

**SARInet plus and REVELAC-i Regional Meeting**  
**Panama City, Panama**  
**24 to 26 March 2026**

**Agenda**

**Tuesday 24 March 2026**  
**Opening of the meeting**

Schedule	Title
8:00-9:00	Accreditation
9:00-9:30	<b>Official opening</b> Representative of the Ministry of Health of Panama Ana Rivière Cinnamond, PAHO Representative in Panama Martha Velandia, Advisor, Comprehensive Immunization Program, PAHO Andrea Vicari, Unit Chief, Infectious Hazard Management, PAHO
9:30-9:45	<b>Agenda and objectives of the meeting</b> Marc Rondy, PAHO
9:45-9:50	Security briefing
9:50-10:20	<b>Keynote Speaker – 15 years of PIP</b> Wenqing Zhang, WHO Anne Huvos, WHO
10:20-10:50	Coffee break and Group Photo

**Early Detection and One Health Approaches**  
**Moderator: Marisol Valenzuela**

Schedule	Title
10:50-11:00	<b>From Animal Reservoirs to Human Infection: A One Health Approach for Zoonotic Influenza Viruses</b> Richard Webby, St. Jude – WHO CC
11:00-11:30	<b>Intersectoral Coordination: Lessons from the Latin America &amp; Caribbean</b> Brazil Argentina Cayman Islands
11:30-11:40	Q&A Session
11:40-11:50	<b>Regional Overview: Early Detection of (Re)Emerging Respiratory Viruses</b> Marisol Valenzuela, PAHO
11:50-12:20	<b>Event-Based Surveillance in Practice: Implementation, M&amp;E, and Expansion</b>

	Panama Colombia Paraguay Saint Lucia
<b>12:20-12:30</b>	Questions and discussion
<b>12:30-12:50</b>	<b>Use of zoonotic influenza vaccines in humans</b> Alba Vilajeliu, WHO
<b>12:50-13:00</b>	Discussion
<b>13:00-14:00</b>	Lunch

**Influenza**  
**Moderator: Ornella Cyrus**

Schedule	Title
<b>14:00-14:15</b>	<b>Virologic Surveillance Update: What Are We Seeing and How Should We Interpret It?</b> Nicola Lewis and Francis Crick Institute London – WHO CC
<b>14:15-14:30</b>	<b>Influenza Virologic Surveillance in the Americas: CDC updates on Diagnostic Kits, Specimen Shipping, and Support to the SARINET Network</b> TBD, US-CDC Influenza Division
<b>14:30-14:35</b>	<b>Beyond Walls: Immersive Experience in the PAHO Virtual Reality Laboratory</b> Juliana Leite, PAHO
<b>14:35-14:45</b>	<b>Influenza season 2025–2026: Experience from Canada</b> Nathalie Bastien and Liza Lee, PHAC
<b>14:45-15:05</b>	Questions and Discussion
<b>15:05-15:15</b>	<b>Linking Influenza Surveillance to Vaccine Planning and Procurement</b> Jordi Balleste, PAHO
<b>15:15-15:45</b>	<b>Using Data to Counter Influenza Vaccine Hesitancy</b> Argentina Guyana TBD
<b>15:45-16:00</b>	Coffee Break

## RCCE

Moderator: Natalia Acosta

Schedule	Title
16:00-16:15	<b>How to translate surveillance data and signals into clear, timely, and impactful messages that guide public action.</b> Using the PISA framework to strengthen risk communication Tanya Escamilla, PAHO
16:15-17:00	<b>Interactive Exercise: “RCCE Relay: Turning Signals into Action”</b>

**Wednesday 25 March 2026**

**Pandemic Preparedness**

**Moderator: Diana Malo**

Schedule	Title
9:00-9:10	<b>Pandemic surveillance guidance</b> Aspen Hammond, WHO
9:10-9:20	<b>Overview of progress in pandemic preparedness in the Americas</b> Diana Malo, PAHO
9:20-9:30	<b>Activation criteria, risk levels, and escalation of the PNPP</b> Farah Peña, PAHO DOM
9:30 -9:40	<b>Country experience: Update of the NDVP for pandemic influenza – Cuba</b> María de los Angeles León
9:40-9:50	Questions and discussion
9:50-10:30	<b>Multi-level coordination and financing for pandemic preparedness in Central America and the Dominican Republic</b> SE-COMISCA COSEFIN -/ SICA CEPREDENAC Guatemala
10:30-10:40	<b>Handling of corpses in the context of pandemics</b> Angel Rodriguez, PAHO
10:40-10:50	<b>Resilient laboratory systems</b> Jairo Mendez, PAHO
10:50-11:20	Coffee Break

**Respiratory Syncytial Virus**  
**Moderator: Francisco Nogareda**

Schedule	Title
11:20-11:35	<b>RSV seasonality and epidemiological and virologic surveillance in the Americas</b> Paula Couto and Gabriela Rodríguez, PAHO
11:35-11:45	<b>Clinical management of RSV</b> Angel Rodriguez, PAHO
11:45-12:00	<b>Experience from early adopting countries on RSV immunization</b> Allison Brown, CDC
12:00-12:45	<b>Country experiences/discussion:</b> Argentina El Salvador Paraguay Uruguay
12:45-13:00	Questions and discussion
13:00-14:00	Lunch

**Parallel Sessions**  
**Epidemiological Surveillance (1)**  
**Moderator: Marc Rondy**

Schedule	Title
14:00-14:10	<b>Opening and objectives of the session</b> Marc Rondy, PAHO
14:10-14:45	<b>Epidemiological analysis of the Influenza season</b> (Start of the season, peak and intensity; severity; % positivity; data sources (ILI and SARI); interpretation of trends and comparison with previous seasons)
14:45-15:15	<b>Interpretation of laboratory data</b> (Virological results; antigenic characterization; detection of antiviral resistance)
15:15-16:00	<b>Integration of epidemiological and laboratory data</b> (Integrated season reading; severity signals; implications for public health response and risk communication)
16:00-16:30	<b>Preliminary vaccine effectiveness data</b> (Use of information for the activation or adjustment of PHSM)
16:30-17:00	Specific topics by subregion (Main findings, differentiated patterns, challenges, and subregional particularities)

## Laboratory (2)

Moderator: Juliana Leite

Schedule	Title
14:00-14:10	<b>Opening and objectives of the session</b> Gabriela Rodriguez PAHO
14:10-14:25	<b>Standardized country capacity assessment</b>
14:25-14:35	<b>Automated classification of capacities</b> Juliana Leite, PAHO
14:35-15:45	<b>Simulation Exercise</b> From Sequence to Decision: Translating Genomic Surveillance into Public Health Action
15:45-16:45	Working Group Presentations
16:45-17:00	<b>Validation and next steps</b> Jairo Mendez, PAHO

## Immunization (3)

Moderators: Martha Velandia and Marcela Contreras

Schedule	Title
14:00-14:15	<b>Opening and objectives of the session</b> Martha Velandia, PAHO
14:15-14:30	<b>Influenza vaccination coverage, tools and resources</b> Francisco Nogareda, PAHO
14:30-14:45	<b>PAHO Influenza vaccination dashboard</b> Marcela Contreras, PAHO
14:45-16:30	<b>Case study - influenza vaccination coverage and information systems to monitor coverage in priority groups</b>
16:30-17:00	Discussion

Thursday 26 March 2026

## Integrated Surveillance, Digital Systems and Analytics

Moderator: Yury Garcia

Schedule	Title
9:00-9:10	<b>Regional guidance for integrated surveillance of respiratory viruses</b> Marisol Valenzuela and Yury Garcia, PAHO
9:10-9:20	<b>Using syndromic data for respiratory surveillance in the Caribbeans</b> CARPHA
9:20-9:35	<b>Country Experiences: Integration of SARI/ILI/ARI Surveillance Systems into DHIS2</b> Prabhjot Singh, PAHO ECC and ECC Countries
9:35-10:20	<b>Strengthening Information Systems – Interoperability, Dashboards &amp; Automated Reporting</b> Brazil Bolivia Chile Ecuador Panama Uruguay
10:20-10:50	Coffee break
10:50-11:00	<b>Forecasting project - Paraguay</b>
11:00-11:10	<b>Advances in AMoMo - Guatemala</b>

## Operational Research

Moderators: Paula Couto and Jorge Jara

Schedule	Title
11:10-11:30	<b>Insights from combined virological and vaccine effectiveness surveillance</b> Danuta Skowronski, British Columbia Centre for Disease Control
11:30-11:40	<b>Vaccine effectiveness evaluation in the Latin America</b> Francisco Nogareda, PAHO
11:40- 11:50	<b>Impact evaluation in the Americas. Phase I and Phase II</b> Jorge Jara, PAHO
11:50-12:10	<b>Economic burden evaluations in the region and country experience</b> Nelson Alvis, PAHO Guatemala
12:10-12:20	Questions and discussion

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**12:20 -13:30** Lunch

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## COVID-19

**Moderator: Paula Couto**

Schedule	Title
<b>13:30-13:50</b>	<b>Seasonality and Severity Overview</b> Justin Lessler, UNC
<b>13:50-14:00</b>	<b>Post-pandemic COVID-19 surveillance in MEX: 2023-25</b> Mexico
<b>14:00-14:10</b>	<b>Post-pandemic SARS-CoV-2 genomic surveillance and virological patterns: PAHOGen experience</b> Jairo Mendez, PAHO
<b>14:10-14:25</b>	<b>COVID-19 in- season operational research challenges and opportunities: Experience from the USA on in-season severity assessments, impact, burden and VE</b> CDC - CORVD
<b>14:25-14:40</b>	Questions and discussion
<b>14:40 -14:55</b>	<b>Updated recommendations for COVID-19 immunization</b> Alba Vilajeliu, WHO
<b>14:55-15:00</b>	Questions and discussion
<b>15:00 -15:30</b>	Coffee break

## Wrap Up

**Moderator: TBD**

Schedule	Title
<b>15:30-16:10</b>	<b>Country perspective: what are your priorities for respiratory virus surveillance for the next 5 years</b> Chile Haiti Honduras Jamaica Nicaragua Peru
<b>16:10-16:30</b>	<b>Meeting Evaluation</b>



# PAHO

**Closing of the event**  
**Moderator: PHE/CIM**

Schedule	Title
16:20-17:00	Closing and next steps Marc Rondy and Francisco Nogareda, PAHO

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