



# WEEKLY DENGUE UPDATE

Week 46 (13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023)

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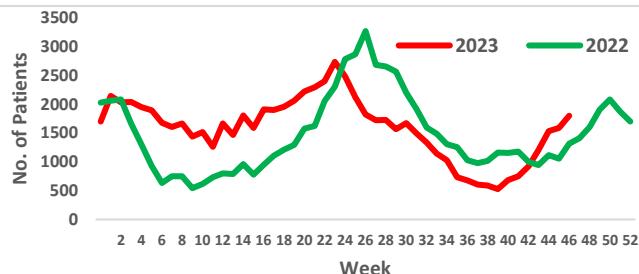
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## DENGUE CASE REPORTING

During 46<sup>th</sup> week, 1798 suspected dengue cases were reported in 24 districts in comparison to 1586, in 24 districts during the 45<sup>th</sup> week. There is 13.4% increase in 46<sup>th</sup> week, compared to the previous week. Of all reported cases, 40.9% were from Western Province [Colombo Municipal Council – 6.2%, rest of the Colombo District – 17.9%, Gampaha District -13.0% and Kalutara District – 3.9%]. Kandy [17.8%], Galle [8.6%], Kurunegala [6.1%], Puttalam [5.8%], and Kegalle [4.4%] districts also have reported higher number of cases (Table 1).

## WEEKLY DISTRIBUTION OF DENGUE PATIENTS in 2022 and 2023



Source: DenSys (Dengue Sentinel Site Surveillance, Epidemiology Unit)

## HIGH RISK MOH AREAS (Table 2)

During 46<sup>th</sup> week, 50 MOH areas were flagged as high-risk. Of them, 35 MOH areas showed rising numbers than their respective numbers in previous week. Persistently high number of patients are observed in 40 MOH areas in both 45<sup>th</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> weeks.

The MOH areas that were newly flagged as high-risk areas in 46<sup>th</sup> week are Pita Kotte, Boralesgamuwa, Katana, Minuwangoda, Habaraduwa, Rathgama, Eravur, Kurunegala, MC Kurunegala, Ruwanwella and Eheliyagoda. The MOH areas that were flagged as high-risk in 45<sup>th</sup> week and not flagged for the current week are; Attanagalla, Kalutara (NIHS), Gampola, MC Matale, Menikhinna, Batticaloa and Kuliyapitiya.

## MIDNIGHT TOTAL OF DENGUE PATIENT ADMISSIONS

\* After updated with delayed reporting from hospitals, average midnight total for the 45<sup>th</sup> week shows an increase from 684 to 700.

Average midnight total of dengue patients in selected 73 hospitals was 812 in 46<sup>th</sup> week. In 33 hospitals, the average midnight total has increased and in 19 hospitals it has decreased compared to the previous week.

Selected hospitals with high average midnight totals of dengue patients and changing trend of dengue admissions in the 45<sup>th</sup> week are illustrated in Table 3.

**Table 1: Reported dengue cases in week 45 and 46 of 2023**

District/ RDHS	No. of cases					
	2022		2023		Up to Week 46	
	Week	Week	45	46	2022	2023
Colombo	172	189	360	433	15488	15509
Gampaha	218	326	214	233	11063	14612
Kalutara	57	61	87	70	5715	4589
Kandy	111	108	310	320	5914	7115
Matale	24	33	41	40	1125	1527
Nuwara Eliya	4	4	10	16	170	209
Galle	47	39	108	155	3532	3200
Hambantota	15	18	27	32	1353	1178
Matara	15	13	31	29	1514	1479
Jaffna	38	78	Nil	Nil	2709	1993
Kilinochchi	2	2	2	1	117	82
Mannar	14	12	2	5	219	102
Vavuniya	2	4	2	Nil	84	128
Mullaitivu	Nil	1	Nil	5	24	129
Batticaloa	20	23	36	24	1140	2382
Ampara	2	2	8	3	148	205
Trincomalee	4	5	11	11	1067	2013
Kalmunai*	40	61	2	8	1479	1638
Kurunegala	17	40	91	110	2237	2810
Puttalam	84	99	99	105	2725	3392
Anuradhapura	12	4	13	13	522	611
Polonnaruwa	6	5	6	1	343	517
Badulla	51	58	11	10	1019	1041
Monaragala	9	12	12	26	466	559
Ratnapura	45	69	36	68	3087	2935
Kegalle	44	48	67	80	2656	3074
<b>Total</b>	<b>1053</b>	<b>1314</b>	<b>1586</b>	<b>1798</b>	<b>65916</b>	<b>73029</b>

Source: DenSys (Dengue Sentinel Site Surveillance, Epidemiology Unit)

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

■ Districts reporting higher number of cases

**Table 2: High risk MOH areas (50)**

MOH Area	Cases reported		MOH Area	Cases reported		MOH Area	Cases reported			
	Week 45	Week 46		Week 45	Week 46		Week 45	Week 46		
<b>WESTERN PROVINCE</b>										
Colombo District										
Dehiwala*	20	36	Wattala	28	21	Rathgama*	0	13		
Piliyandala*	11	13	Seeduwa*	11	20	Eastern Province				
Kaduwela*	28	30	<b>Kalutara District</b>							
PitaKotte*	6	13	Panadura	15	14	Batticaloa District				
Maharagama*	22	28	Ingiriya*	10	11	Eravur*	9	10		
MC Colombo*	96	112	<b>CENTRAL PROVINCE</b>							
Moratuwa*	14	20	Kandy District	22	30	NORTHWESTERN PROVINCE				
Nugegoda*	24	29	Gangawatakorale*	46	47	Kurunegala District	8	13		
Boralesgamuwa*	8	17	Harispattuwa	57	47	Kurunegala*	5	12		
Battaramulla*	10	19	Kundasale*	14	13	Puttalam District	23	13		
Ratmalana*	14	15	Medadumbara	13	11	Puttalam*	12	25		
Gothatuwa	31	30	Talatuoya	19	26	Wennappuwa	24	17		
<b>Gampaha District</b>			Udunuwara	21	45	Nattandiya*	11	18		
Biyagama*	20	28	Wattegama*	12	12	<b>SABARAGAMUWA PROVINCE</b>				
Ja-Ela*	10	14	Yatinuwara*	43	60	Kegalle District	10	13		
Katana*	9	12	<b>Matale District</b>			Mawanella	12	10		
Kelaniya*	20	32	Matale	12	12	Ruwanwella*	8	11		
Dompé	19	12	<b>SOUTHERN PROVINCE</b>			Warakapola	15	15		
Mahara	17	12	Galle District	17	13	Ratnapura District	2	13		
MC Negombo*	21	25	Akmeemana*	7	13	Eheliyagoda*				
Minuwangoda*	9	15	Habaraduwa*	-	-					

MOH areas with rising numbers than previous week\*(35)

MOH areas with persistently high number of patients (40)

Newly identified high-risk MOH areas (11)

**Table 3: Hospitals with high average midnight totals and admissions for dengue patients in the week 46**

Hospital	Average Midnight Total		
	Week 45	Week 46	Change
NH-Kandy	78	72	↓
NHSL	57	66	↑
NIID	39	58	↑
TH-Karapitiya	36	48	↑
PGH-Badulla	31	46	↑
TH-Col-South	35	45	↑
TH-Peradeniya	30	39	↑
DGH- Negombo	33	38	↑
DGH-Matale	36	36	-
BH-Marawila	19	25	↑
LRH	20	22	↑
TH-Col-North	22	19	↓
BH- Warakapola	11	19	↑
DGH- Matara	15	18	↑

Hospital	Average Midnight Total		
	Week 45	Week 46	Change
BH- Wathupitiwala	14	18	↑
TH-Ratnapura	9	15	↑
BH-Puttalam	12	14	↑
DGH-Avissawella	9	13	↑
BH- Panadura	13	13	-
DGH- Gampaha	9	12	↑
BH- Kiribathgoda	10	11	↑
DGH- Kegalle	8	11	↑
DGH- Embilipitiya	12	10	↓
TH-Jaffna	5	10	↑
BH-Tangalle	4	10	↑
TH-Kurunegala	7	8	↑
BH-Gampola	7	7	-
BH-Tissamaharama	4	7	↑

Hospital	Average Midnight Total		
	Week 45	Week 46	Change
BH- Mawanella	5	7	↑
BH-Dambulla	3	7	↑
DGH-Hambantota	5	7	↑
DGH-Chilaw	7	7	-
TH- Kalutara	8	6	↓
BH-Nawalapitiya	5	6	↑
DGH- Horana	6	5	↓
BH- Beruwala	4	5	↑
BH-Balapitiya	6	5	↓
BH-Kahawatta	4	4	-
DGH-Polonnaruwa	5	4	↓
BH-Dambadeniya	5	4	↓
BH- Mirigama	3	4	↑

**KEY ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED DURING WEEK 46 AT NATIONAL LEVEL**

- The new National Dengue Surveillance System (NaDSys) is being introduced island-wide which is more comprehensive and robust. The present Dengue Sentinel Site Surveillance (DenSyS) will be replaced with the new system; Training of REs, MOOH, ICNOs and PHII has already been completed in Colombo, Gampaha, Kandy, Nuwara Eliya, Matale, Ratnapura, Kegalle, Galle, Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Jaffna, Vavuniya, Mannar, Mullaitivu, Kilinochchi, Badulla, Moneragala, Trincomalee, Ampara, Batticaloa, Puttalam and Kegalle districts.
- In view of the local outbreaks in Kandy District, extensive entomological surveys were conducted in high-risk MOH areas, targeting the public institutions and intersectoral actions were strengthened for dengue prevention and sustainable control.

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