



# Lassa Fever Situation Report

Epi Week 39: 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## Key Points

**Table 1: Summary of the current week (39), cumulative Epi week 39, 2025 and comparison with the previous year (2024)**

Reporting Period	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Probable cases	Deaths (Confirmed cases)	Case Fatality Rate (CFR)	States and LGAs affected (Confirmed cases)
<b>Current week</b> (week 39)	115	4	0	0	0.0%	State(s):1 LGA(s): 2
<b>2025 Cumulative</b> (week 39)	7909	910	7	168	18.5%	State(s):21 LGA(s): 106
<b>2024 Cumulative</b> (week 39)	8411	1018	17	172	16.9%	State(s):28 LGA(s): 128

## Highlights

- In week 39, the number of new confirmed cases decreased from 11 in epi week 38 to 4. These were reported in Ondo State (Table 3).
- Cumulatively as at week 39, 2025, 168 deaths have been reported with a Case Fatality Rate (CFR) of 18.5% which is higher than the CFR for the same period in 2024 (16.9%).
- In total for 2025, 21 States have recorded at least one confirmed case across 106 Local Government Areas (Figures 2 and 3).
- Eighty-nine (89%) of all confirmed Lassa fever cases were reported from five states (Ondo, Bauchi, Edo, Taraba, and Ebonyi) while 11% were reported from 16 states with confirmed Lassa fever cases. Of the 89% confirmed cases, Ondo reported 34%, Bauchi 22%, Edo 17%, Taraba 13%, and Ebonyi 3%.
- The predominant age group affected is 21-30 years (Range: 1 to 96 years, Median Age: 30 years). The male-to-female ratio for confirmed cases is 1:0.8 (Figure 4).
- The number of suspected and confirmed cases decreased compared to that reported for the same period in 2024.
- No new healthcare worker was affected in the reporting week 39.
- The National Lassa fever multi-partner, multi-sectoral Technical Working Group (TWG) continues supporting coordination of response activities at all levels.

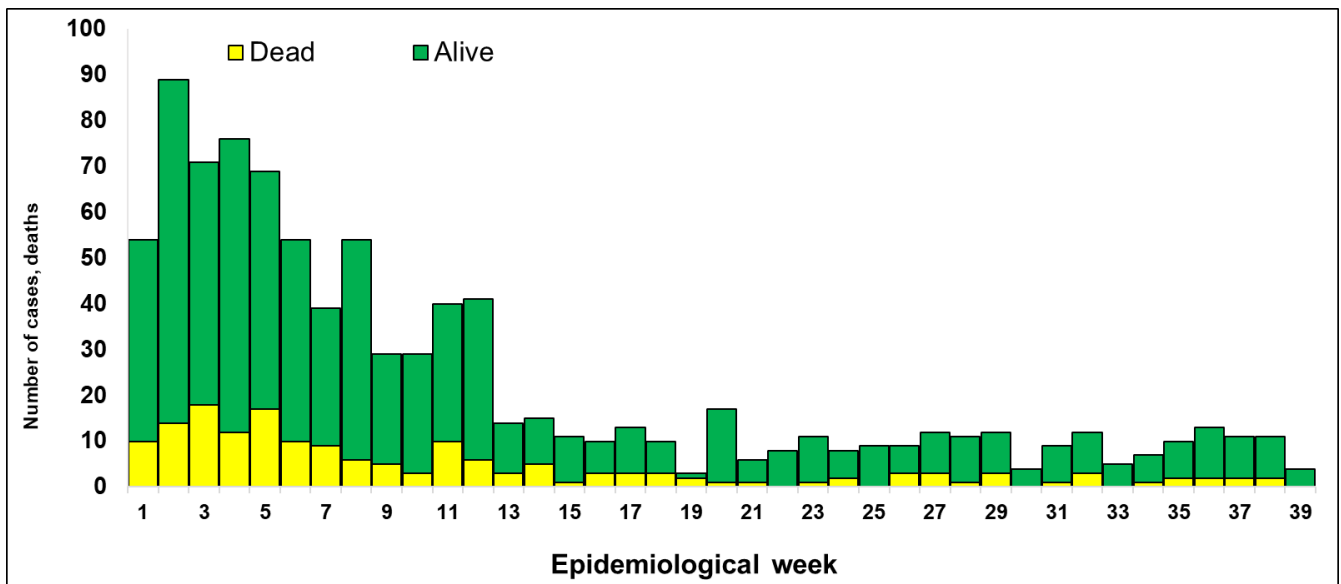


Figure 1. Confirmed Lassa Fever Cases in Nigeria Epidemiological Week 39, 2025

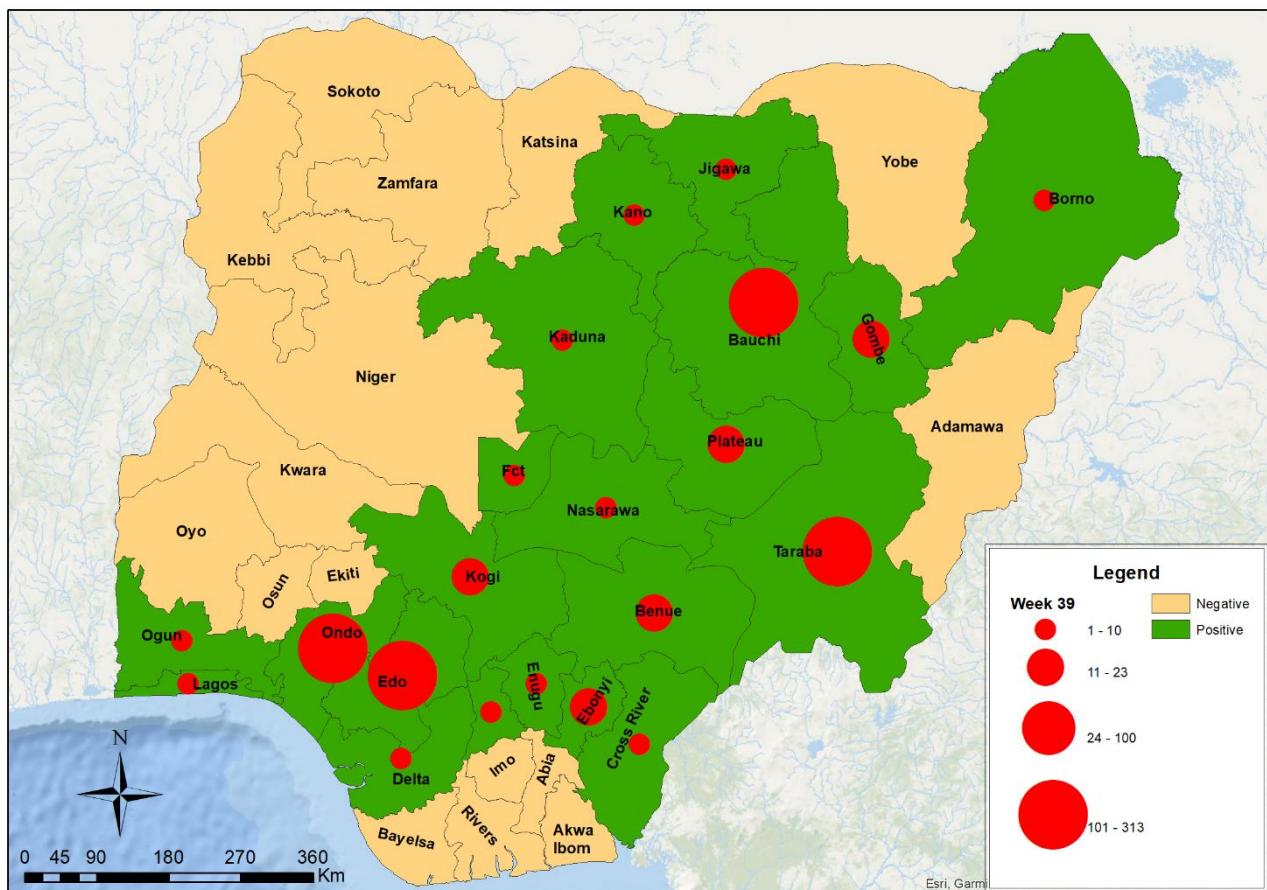


Figure 2. Confirmed Lassa fever cases by States in Nigeria, week 39, 2025

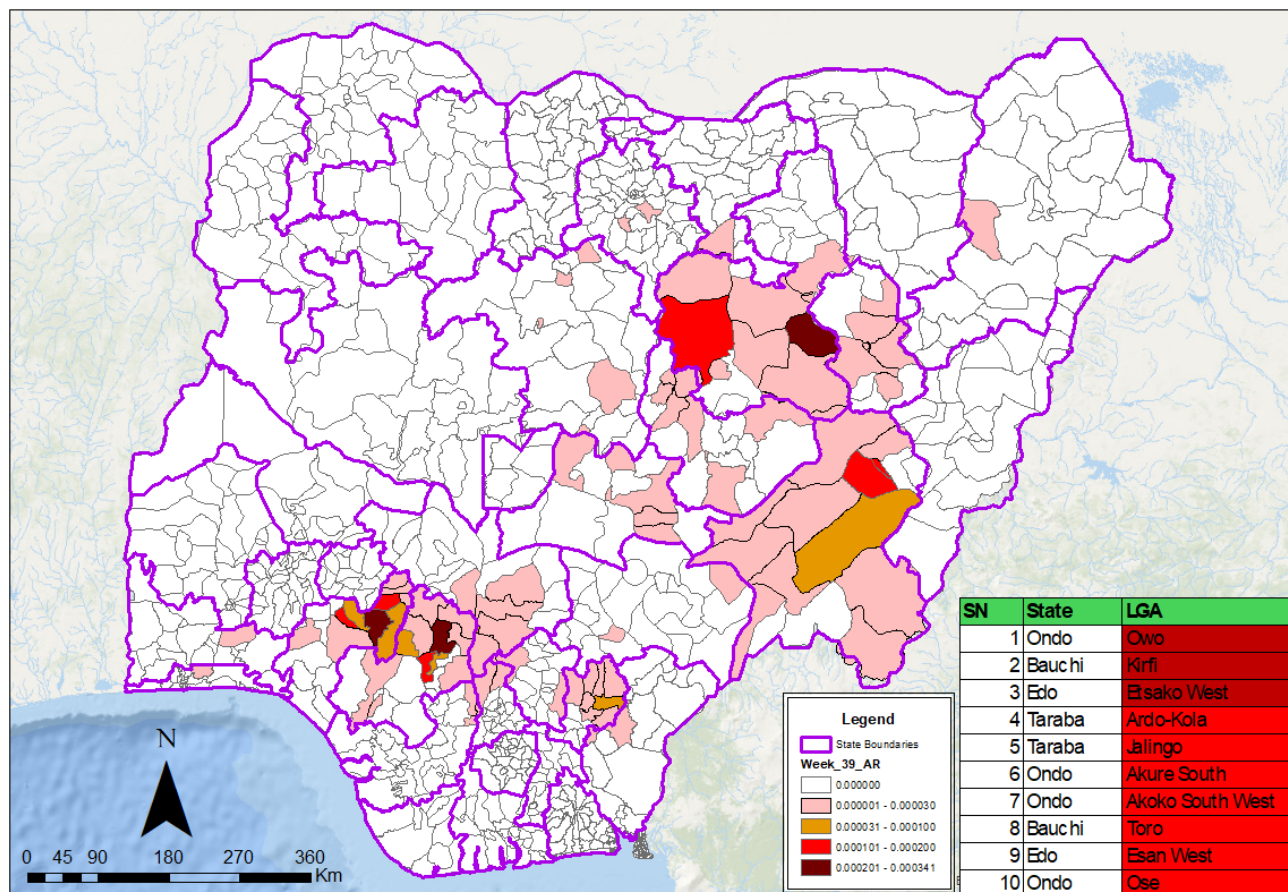


Figure 3. Confirmed Lassa fever attack rate per 100,000 population for LGAs in Nigeria, week 39, 2025

Table 2: Key indicators for the current week in 2025 and trend compared to the previous week, Nigeria

Symptomatic contacts	Number for current week	Trend from previous week	Cumulative number for 2025
Probable cases	0	↔	7
Health Care Worker affected	0	↔	23
Cases managed at the treatment centres	4	↓	827
<b>Contact tracing</b>			
Cumulative contact listed	0	↔	3498
Contacts under follow up	29	↔	29
Contacts completed follow up	0	↓	3453
Symptomatic contacts	0	↔	15
Positive contacts	0	↔	15
Contacts lost to follow up	0	↔	16

Key

- ↑ Increase
- ↓ Decrease
- ↔ No difference

Table 3. Weekly and Cumulative number of suspected and confirmed cases for 2025

States	Current week: (Week 39)				Cumulative (Week 1 - 39)			
	Cases			Deaths	Cases			Deaths
	Suspected	Confirmed	Trend	Probable HCW* (Confirmed Cases)	Suspected	Confirmed	Probable HCW*	(Confirmed Cases)
1 Ondo	39	4	▼		2446	313	8	42
2 Bauchi					943	199	1	4
3 Edo	63		▼		2752	159	3	26
4 Taraba	1		▼		330	120	3	37
5 Ebonyi					265	23	1	13
6 Benue	2				247	19	4	1
7 Kogi	1				87	16		4
8 Gombe	1				99	14	1	2
9 Plateau	1				68	13	1	5
10 Kaduna					64	8		3
11 Nasarawa					145	6		4
12 Enugu					30	4		1
13 Delta	1				38	3		2
14 Kano					68	3		
15 Anambra					22	3		
16 Cross River					35	2		1
17 Jigawa					23	1		
18 Borno					8	1		
19 Ogun					18	1		1
20 Fct	1				23	1	1	
21 Lagos	1				21	1		
22 Sokoto					3			
23 Zamfara					1			
24 Osun					2			
25 Katsina					6			
26 Kwara					10			
27 Kebbi					2			
28 Yobe					5			
29 Akwa Ibom					3			
30 Niger					2			
31 Ekiti					36			
32 Rivers	1				21			
33 Adamawa					10			
34 Abia					15			
35 Imo	1				7			
36 Bayelsa					4			
37 Oyo	2				50			
<b>Total</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>▼</b>		<b>7909</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>
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▲	Increase

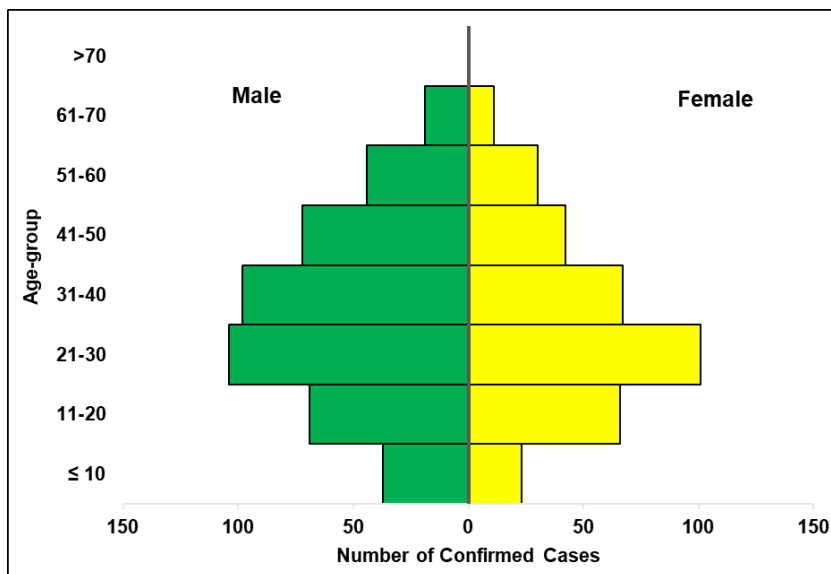


Figure 4. Age and sex pyramid showing the number of confirmed Lassa fever cases for 2025

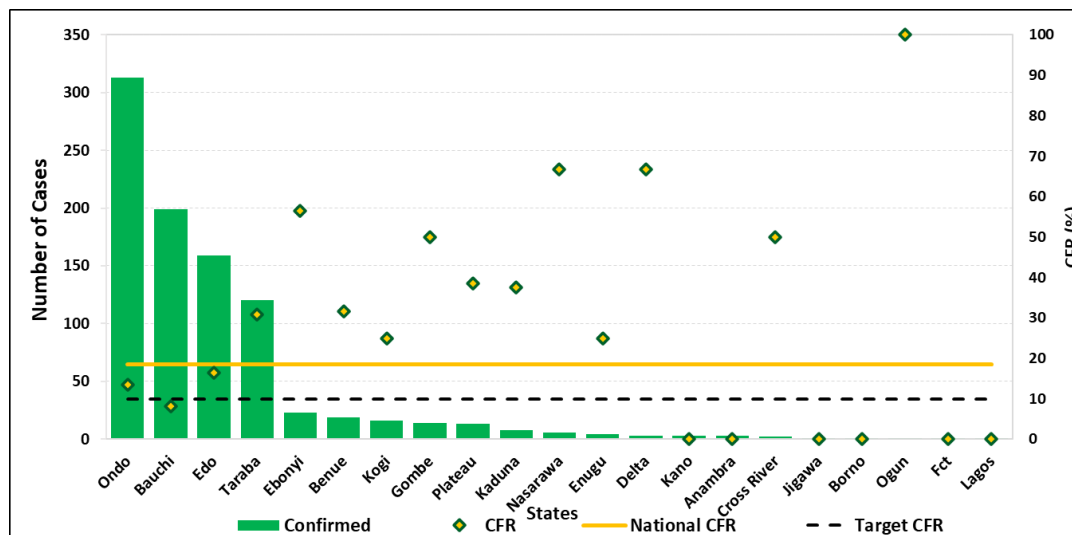


Figure 5: Number of confirmed cases with Case Fatality Rate (CFR) by state week 39, 2025

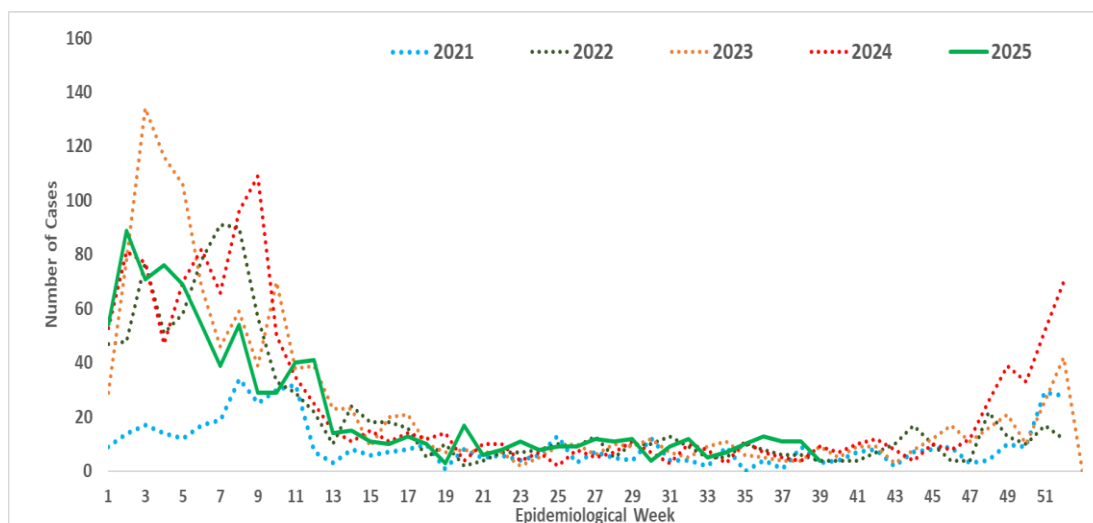


Figure 6: Trend of confirmed cases by epidemiological week, 2021– 2025, Nigeria

**Response activities**

- Contributed to the Lassa fever End-to-End (E2E) access plan workshop convened by the Nigeria Lassa fever vaccine taskforce (co-chaired by NCDC and NAFDAC) with the support of CEPI, WAHO, Corona Management Systems, Nigeria Health Watch, Bloom Public Health, CHAI and WHO.
- Participated in the 2nd ECOWAS Lassa fever international conference in Côte d'Ivoire.
- Held the 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> dry run for the Lassa fever international conference abstract presenters with the support of AFENET and US CDC.
- Participated in the closing Ceremony of the 2nd Cohort of the Lassa Fever Clinical Management Fellowship (in-person training) with the support of Georgetown University and its affiliates, ISTH, FMC Owo, AEFUTHA, FMOH&SW and US CDC.
- Held an in-person training in ISTH for 19 exceptional Lassa fever Clinical Management Fellowship (LFCMF) fellows with the support of Georgetown University and its affiliates, ISTH, FMC Owo, AEFUTHA, FMOH&SW, MSF and US CDC.
- Concluded the virtual classes for the 2nd cohort of the Lassa Fever Clinical Management Fellowship with the support of Georgetown University and its affiliates, ISTH, FMC Owo, AEFUTHA, FMOH&SW and US CDC.
- Lagos State distributed thermometers to all contacts for temperature monitoring.
- INTEGRATE clinical trial begins in Ondo State with the support of FMCO, ALIMA, BNITM, ISTH, and ANRS-MIE.
- Edo State conducted an After Action Review (AAR).
- AAR workshop held in Ondo state with support from Pro-Health International and IHVN through US CDC funding.
- Ebonyi state successfully conducted the AAR of the 2024/2025 outbreak season with the support of Pro-Health International through US CDC funding.
- De-escalated the National Incident Management System to alert mode.
- Clinician sensitization conducted in 6 Lassa Fever hotspot LGAs in Ondo State with support from WHO.
- Integrated Lassa Fever key messages into other VHF's risk communication strategies.
- Launched the NCDC's IPC e-learning platform; powered by DRASA and funded by the Global Fund.
- Printed and disseminated copies of IPC Viral Hemorrhagic Fever (VHF) guidelines to health facilities with support from Robert Koch Institute.
- Supported State IPC structures, the Orange Network, and treatment centers to enforce standard precautions to reduce Hospital-Acquired Infections (HAIs) in high-burden LGAs and States.
- Shared resources materials to reporting and non-reporting States and the FCT e.g. Public and Healthcare worker's advisories etc.
- Deployed 10 National Rapid Response Teams to 10 states to support onsite control and management efforts using a One Health approach.
- Participated in the official handing over of laboratory equipment by IHVN to the Ondo State Public Health laboratory.
- HCWs trained on case management in Bauchi, Ebonyi & Benue states with the support of WHO.
- Participated in the Regional Training on Lassa Fever Clinical Management in ECOWAS Countries in Togo.
- Disseminated the reviewed IPC guidelines, health facility IPC advisory and healthcare worker advisories
- Distributed response commodities -PPEs, Ribavirin (injection and tablets) body-bags, thermometers, hypochlorite hand sanitizers, and IEC materials distributed to states and treatment centres.
- Conducted the 3rd round of quarterly participants follow-up and blood sampling exercise at FMCO, ISTH and AEFUTHA sites (ENABLE 1.5) supported by CEPI.
- Supported the protocol development for Community-Based One Health Participatory and Empowerment Strategy (COPE II).
- Developed a targeted communication strategy based on the data from the community survey conducted in 3 states and leveraged on partners and stakeholders media platforms to disseminate Lassa Fever messages.
- Supported ongoing active case search in Ondo State's health facilities and communities, in collaboration with IHVN.
- Held a Multi-Sectoral Health Promotion, Communication, and Disease Prevention Capacity Building workshop on Risk Communication and Community Engagement in Cross River State supported by Nigeria Health Watch.
- Facilitated Lassa fever sensitization at Glo 99.1 FM, Ondo state.
- Held a Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop of One Health partners on rodent control and Lassa fever prevention.

- Implemented Lassa fever Environmental response campaign in high-burden states through the Federal Ministry of Environment.

## Challenges

- Late presentation of cases leading to an increase in CFR
- Poor health-seeking behaviour due to the high cost of treatment and clinical management of Lassa fever
- Poor environmental sanitation conditions observed in high-burden communities
- Poor awareness observed in high-burden communities

## Recommendations

- States-** Bolster efforts all-year-round for community engagements on prevention of Lassa fever
- Healthcare Workers-** Maintain high suspicion for Lassa fever and initiate timely referral and treatment
- NCDC/Partners-** Strengthen state capacity to prevent, detect and respond timely to Lassa fever

## Notes on this report

### Data Source

Information for this disease was case-based data retrieved from the National Lassa Fever Technical Working Group.

### Case definitions

- Suspected case:** any individual presenting with one or more of the following: malaise, fever, headache, sore throat, cough, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, myalgia, chest pain, hearing loss and either a. History of contact with excreta or urine of rodents b. History of contact with a probable or confirmed Lassa fever case within a period of 21 days of onset of symptoms OR Any person with inexplicable bleeding/haemorrhage.
- Confirmed case:** any suspected case with laboratory confirmation (positive IgM antibody, PCR or virus isolation)
- Probable case:** any suspected case (see definition above) who died or absconded without collection of specimen for laboratory testing
- Contact:** Anyone who has been exposed to an infected person, or to an infected person's secretions, excretions, or tissues within three weeks of last contact with a confirmed or probable case of Lassa fever

### Calculations

- Case Fatality Rate (CFR) for this disease is reported for confirmed cases only.

### VIRAL HAEMORRHAGIC FEVER QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

For social mobilization [https://ncdc.gov.ng/themes/common/docs/vhfs/83\\_1517222929.pdf](https://ncdc.gov.ng/themes/common/docs/vhfs/83_1517222929.pdf)

For LGA Rapid Response Team [https://ncdc.gov.ng/themes/common/docs/vhfs/82\\_1517222811.pdf](https://ncdc.gov.ng/themes/common/docs/vhfs/82_1517222811.pdf)

Healthcare worker laboratory [https://ncdc.gov.ng/themes/common/docs/vhfs/81\\_1517222763.pdf](https://ncdc.gov.ng/themes/common/docs/vhfs/81_1517222763.pdf)

For healthcare workers [https://ncdc.gov.ng/themes/common/docs/vhfs/80\\_1517222586.pdf](https://ncdc.gov.ng/themes/common/docs/vhfs/80_1517222586.pdf)

For community informants [https://ncdc.gov.ng/themes/common/docs/vhfs/79\\_1517222512.pdf](https://ncdc.gov.ng/themes/common/docs/vhfs/79_1517222512.pdf)

### NATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR LASSA FEVER CASE MANAGEMENT

[https://ncdc.gov.ng/themes/common/docs/protocols/92\\_1547068532.pdf](https://ncdc.gov.ng/themes/common/docs/protocols/92_1547068532.pdf)

### VIRAL HAEMORRHAGIC FEVER AND RESPONSE PLAN

[https://ncdc.gov.ng/themes/common/docs/protocols/24\\_1502192155.pdf](https://ncdc.gov.ng/themes/common/docs/protocols/24_1502192155.pdf)

### NATIONAL GUIDELINE FOR INFECTION, PREVENTION AND CONTROL FOR VIRAL HAEMORRHAGIC FEVER INFORMATION RESOURCE

[https://ncdc.gov.ng/themes/common/docs/protocols/341\\_1707300274.pdf](https://ncdc.gov.ng/themes/common/docs/protocols/341_1707300274.pdf)

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