### Importance of Surveillance in Controlling Vaccine Preventable Diseases

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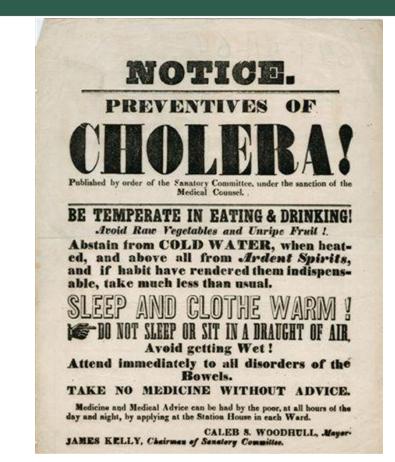
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### John Snow and the Broad Street Pump







#### Modern Epidemiologic Methods

- Proposed new hypothesis for disease causation
- Used systematic methods to test hypothesis
- Provided evidence
- Pushed for recommendations that will prevent additional cases and deaths

### Public Health Surveillance

#### What?

Collection, analysis, interpretation, and timely dissemination of healthrelated data

When, How? Ongoing and systematic

#### Why?

For public health action √to reduce morbidity (disease) and mortality (death) √and to improve health

### We use public health surveillance to...

- **Describe** the burden of or potential for disease
- Monitor trends and patterns in disease, risk factors, and agents
- **Detect** sudden changes in disease occurrence and distribution
- **Provide** data for program, policies, and priorities
- Evaluate prevention and control efforts



### **Epidemiology Bureau**

#### Mandate

 Provide and promote epidemiologic information for evidence-based decision making

#### Mission

- We provide stakeholders with surveillance and epidemiologic information to prevent and control outbreaks and to improve health policies, programs, and systems
- Develop competent health personnel to detect and respond to public health threats.







## Philippine Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (PIDSR)

IHR

For rapid response to notify IHR

#### PIDSR

Epidemic Surveillance for early warning systems

Epidemic Prone Disease Case Surveillance (EDCS) (Indicator based surveillance)

Sentinel Hospitals ALI Level 3: Government Hospitals

#### **EDCS Core Processes:**

- 1. Case Detection
- 2. Case Registration
- 3. Case Reporting
- 4. Laboratory Testing and Confirmation

Facilities Disease Reporting Units

**Non-Sentinel Health** 

5. Data Management

- 6. Analysis and Interpretation
- 7. Feedback
- 8. Epidemic Response
- 9. Monitoring and Evaluation

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threat (e.g. cluster of diseases, unusual and rare health events

**Event Based Surveillance and Response (ESR)** 

(Event based surveillance)

Rapidly captures any event of acute public health

#### ESR Core Processes:

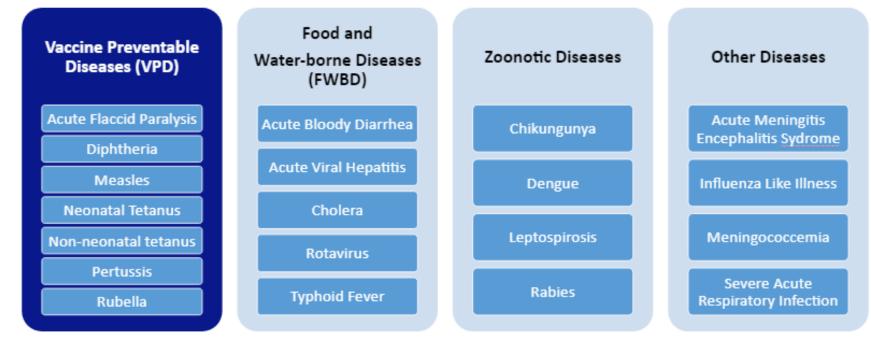
- 1. Capture
- 2. Verify
- 3. Filter
- 4. Assessment
- 5. Response
- 6. Feedback and Information Dissemination







### Philippine Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response

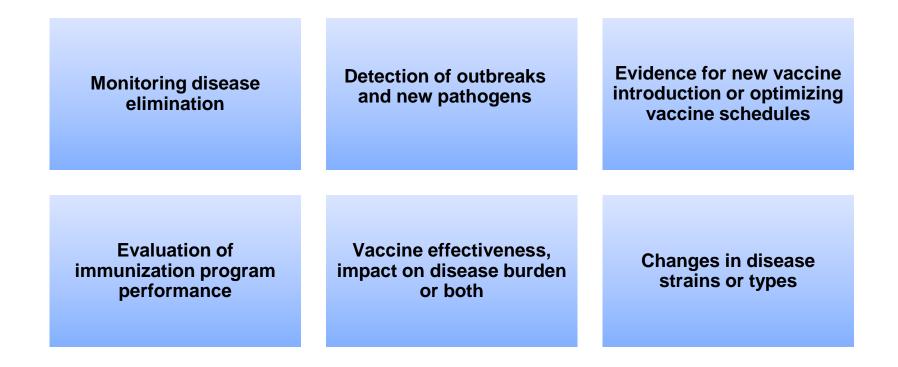


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### **VPD** Surveillance Objectives

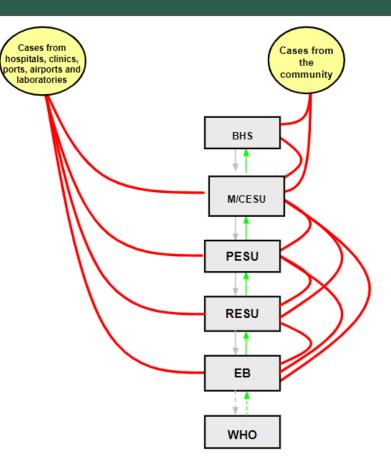


WHO Overview of VPD Surveillance Principles

### **Case Detection**

All VPDs are detected in Disease Reporting Units (DRUs) using standard case definitions.

All VPD cases should be reported/notified to the next higher level Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (ESU) within 24 hours using the fastest means possible



### **Case Reporting**

- Case Investigation Forms (CIF) and/or Case Report Forms (CRF) are used in reporting information
- Entries in the CIF shall be encoded in the Epidemic Prone Disease Case Surveillance Information System (EDCS-IS) or the PIDSR Software.
- Encoded data in the EDCS-IS shall be validated by the next higher level ESU within 24 hours
- Zero-case reporting daily

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#### Global Goals to VPD Eradication, Elimination, and Control

#### Global Polio Eradication: Goal and Target for the year 2030

- **Goal:** Elimination of infection (Regional eradication, including VDPV)
- **Target:** Zero incidence of polio due to any type of poliovirus infection

#### **Measles Elimination**

- Stop the transmission of <u>endemic</u> measles virus
- Vision: a world where all countries are equipped with robust measles outbreak preparedness, prevention and response systems

#### **Neonatal Tetanus Elimination**

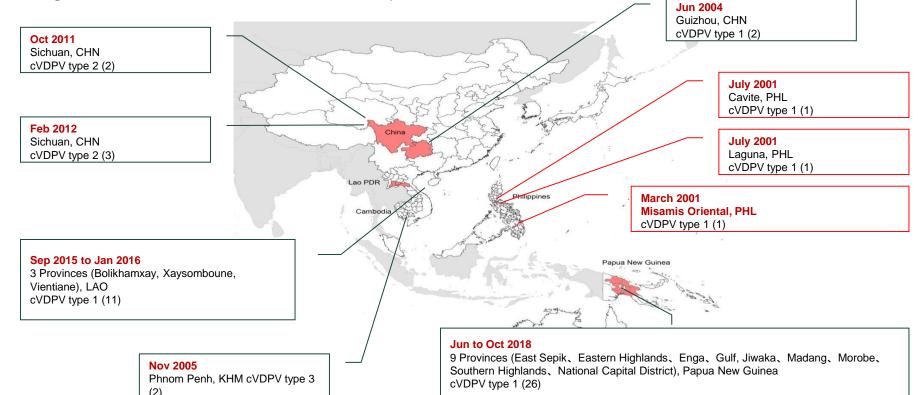
• Achieve and maintain <1 NT case per 1,000 live births in every municipality and city every year

#### **Diphtheria and Pertussis**

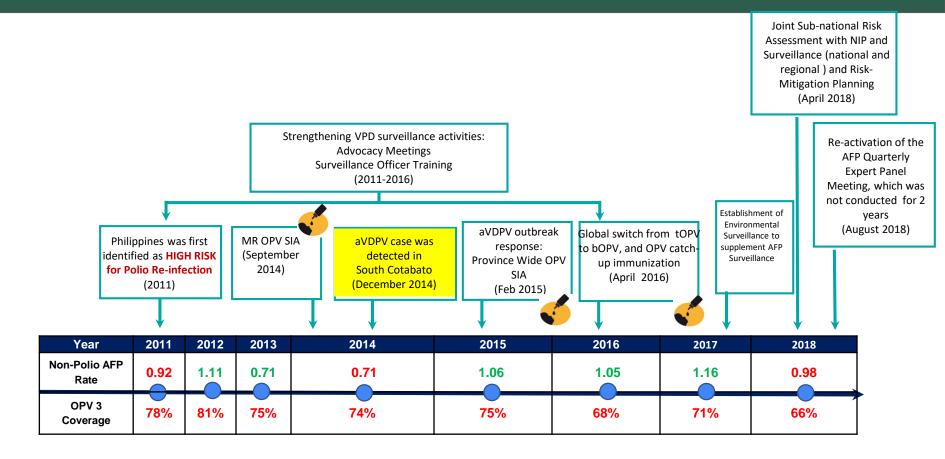
• Control of the occurrence of diphtheria and pertussis cases , deaths and outbreaks in the country

### **Polio Eradication in the Western Pacific**

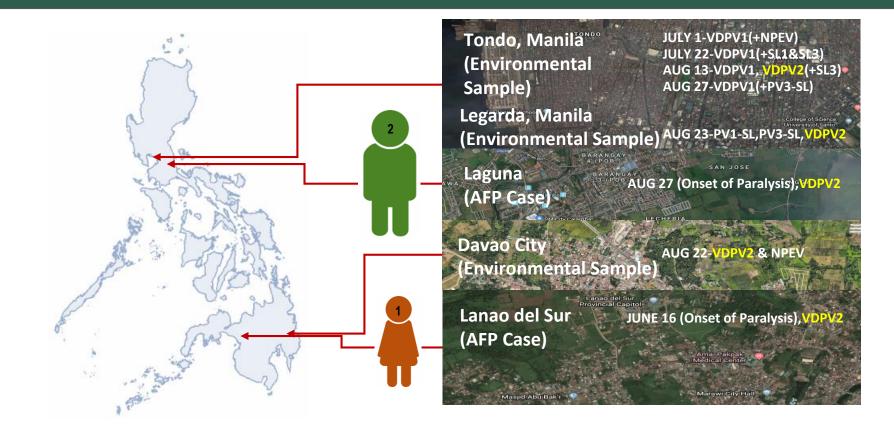
- The Philippines and Western Pacific were certified Polio-free in **November 2000**
- Emergence and circulation of vaccine-derived polioviruses: 2001 to 2018



### Philippine Efforts to Eradicate Polio

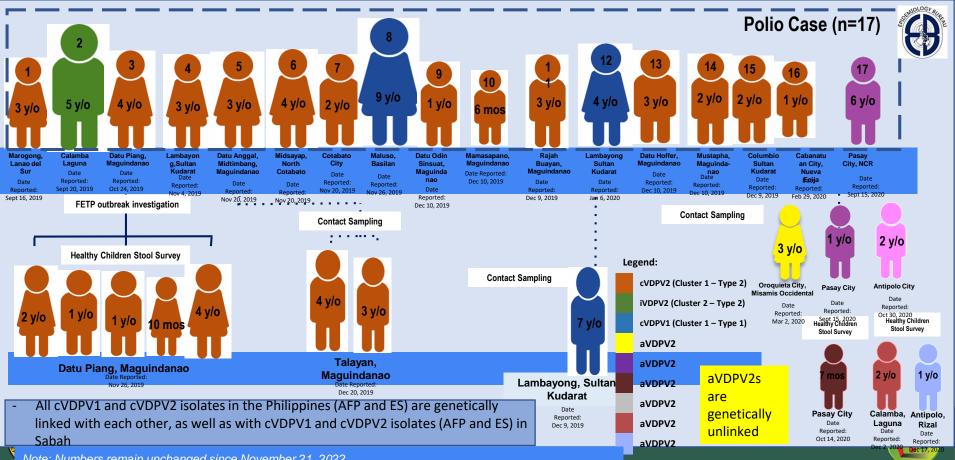


### Polio Outbreak: Re-emergence after 19 Years



### Polio Infected Children (N=31)

September 2019 – September 2021



Note: Numbers remain unchanged since November 21, 2022

### Strengthened surveillance and outbreak response



- Active AFP surveillance (house-to-house)
- Field investigations
- Funding support to hire AFP Surveillance Officers (AFPSO)
- Training of AFPSO
- Regular meeting even during pandemic (virtual)
  - Between national and regional
  - Between DOH, WHO, and experts

### **Closure of Polio Outbreak in 2021**



# Despite end of Polio Outbreak we remain at high risk for VPD outbreaks



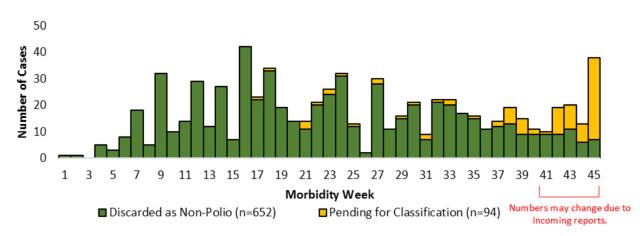


### Cases of VPDs are on the rise in 2022

Diseases/		Cases		Dea	ths	CFR (%)		
Conditions	2021	2022	% Change	2021	2022	2021	2022	
Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP)	764	746	↓2	41	17	5	2	
Diphtheria	40	61	153	14	17	35	28	
Reported Measles- Rubella	210	572	<b>↑172</b>	0	1	0	0.2	
- Measles Cases	175	524	<b>↑199</b>	0	1	0	0.2	
- Rubella Cases	35	48	137	0	0	0	0	
Neonatal Tetanus	16	45	181	9	10	56	22	
Pertussis	23	29	126	0	2	0	7	

#### National Situationer: Acute Flaccid Paralysis

Reported AFP Cases by Date of Report and Classification Philippines, January 1 – November 12, 2022 vs 2021



- 87% (652) were discarded as Non-Polio AFP Cases
- Children 4 years old and below comprise 41% of the cases
- 55% (413) were males
- 4% (30) of the cases were not vaccinated

# Need to maintain quality surveillance for polio to prevent future outbreaks

#### AFP Surveillance Performance by Region Philippines, January 1 to November 12, 2022 (MW 1-45)

Regions	<15 yo Population	Expected AFP Cases for 2022	Reported AFP Cases to date	Annualized AFP Reporting Rate	Annualized Non-Polio AFP Rate <sup>1</sup>	Adequacy of Stool Specimen³ (Target ≥80%)
PHILIPPINES	32,748,676	665	746	2.63	2.30	75
I	1,547,765	31	36	2.69	2.46	92
11	1,084,998	22	30	3.20	3.09	83
111	3,414,056	68	62	2.10	1.79	68
IV-A CALABARZON	4,566,967	91	104	2.63	2.20	44
IV-B MIMAROPA	1,116,946	22	12	1.24	0.93	50
V	2,076,574	42	53	2.95	2.84	91
VI	2,304,807	46	49	2.46	2.26	82
VII	2,425,583	49	60	2.86	2.67	73
VIII	1,496,934	30	73	5.64	4.86	88
IX	1,233,551	25	42	3.93	3.37	83
×	1,534,338	31	31	2.33	1.88	94
XI	1,627,433	33	35	2.49	2.20	77
XII	1,464,388	29	31	2.45	2.45	77
BARMM	1,826,302	37	27	1.71	1.58	93
CAR	531,948	11	15	3.26	2.82	80
Caraga	929,722	19	17	2.11	1.49	65
NCR	3,566,363	71	69	2.24	1.72	70

1 Applied New AFP Rate by WHO= [[{( All reported AFP cases/ current morbidity week) \* 52/<15 Population]\*100,000)

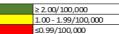
2 Applied New Non↓Polio AFP Rate by WHO= [[{(AFP cases classified as Non↓Polio/ current morbidity week)\* 52/<15 Population]\*100,000]

3 Adequacy of Stool Specimen= No. of AFP cases with Adequate Stools/ Reported Cases x 100

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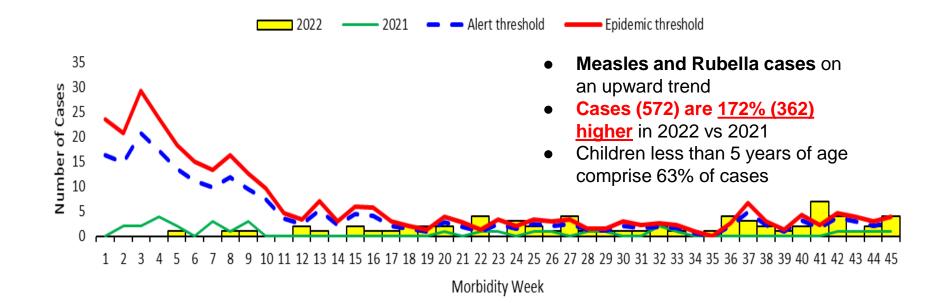
AFP & NP-AFP Rate

Stool Adequacy Rate





#### <u>National Situationer: Measles-Rubella</u> Nationally, cases have not yet reached the measles alert and epidemic threshold levels; peak of cases was observed in MW 36

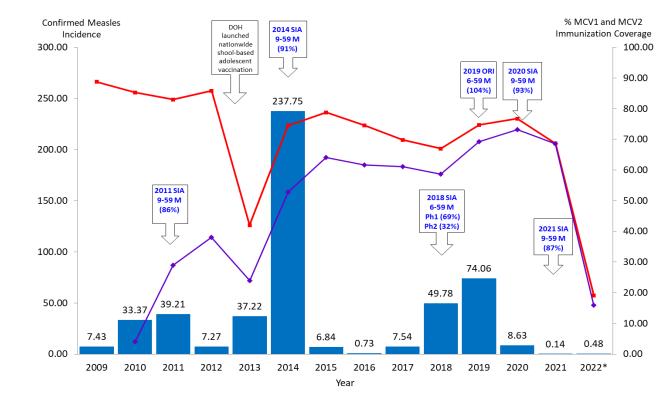


Note: Reported measles cases include confirmed measles and clinically compatible measles cases \*Data as of January 11 November 5, 2022 (MW 1144) with updates as of November 9, 2022

# During large-scale measles outbreak in 2019, 637 deaths occurred and 89% were aged under five years

In 2016, there were only 3 deaths and 39 deaths in 2017. This increased to 341 in 2018.

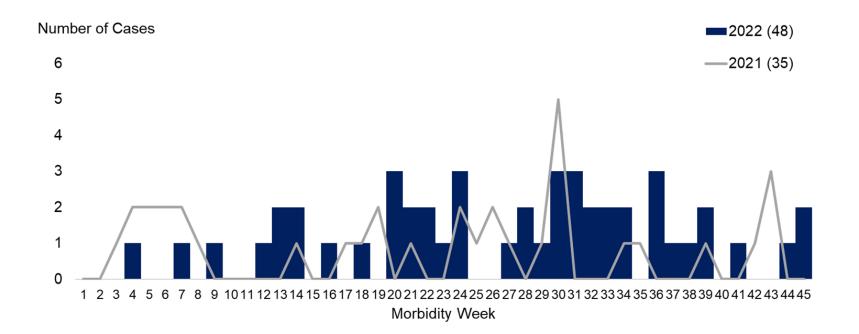
In 2019, 637 deaths were reported (CFR: 1.3%) mostly among children <5 y/o



Partial MVC coverage as of January-May 2022

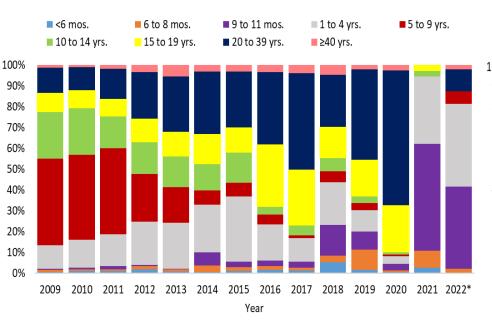
\*Annualized data from January 1 to November 12, 2022 (MW 1-45) Incidence Rate per 1M Population

# For rubella, 48 laboratory confirmed rubella cases were reported to date. Like measles, this is higher than cases reported during same time period in 2021

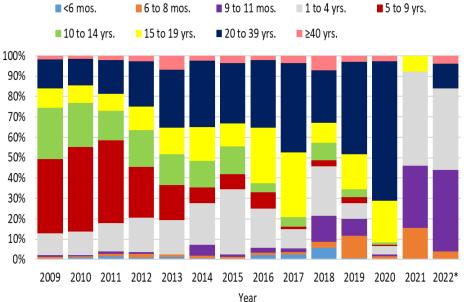


% rubella cases among females aged 15 and above have increased from 65% to 92% in 2020. The increasing number and proportion of rubella cases who are females of childbearing age may lead to increased risk for congenital rubella syndrome or CRS

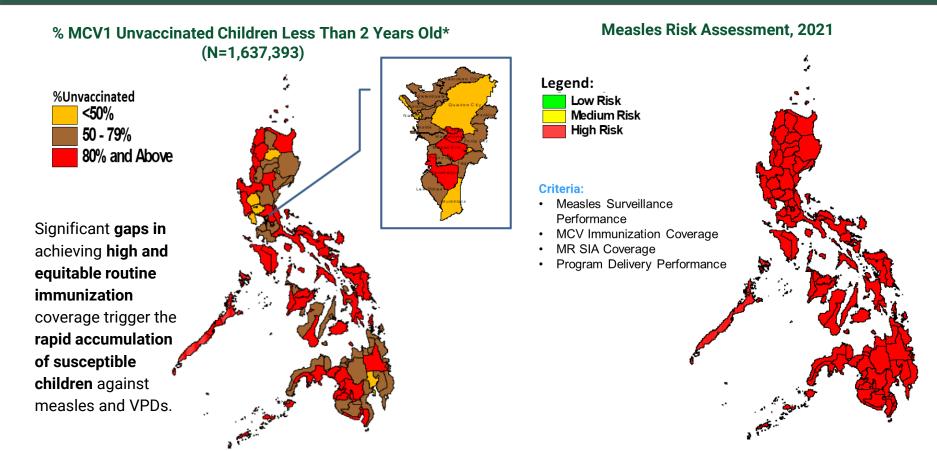
#### Confirmed Rubella by Age Group 2009-2022



#### Female Confirmed Rubella by Age Group 2009-2022



# All regions are at high risk for measles outbreak based on risk assessment conducted in 2021



## On a national level, 3 out of 6 MR surveillance indicators were met

	POPULATION	Total Number of	Case Classification				Annualized	Timeliness &	Timeliness &	Annualized	Annualized	Percentage of	
			Clinically Compatible Measles		Laboratory Laboratory Confirmed Confirmed Measles Rubella	Non- Measles/ Rubella Discarded Cases	Measles Incidence Rate	Adequacy of Specimen Collection	Adequacy of Case Investigation	Suspect Measles Reporting Rate	Non- measles/Non- rubella reporting rate	Measles Compatible	
			No Data of Specimen Collection	Pending Laboratory Result				Target: <1/1,000,000 Pop.	Target: _≥80%	Target: <u>&gt;</u> 80%	Target: ≥2/100,000 Pop.	Target: ≥2/100,000 Pop.	Target: <10%
PHILIPPINES	110,278,979	2,162	379	92	53	48	1,590	0.48	81	76	2.26	1.67	22
1	5,361,706	139	15	0	4	4	116	0.75	88	86	2.99	2.50	11
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ш	12,564,099	199	30	9	4	8	148	0.32	83	76	1.83	1.36	20
CALABARZON	16,380,075	173	87	4	3	4	75	0.18	48	42	1.22	0.53	53
MIMAROPA	3,265,445	42	16	2	4	0	20	1.22	62	60	1.49	0.71	43
v	6,151,655	40	5	0	2	3	30	0.33	85	85	0.75	0.56	13
VI	8,045,608	120	4	1	2	3	110	0.25	96	94	1.72	1.58	4
VII	8,174,327	330	57	7	3	3	260	0.37	79	72	4.66	3.67	19
VIII	4,599,102	88	21	1	4	2	60	0.87	75	66	2.21	1.51	25
IX	3,919,855	116	21	20	3	3	69	0.77	80	79	3.42	2.03	35
x	5,080,154	145	12	14	4	6	109	0.79	90	91	3.30	2.48	18
XI	5,303,445	230	18	16	3	4	189	0.57	92	89	5.01	4.12	15
XII	4,628,694	43	10	1	0	2	30	0.00	77	77	1.07	0.75	26
BARMM	4,783,401	17	9	3	0	0	5	0.00	41	41	0.41	0.12	71
CAR	1,818,199	59	0	0	1	0	58	0.55	100	92	3.75	3.68	0
Caraga	2,836,833	58	17	2	0	2	37	0.00	67	59	2.36	1.51	33
NCR	13,638,526	253	49	7	12	4	181	0.88	77	70	2.14	1.53	22
LEGEND:								≥1	<80%	<80%	<2/100,000 Pop.	<2/100,000 Pop.	<10%

<u><</u>50%

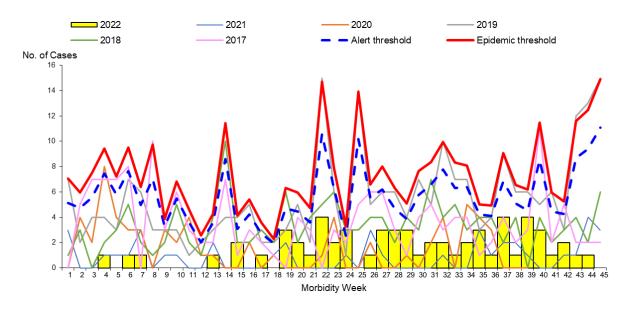
Reported suspect measles and rubella cases include confirmed measles, confirmed rubella, clinically compatible measles cases and non-

measles/rubella discarded cases

\*Data as of January 1- November 12, 2022 (MW 1-45) with updates as of November 16, 2022

<u>National Situationer: Diphtheria</u> While total cases higher than last year, weekly cases remain low and remained below the alert and epidemic thresholds

Reported Diphtheria Cases by Morbidity Week Philippines, January 1 – November 12, 2022 vs 2017-2021

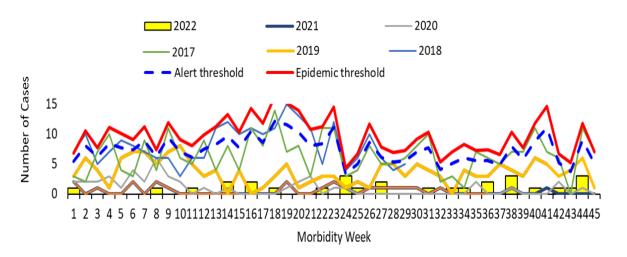


- Cases (61) are 53% (21) higher vs 2021
- 61% (37) were females
- 28% (17) belonged to the 1 to 4 years age group
- CFR is at 27.9% (17 deaths)
- No confirmed case yet. All cases were probable.

National Situationer: Pertussis

Few pertussis cases are being reported weekly. Although higher than last year's cases, reports remain lower than pre-pandemic years and thresholds

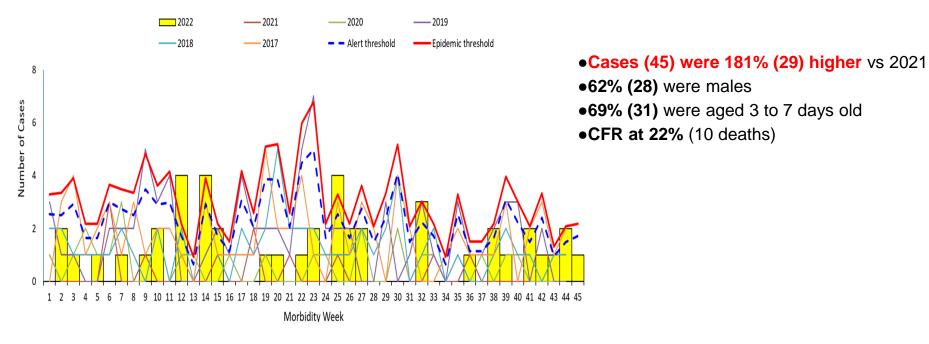
Reported Pertussis Cases by Morbidity Week Philippines, January 1 – November 12, 2022 vs 2017-2021



- Cases (29) were 26% higher vs 2021
- 62% (18) were males
- Infants <6 months comprise of 52% (15) of cases

<u>National Situationer: Neonatal Tetanus</u> Cases have increased by 181% in 2022 vs 2021 and affect 11 regions, including NCR; 10 were deaths with a CFR of 22%

Reported Neonatal Tetanus Cases by Morbidity Week Philippines, January 1 – November 12, 2022 vs 2017-2021



### Though we have capacities to continuously detect cases, there are still gaps in our surveillance







#### Philippine Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response

Points of Strength and for Improvement Highlighted by WHO Assessments

#### **Strengths**

- PIDSR is established in all levels of the public health surveillance system
- Established expert committees for AFP, MR, and AEFI
- Established reference laboratory
- Hardworking and capable staff

#### Weaknesses

- Delayed reporting of cases and laboratory results
- Lack of funding and support
- Unstable staffing with no proper training
- No established surveillance for Congenital Rubella Syndrome

#### **Key Recommendations**

- ✓ Establish sentinel based surveillance
- Develop an online system to strengthen data management and feedback on all levels
- ✓ Improve laboratory capacity and testing

- Develop operational guidelines for staffing and surveillance
- Strengthen capacity for outbreak response
- ✓ Establish sentinel surveillance for Congenital Rubella Syndrome (CRS)





# Decline in case detection, reporting, and confirmation

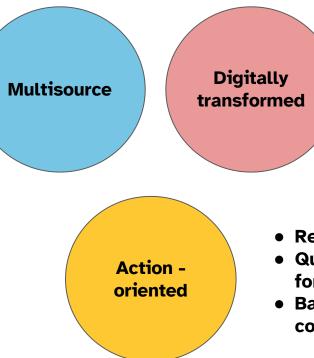
- Less familiarity with clinical presentation of VPDs
- Epidemiology and surveillance network clinical practitioners, private health facilities, and non-health care institutions like workplaces and schools
  - Case definitions, CIF/CRF and how to report
  - What samples to collect and how/where to send for confirmation
  - Case and outbreak investigations done in silo
  - Limited feedback between ESUs and reporting units
- We need to engage more specialists who will compose expert groups
  - AFP and Measles-Rubella expert panels
  - National and Regional Adverse Event Following Immunization Committees (N/RAEFIC)

### What to expect moving forward

- Indicator- or case-based surveillance strengthened through:
  - Selection, establishment, and capacitation of sentinel sites
  - Shift to an online information system
  - More efficient data management process
  - Increased relevance and utility of surveillance reports
  - Better access to data through public trackers
- Quality event-based surveillance (early warning system)
- Expansion of laboratory confirmatory and sequencing capacity
  - Sub-national VPD laboratories
  - Improved sequencing capacity and use of information
- EB to serve as center that will consolidate epidemiological and health-related data to produce comprehensive analysis of country situation

### Pubic Health Surveillance should be

- Able to integrate data from multiple sources and systems
- Ready for transition to EHR-linked surveillance
- Innovative and able to adapt new technologies (e.g. genomic surveillance)



- Utilizes both digital and manual systems; manual processes able to be supported digitally
- Able to process, manage, and analyze huge amounts of data
- Agile and adaptive processes and systems to meet evolving needs
- Responsive and relevant reports
- Quick flagging and endorsement for response
- Balance between data completeness and quick action





#### Partners in Achieving Elimination and Eradication Goals











- Disease Reporting Units
   Nationwide
- National and Regional Expert Panel Review Committee for AFP
- National Verification Committee for Measles and Rubella Elimination
- Clinical practitioners and medical associations





## **Key Messages**

- Surveillance remains key in keeping us secure by monitoring current and possible health threats and providing early signals to trigger timely and appropriate action
- The COVID-19 pandemic and previous outbreaks taught us how quality surveillance provided us the critical information we need to guide our strategies and response
- A strong surveillance systems requires a strong, well-coordinated network of equally capacitated units and partners



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