

Table 1: Sporadic cases reported to and investigated by IDCU during 2025, by quarter, gender, and nationality

### Infectious Disease Control Unit – Yearly Report – 2025 – Sporadic Cases

(Figures represent cases notified to IDCU – in some instances there may be underreporting, therefore the actual number of cases occurring may be higher than those listed below)

Notifiable Disease	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Male	Female	Unk	Maltese	Non-Maltese	Unk	Total
<b>Foodborne diseases</b>											
Campylobacter	163	173	179	144	381	269	9	473	179	7	<b>659</b>
Cryptosporidiosis	7	3	14	10	12	20	2	32	2	0	<b>34</b>
Giardia	9	13	4	6	24	4	4	22	10	0	<b>32</b>
Hepatitis A	0	0	3	2	2	3	0	4	1	0	<b>5</b>
Hepatitis E	4	1	5	6	12	4	0	16	0	0	<b>16</b>
Listeria	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
Salmonella	23	32	77	43	102	70	3	136	38	1	<b>175</b>
Scombrototoxin	1	3	3	1	5	3	0	3	5	0	<b>8</b>
Shiga toxin/ VTEC	21	19	37	19	50	43	3	85	10	1	<b>96</b>
Shigella	4	7	11	7	18	10	1	19	9	1	<b>29</b>
Typhoid	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
Foodborne, Unspecified	7	21	29	31	48	39	1	57	28	3	<b>88</b>
Norovirus	68	58	35	61	112	110	0	177	31	14	<b>222</b>
Rotavirus	25	77	53	81	110	125	1	165	56	15	<b>236</b>
Amoebiasis	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Bloodborne diseases</b>											
AIDS	1	2	2	1	5	1	0	2	4	0	<b>6</b>
Hepatitis B	28	34	31	19	73	35	4	24	86	2	<b>112</b>

Hepatitis C	18	16	26	18	49	23	6	32	44	2	<b>78</b>
HIV	23	23	35	22	92	11	0	18	85	0	<b>103</b>
<b>Invasive diseases</b>											
Invasive Group A Streptococcus (Streptococcus Pyogenes)	4	3	1	3	6	5	0	8	3	0	<b>11</b>
Invasive Streptococcus Pneumoniae	4	10	5	6	14	11	0	20	3	2	<b>25</b>
<b>Meningitis</b>											
Meningitis, bacterial other than Neisseria Meningitidis cultured	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
Meningitis, Haemophilus Influenza	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	<b>2</b>
Meningitis, Neisseria Meningitidis	1	2	1	1	2	3	0	3	2	0	<b>5</b>
Meningitis, Streptococcus Pneumoniae	0	1	1	1	1	2	0	2	1	0	<b>3</b>
Acute Viral Encephalitis (Meningitis)	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	3	0	0	<b>3</b>
Aseptic / Viral Meningitis	1	8	4	2	8	7	0	14	1	0	<b>15</b>
<b>Sexually transmitted diseases</b>											
Gonorrhoea- Gonococcal infection	75	99	106	108	340	45	3	180	148	60	<b>388</b>
Syphilis	5	15	56	50	108	18	0	43	48	35	<b>126</b>
Syphilis Latent	38	24	7	4	61	10	2	23	42	8	<b>73</b>
Syphilis Primary	8	19	4	2	31	2	0	20	9	4	<b>33</b>
Syphilis Secondary	5	9	0	0	11	3	0	3	7	4	<b>14</b>
Lymphogranuloma venerum (LGV)	5	3	2	2	12	0	0	1	11	0	<b>12</b>
Mycoplasma Genitalium	28	32	29	33	85	37	0	42	44	36	<b>122</b>
Trichomonas vaginalis (TV)	7	7	4	3	6	15	0	14	5	2	<b>21</b>
Chlamydia	104	141	140	127	375	133	4	203	204	105	<b>512</b>
Hepatitis C (STI)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	<b>1</b>

<b>Respiratory diseases</b>											
Legionnaire's Disease	4	2	8	10	18	6	0	14	10	0	<b>24</b>
Tuberculosis, Non-Pulmonary	4	1	7	5	9	8	0	2	15	0	<b>17</b>
Tuberculosis, Pulmonary	9	12	10	13	25	17	2	5	39	0	<b>44</b>
Influenza	1032	239	808	1213	1612	1679	1	2887	389	16	<b>3292</b>
COVID-19	48	338	907	194	723	762	2	1354	119	14	<b>1487</b>
<b>Vaccine preventable diseases</b>											
Chickenpox*	33	33	23	42	55	68	8	66	57	8	<b>131</b>
Pertussis*	2	3	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	<b>5</b>
Shingles, Herpes Zoster*	17	20	29	28	46	44	4	68	22	4	<b>94</b>
<b>Vector-borne diseases</b>											
Dengue	1	2	1	2	5	1	0	2	4	0	<b>6</b>
Leishmaniasis (Cutaneous)*	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	<b>2</b>
Malaria	1	4	5	2	12	0	0	0	12	0	<b>12</b>
Typhus, Tick-borne (Rickettsia)	2	1	10	10	15	8	0	19	4	0	<b>23</b>
<b>Zoonotic diseases</b>											
Leptospirosis	0	3	4	1	5	3	0	7	1	0	<b>8</b>
Toxoplasmosis	3	2	1	1	4	3	0	5	2	0	<b>7</b>
Yersinia	2	0	0	1	2	1	0	2	1	0	<b>3</b>
Monkeypox	2	4	0	0	5	0	1	2	4	0	<b>6</b>
<b>Other diseases</b>											
Acute Flaccid Paralysis	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	<b>2</b>
Classical Creutzfeldt - Jakob Disease	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
Scabies*	36	19	9	26	59	29	2	42	37	11	<b>90</b>
* May be underreported, therefore the actual number of cases occurring may be higher than those listed											

Leprosy	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	<b>2</b>
Cytomegalovirus	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
Herpes Simplex*	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
<b>Diseases of Childhood</b>											
Hand Foot and Mouth*	4	7	11	21	15	19	9	18	5	20	<b>43</b>
Head lice*	1	1	2	0	1	2	1	3	1	0	<b>4</b>
Pin worms (Enterobius Vermicularis )*	0	1	3	4	6	1	1	3	2	3	<b>8</b>
Scarlet Fever*	12	15	20	30	41	35	1	56	15	6	<b>77</b>
* May be underreported, therefore the actual number of cases occurring may be higher than those listed											

Table 2: Outbreaks reported to and investigated by IDCU during 2025, by quarter, gender, and nationality

(Below is the breakdown of laboratory-confirmed cases involved in outbreaks clusters. For the total number of cases involved in outbreaks – i.e. those that are laboratory-confirmed and those that are only epidemiologically linked – see Table 3.)

<b>Infectious Disease Control Unit – Yearly Report – 2025 – Outbreaks</b>											
<b>The figures in brackets indicate the number of implicated outbreaks/clusters.</b>											
<b>Notifiable Disease</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Unk</b>	<b>Maltese</b>	<b>Non-Maltese</b>	<b>Unk</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Foodborne diseases</b>											
Campylobacter	2	15	25	14	25	26	6	39	12	5	<b>57(40)</b>
Cryptosporidiosis	3	0	6	1	7	3	0	9	1	0	<b>10(5)</b>
Giardia	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	<b>1(1)</b>
Hepatitis A	0	0	6	1	6	1	0	6	1	0	<b>7(2)</b>
Salmonella	0	5	6	13	9	13	2	11	13	0	<b>24(15)</b>
Scombrototoxin	2	3	1	0	4	2	0	4	3	0	<b>6(4)</b>
Shiga toxin/ VTEC	0	0	3	1	1	3	0	3	1	0	<b>4(3)</b>
Shigella	0	0	1	2	1	1	1	3	0	0	<b>3(2)</b>
Foodborne, Unspecified	3	15	3	46	14	6	47	18	4	45	<b>90(21)</b>
Norovirus	167	8	2	18	21	53	121	63	10	122	<b>195(32)</b>
Rotavirus	3	7	2	1	8	5	0	10	3	0	<b>13(8)</b>
<b>Invasive diseases</b>											
Invasive Streptococcus Pneumoniae	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	<b>2(1)</b>
<b>Respiratory diseases</b>											
Influenza	7	16	26	0	11	38	0	10	1	38	<b>49(5)</b>
<b>Vaccine preventable diseases</b>											
Chickenpox	2	4	2	4	8	4	0	5	4	3	<b>12(4)</b>
Pertussis	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	<b>1(1)</b>

<b>Zoonotic diseases</b>											
Monkeypox	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	<b>2(1)</b>
<b>Other diseases</b>											
Scabies	17	22	2	0	20	19	2	23	18	0	<b>41(26)</b>
<b>Diseases of Childhood</b>											
Hand Foot and Mouth	0	7	0	3	7	2	1	5	1	4	<b>10(5)</b>
Scarlet Fever	1	1	0	3	1	1	3	2	0	3	<b>5(3)</b>

Table 3: Break down of Outbreaks indicating no. of laboratory-confirmed cases and total number of associated cases (i.e. no. of laboratory-confirmed cases + no. of epidemiologically linked symptomatic cases that are not laboratory-confirmed)

<b>Notifiable Disease</b>	<b>No. of Outbreaks</b>	<b>No. of laboratory-confirmed cases</b>	<b>Total number of associated cases</b> (includes no. of laboratory-confirmed cases + no. of epidemiologically linked symptomatic cases that are not laboratory-confirmed)
<b>Campylobacter</b>	40	57	100
<b>Cryptosporidiosis</b>	5	10	56
<b>Giardia</b>	1	1	2
<b>Hepatitis A</b>	2	7	7
<b>Salmonella</b>	15	24	37
<b>Scombrototoxin</b>	4	7	7
<b>Shiga toxin/ VTEC</b>	3	4	4
<b>Shigella</b>	2	3	4
<b>Foodborne, Unspecified</b>	21	90	90
<b>Norovirus</b>	32	195	304
<b>Rotavirus</b>	8	13	31
<b>Invasive Group A Streptococcus (Streptococcus Pyogenes)</b>	1	2	3
<b>Influenza</b>	5	49	126
<b>Scarlet Fever</b>	3	5	11
<b>Chickenpox</b>	4	12	12
<b>Pertussis</b>	1	1	2
<b>Monkeypox</b>	1	2	2
<b>Scabies</b>	26	41	72
<b>Hand Foot and Mouth</b>	5	10	21

Table 4: Paediatric cases reported to IDCU during 2025, by age group

Disease Name	Age			Grand Total
	0-5 years	6-10 years	11-17 years	
Chickenpox	25	27	13	65
Chlamydia	3	0	6	9
Cryptosporidiosis	4	4	4	12
Food Poisoning, Campylobacter	112	50	54	216
Food Poisoning, Salmonella	40	13	7	60
Food Poisoning, Shiga Toxin 1&2	14	5	3	22
Food Poisoning, Shigella	3	1	1	5
Food Poisoning, Unspecified	24	3	11	38
Gonorrhoea	1	1	1	2
Hand, foot and mouth disease	36	41	0	41
Influenza	1	0	0	1
Invasive Group A Strep. Pyo	1	1	0	2
Invasive Strep. Pneumonia	9	0	0	9
Leptospirosis	0	0	1	1
Meningitis, Strep. Pneumonia	2	0	0	2
Mycoplasma Genitalium	0	0	1	1
Norovirus, Gastroenteritis	54	4	11	69
Pertussis	0	1	1	2
Pinworms	2	2	0	4
Rotavirus	141	18	9	168
Scabies	15	8	5	28
Scarlet Fever	28	20	7	55
Syphilis	1	0	1	2

