



## Syndromic Surveillance & COVID-19 Update

**Epiweek 32: 14/08/23 – 20/08/23**

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### A. Syndromic Surveillance Update

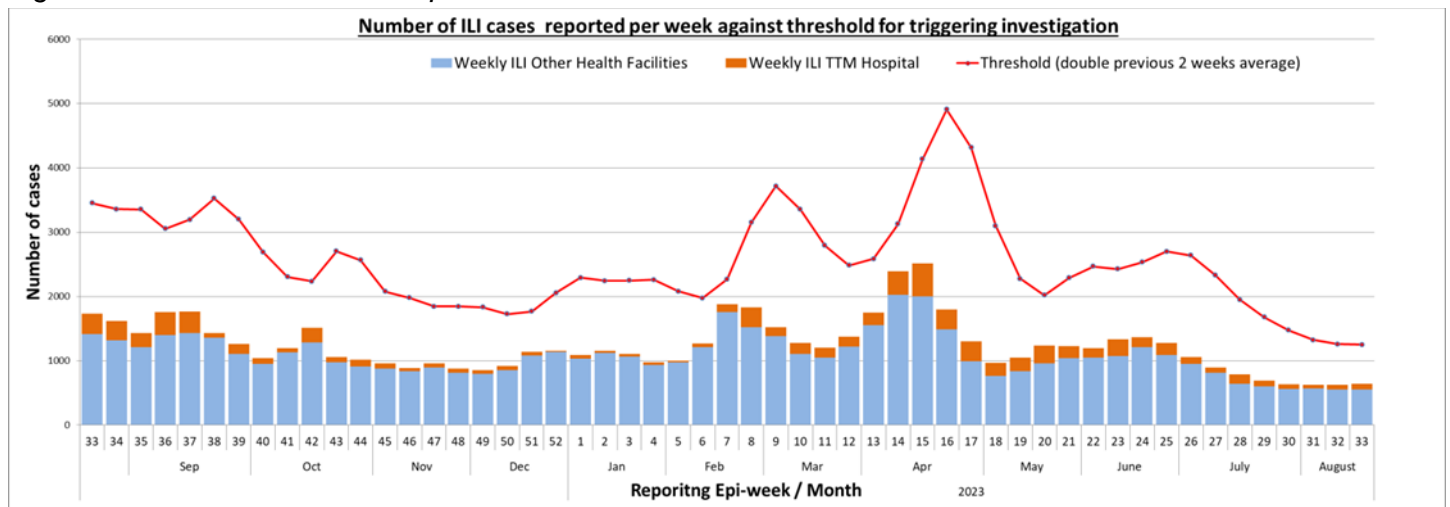
#### 1. Influenza like illness (ILI)

**Case Definition:** An acute respiratory infection with a history of fever or measured fever of  $\geq 38\text{ C}^\circ$  and cough, with onset within the last 10 days

**Alert threshold:** Exceeding double the average in the previous 2 weeks

Epi-weeks	Epi-week 32: 07/08/23-13/08/23	Epi-week 33: 14/08/23-20/08/23
Total cases reported	624	643
Moving Average	631	625
Threshold	1261	1250

Figure 1. Number of ILI cases reported from all Health Facilities



The ILI cases reported is well below the threshold. However, even though the threshold has not exceeded, the Ministry of Health still highly recommends the general public to continue the practice of preventative measures such as – wearing of masks especially when coughing and runny nose, hand hygiene and avoid large gatherings without masks.

If you are feeling ill with flu-like symptoms, please see a nurse or doctor, stay home and take medications as prescribed.



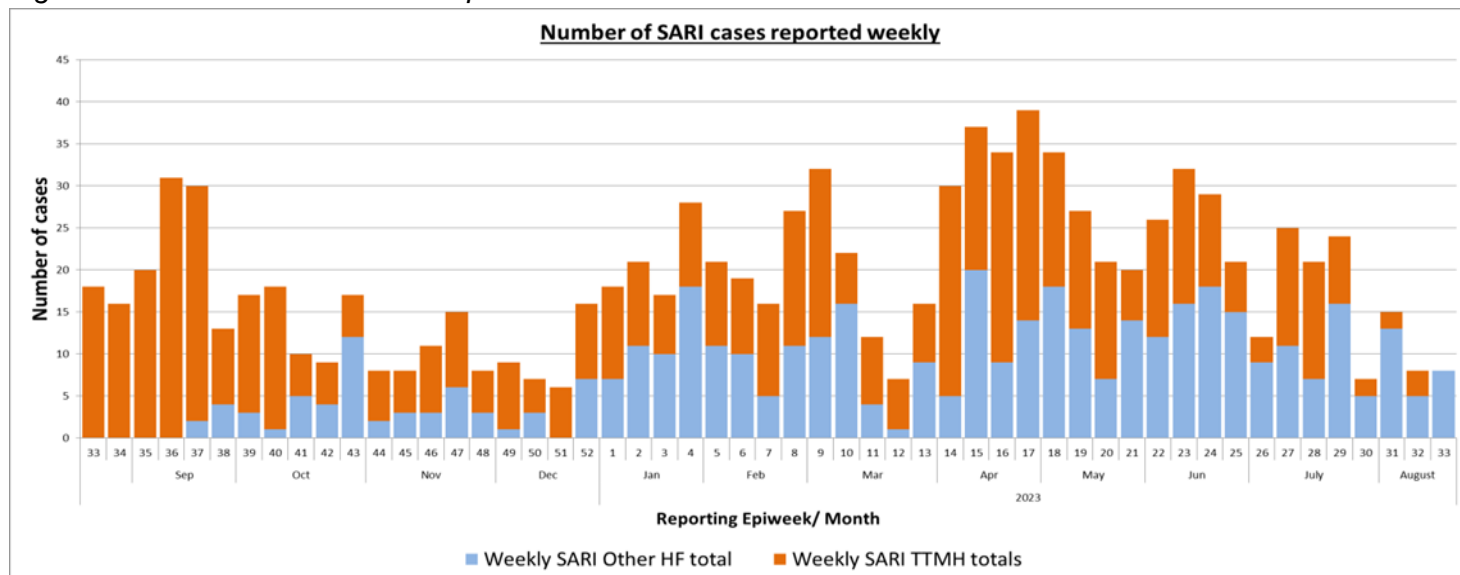
## 2. Severe acute respiratory infection (SARI)

**Case Definition:** An acute respiratory infection with a history of fever or measured fever of  $\geq 38\text{ C}^\circ$  and cough, with onset within the last 10 days, AND requiring hospitalization

**Alert threshold:** 2 linked cases

Epiweek	Epi-week 32: 07/08/23-13/08/23	Epi-week 33: 14/08/23-20/08/23
Total cases reported	8	8
Moving Average	11	11.5
Threshold	2 linked cases	2 linked cases

Figure 2. Number of SARI cases reported from all health facilities



The SARI cases reported have been investigated, and no known links were identified. Therefore, it does not meet the definition exceeding the threshold. The public is strongly advised to continue to practice preventative measures as mentioned above such as wearing of masks, hand hygiene and avoid crowded places.



<b>SAMOA COVID-19 SITUATION</b>	<b>Number of cases</b>
<b>Total of new COVID-19 positive cases over the last 7 days (both PCR and rapid antigen test - RAT)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Positivity rate for COVID-19 testing in the previous week</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Cumulative number of COVID-19 positive cases (border and community cases)</b>	<b>16,778</b>
<b>Cumulative number of COVID-19 related deaths since community transmission detected in March 17, 2022</b>	<b>31</b>

