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# Centre for Disease Control

NT HEALTH

## Diphtheria outbreak weekly surveillance update

Date of report: 2 July 2026

There were 15 confirmed cases of diphtheria notified in the past week (25 June 2026 to 1 July 2026). Since the start of the diphtheria outbreak, there have been 254 confirmed cases of diphtheria in the NT, including 79 respiratory cases and 175 cutaneous cases.

**254**  
Total cases

**79 (31%)**  
Respiratory cases

**175 (69%)**  
Cutaneous cases

NT region where diphtheria was likely acquired	New cases in the past week: 25 June 2026 to 1 July 2026	Since start of outbreak: 1 January 2025 to 1 July 2026
Top End	5 (33%)	97 (38%)
East Arnhem	1 (7%)	1 (0%)
Big Rivers	5 (33%)	44 (17%)
Barkly	1 (7%)	15 (6%)
Central Australia	2 (13%)	73 (29%)
Northern Territory (Unknown)	0	15 (6%)
Interstate	1 (7%)	9 (4%)

Diphtheria outbreak cases by week of diagnosis and NT region where diphtheria was acquired, 1 Jan 2025 - 1 Jul 2026

