



## Event-based Surveillance and Response Monthly Report for May 2021

### Summary of Health Events May 1 - 31, 2021

- A total of 936 HE<sup>1</sup> was captured and verified by EB-ESR Unit from May 1 to 31, 2021
- Of these, 544 (58%) were reported as acute public health threats and disseminated to stakeholders nationwide
- Region VIII had the most (136, 15%) number of captured HE<sup>1</sup> followed by CAR (125, 13%) and Region IX (119, 13%)
- Majority of reported HE<sup>1</sup> by EB-ESRU were EREID<sup>4</sup> (450, 83%) followed by AEFI<sup>7</sup> (61, 11%) and Zoonotic diseases (20, 4%)
- Majority (474, 91%) of the status of HE<sup>1</sup> are ongoing

CAPTURE	No.	%
<b>Total no. of HE<sup>1</sup> captured:</b>	936	
<b>Source:</b>		
DOH	779	83%
Internet	2	0.2%
Others	155	17%
<b>Total</b>	936	100%
<b>Regions with most no. of captured HE<sup>1</sup>:</b>		
Region VIII	136	15%
CAR	125	13%
Region IX	119	13%
<b>Means of capture:</b>		
Active	22	2%
Passive	914	98%
<b>Total</b>	936	100%

VERIFICATION OF HE <sup>1</sup>	No.	%
Verified by EB-ESRU	22	4%
Verified by RESU <sup>2</sup>	366	67%
Verified by IHR <sup>3</sup> focal units	149	27%
Others	7	1%
<b>Total</b>	544	100%
<b>Health Event Classification:</b>		
EREID <sup>4</sup>	450	83%
AEFI <sup>7</sup>	61	11%
Zoonotic Diseases	20	4%
FWBD <sup>6</sup>	9	2%
Meningococcal Diseases	1	0.2%
Vectorborne Diseases	1	0.2%
VPD <sup>5</sup>	0	0%
Others	2	0.4%
<b>Total</b>	544	100%
<b>Top regions with reported HE<sup>1</sup>:</b>		
Region VIII	81	15%
Region IX	76	14%
Region V	62	11%

VERIFICATION (cont'd)	No.	%
<b>Status:</b>		
Ongoing	496	91%
Controlled	35	6%
Closed	13	2%
<b>Total</b>	544	100%

ASSESSMENT	No.	%
<b>Level of Concern:</b>		
PHELC <sup>8</sup>	92	17%
PHERC <sup>9</sup>	0	0%
PHENC <sup>10</sup>	416	76%
PHEIC <sup>11</sup>	36	7%
<b>Total</b>	544	100%

RESPONSE	No.
No. of HE <sup>1</sup> with local response	936
No. of investigated by FETP <sup>14</sup> Fellow	0

FILTER	No.	%
Reported	544	58%
Filtered	386	41%
FYI	6	0.6%
<b>Total</b>	936	100%

FEEDBACK & INFORMATION DISSEMINATION	No.
This month	544
YTD <sup>13</sup>	2,946

### Regional Distribution of Reported Health Events

Region	No. of captured HE <sup>1</sup> (May 2021)	REPORTED HEALTH EVENTS						STATUS (this month)			ASSESSMENT (this month)				Total no. of HE <sup>1</sup> responded locally (this mo.)	Total no. of HE <sup>1</sup> with feedback to RO <sup>12</sup> (this mo.)
		2021			2020			Closed	Controlled	Ongoing	PHELC <sup>8</sup>	PHERC <sup>9</sup>	PHENC <sup>10</sup>	PHEIC <sup>11</sup>		
		May	Past 3 months	YTD <sup>13</sup>	May	Past 3 months	YTD <sup>13</sup>									
Passive	914	522	1423	2,090	126	166	686	13	35	474	90	0	396	36	914	522
Region 1	3	3	8	11	2	8	12	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	3	3
Region 2	79	10	96	112	2	7	21	0	2	8	5	0	1	4	79	10
Region 3	30	26	52	81	2	15	23	0	5	21	10	0	13	3	30	26
Region 4A	8	1	39	41	8	7	11	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	8	1
Region 4B	3	3	3	6	1	3	7	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	3	3
Region 5	68	62	106	176	5	2	8	5	4	53	21	0	34	7	68	62
Region 6	13	10	161	173	9	24	54	0	0	10	3	0	6	1	13	10
Region 7	6	2	17	21	23	0	19	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	6	2
Region 8	136	81	41	125	0	4	10	0	6	75	4	0	77	0	136	81
Region 9	119	76	99	178	2	2	10	0	3	73	3	0	73	0	119	76
Region 10	15	11	95	111	9	17	28	1	1	9	10	0	1	0	15	11
Region 11	23	21	83	113	3	16	33	2	3	16	10	0	11	0	23	21
Region 12	97	11	69	85	14	18	60	3	1	7	8	0	2	1	97	11
Caraga	22	18	27	47	3	5	22	1	4	13	9	0	2	7	22	18
BARMM	6	0	15	15	1	3	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0
CAR	125	30	30	67	0	4	14	0	4	26	0	0	30	0	125	30
NCR	4	1	36	40	34	22	91	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	1
IHR	149	149	405	640	6	4	67	0	0	149	0	0	139	10	149	149
Others	8	7	41	48	2	5	183	0	2	5	5	0	2	0	8	7
Active	22	22	525	856	19	5	29	0	0	22	2	0	20	0	22	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>1,948</b>	<b>2,946</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>544</b>

Legend:

- 1 Health Event
- 2 Regional Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit
- 3 International Health Regulations
- 4 Emerging and Re-emerging Infectious Diseases
- 5 Vaccine Preventable Diseases

- 6 Food and Water-borne Diseases
- 7 Adverse Event Following Immunization
- 8 Public Health Event of Local Concern
- 9 Public Health Event of Regional Concern
- 10 Public Health Event of National Concern

- 11 Public Health Emergency of International Concern
- 12 Regional Office
- 13 Year to date
- 14 Field Epidemiology Training Program

**Featured Event-based Surveillance and Response (ESR) Activity for this Month  
May, 2021**

**EIS Training Course for National Focal Points,  
May 4, 6, & 11, 2021**



**EIS in the context of IHR:  
Training Program for EIS Users (including NFPs)  
Pilot Sessions**



- Four ESR officers joined the course to better navigate the WHO Event Information Site or EIS platform
- Objectives of EIS Pilot Training
  1. To describe the Event Information Site (EIS) platform in the context of IHR
  2. To describe National IHR Focal Point (NFP) mandatory functions
  3. To demonstrate the contents of and information to be found in EIS
  4. To describe the relevance of the EIS contents to the work of National Focal Points and relevant stakeholders
  5. To explain the process of reporting public health events
- 1. Why use EIS and how to navigate it?**
  - Event Information Site platform is to allow timely and seamless information sharing from WHO to all National Focal Points on IHR public health events
- 2. How to use information posted on EIS?**
  - The information published on the EIS platform is to NFPs in confidence and not intended for public distribution. No user should take the initiative to release through public channels the information shared on the EIS platform.
  - However, NFPs are responsible for further informing national counterparts to ensure that all relevant sectors are provided, in confidence, with the necessary information received from WHO to prepare, prevent, and respond to public health events.
- 3. How to notify and post event on the EIS?**
  - NFPs and NFP designated users: in principle, up to 5 users per State Party.
  - Selected intergovernmental organizations and international bodies as defined in Article 14 of the IHR.
  - Upon formal designation, new NFPs receive a WHO request to designate the five users who should be granted access to the EIS platform for their State Party.

**Clustering of Confirmed New COVID Variant [B.1.1.7] in a Healthcare Facility in Behavioral Medicine - Cagayan Valley Medical Center, Tuguegarao, Cagayan**

- A total of 8 cases was reported last May 27, 2021
- Age range: 22 - 65 years old (Median: 39 years)
- All cases are females and patients at Behavioral Medicine - Cagayan Valley Medical Center
- On April 21, 2021, cases underwent RT-PCR test at Cagayan Valley Medical Center
- On April 22, 2021, cases tested positive for COVID-19
- On April 23, 2021, cases were isolated
- On May 12, 2021, 1 (13%) case experienced body weakness
- On May 13, 2021, 1 (13%) case underwent re-swabbing
- On May 14, 2021, case who underwent re-swabbing tested positive for COVID-19; case was isolated at Behavioral Medicine - Cagayan Valley Medical Center
- On the same day, all cases tested positive for new COVID variant [B.1.1.7] in whole genome sequencing
- Seven (87%) cases were asymptomatic; one (13%) case had mild signs and symptoms

**Actions taken:**

- Behavioral Medicine - Cagayan valley Medical Center**
1. Managed the cases
  2. Facilitated specimen collection of cases
  3. Informed RESU Cagayan Valley

**RESU Cagayan Valley**

1. Verified health event
2. Conducted case investigation
3. Coordinated with Behavioral Medicine - Cagayan Valley Medical Center
5. Informed EB

This health event is ongoing.

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