*	40	206	481
Kurunegala	30	30	43*	28	371	637
Puttalam	6	17	19*	20	307	442
Anuradhapura	5	16	9	4	211	198
Polonnaruwa	11	9	11	10	113	177
Badulla	14	10	15	14	249	320
Monaragala	25	7	11	15	322	334
Ratnapura	246	305	113*	142	1544	1518
Kegalle	31	20	32*	42	428	644
<b>Total*</b>	<b>1186</b>	<b>1352</b>	<b>1202*</b>	<b>1453</b>	<b>17030</b>	<b>24381</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 16	Week 17		Week 16	Week 17		Week 16	Week 17		Week 16	Week 17
<b>WESTERN PROVINCE</b>			Rathmalana	10	12	<b>Wattala</b>			4		
Colombo District			<b>CMC</b>			Kalutara District			Addalaichchenai		
Battaramulla	19	25	D1-CMC	7	12	Horana	11	10	Ninthavur	5	13
Boralesgamuwa	9	12	D3-CMC	16	15	Ingiriya	25	28	<b>NORTHERN PROVINCE</b>		
Dehiwala	11	13	<b>Gampaha District</b>			Panadura	24	19	Jaffna District		
Gothatuwa	20	27	Aththanagalla	13	15	<b>NIHS</b>			Point Pedro		
Hanwella	15	18	Biyagama	51	66	Aluthgama	1	11	4		
Homagama	12	12	Gampaha	13	14	<b>SOUTHERN PROVINCE</b>			<b>SABARAGAMUWA PROVINCE</b>		
Kaduwela	39	45	Ja-Ela	16	16	Matara District			Ratnapura District		
Kahathuduwa	14	12	Katana	9	10	Kamburupitiya	8	18	Embilipitiya		
Kesbewa	5	11	Kelaniya	16	30	Matara MC	7	17	Nivithigala		
Maharagama	27	54	Mahara	25	42	Weligama	10	11	Rathnapura MC		
Padukka	10	12	Minuwangoda	17	12	<b>Galle District</b>			Ratnapura PS		
Piliyandala	10	23	Pugoda(Dompe)	11	22	Yakkalamulla	10	12	Kegalle District		
Pitakotte	6	17	Seeduwa	5	14	<b>EASTERN PROVINCE</b>			Dehiovita		
						Kalmunai District			9		

**Table 3: Sentinel hospitals with high average midnight totals in the 17<sup>th</sup> week**

Hospital	Average Midnight Total			Hospital	Average Midnight Total			Hospital	Average Midnight Total		
	Week 16	Week 17			Week 16	Week 17			Week 16	Week 17	
NIID	48	59	↑	DGH - Gampaha	10	13	↑	TH - Baticaloa	5	7	↑
TH - Ratnapura	30	36	↑	BH - Kamburupitiya	6	13	↑	BH - Balangoda	4	6	↑
TH - Colombo South	22	31	↑	TH - Kurunegala	14	12	↓	TH - Peradeniya	11	6	↓
TH - Colombo North	26	31	↑	TH - Kalutara	10	12	↑	BH - Wathupitiwala	6	6	-
NHSL	20	27	↑	NH - Kandy	11	12	↑	DGH - Trincomalee	6	5	↓
TH-Matara	21	24	↑	DGH - Awissawella	9	11	↑	DGH - Embilipitiya	10	5	↓
NH - Galle	19	21	↑	PGH - Badulla	5	10	↑	BH - Balapitiya	4	4	-
DGH - Negambo	14	20	↑	BH - Panadura	5	10	↑	DGH - Monaragala	4	4	-
LRH	12	18	↑	BH - Tangalle	4	9	↑	BH - Minuwangoda	4	4	-
DGH - Horana	18	18	-	BH - Kahawatta	14	9	↓				

**Table 4: Dengue related deaths**

	2025	2026		2025	2026
Reported Deaths	29	10	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	3	NIHS Kalutara	1
Hambantota	2	Galle	1	Kandy	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	1	0	> 64	0	4
35-44	0	2	<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>

