

This report is based on media monitoring of infectious and emerging diseases globally and within ASEAN Member States, to enhance pandemic and epidemic preparedness and response in the ASEAN Region. We publish this report three times a week.

Regional Situation

Avian Influenza

- **Cambodia:** On March 29, 2026, a 3-year-old boy from Oddar Meanchey province was confirmed positive for H5N1 avian influenza (Ministry of Health Cambodia, 2026). The child, exposed to sick and dead poultry at home, is hospitalized in isolation and receiving intensive care. Health and agriculture authorities launched outbreak investigations, distributed medicines, and conducted community education. Residents were urged to avoid contact with sick birds, practice hygiene, and seek immediate medical care if symptomatic. [\[Full article\]](#)

COVID-19

- **Viet Nam:** As of March 27, 2026, Hanoi reported 29 COVID-19 cases across 22 districts, including 17 cases during March 20–27 (Kevesko.vn, 2026). Preventive measures are advised including mask use, hand hygiene, surface cleaning, and early medical consultation for suspected symptoms.. [\[Full article\]](#)

Dengue

- **Indonesia:** As of March 31, 2026, Bandar Lampung, Lampung Province reported 33 dengue cases with no deaths (Kupas Tuntas, 2026). Of 126 villages, 68 are endemic, 55 sporadic, and three case-free. Authorities promote preventive measures, larvicide use, and vector surveillance. Additionally, 220 suspected measles cases are under investigation; immunization and vigilance are advised. [\[Full article\]](#)

Bangka District, Bangka Belitung Islands Province reported 22 dengue cases with one death in March, down from 31 in February with no deaths (Babel Pos, 2026). Highest numbers occurred in Belinyu (21) and Sungailiat (19). Authorities are conducting 100 m investigations and vector control via elimination of mosquito breeding sites and fogging, urging communities to maintain sanitation and follow 5M measures. [\[Full article\]](#)

From January to March 2026, **South Sumatra Province** reported 723 dengue cases with four deaths, highest in Palembang (268) (Antara Sumsel, 2026). Smaller clusters occurred in Muara Enim (53), Banyuasin (55), and Lubuklinggau (59). Authorities launched dengue vaccination monitoring for 7,500 primary school children, intensified vector control, promoted *Wolbachia* development, and urged communities to maintain preventive measures. [\[Full article\]](#)



- **Viet Nam:** As of March 25, 2026, Lam Dong Province reported 773 dengue cases, up by 75 from 2025 (Báo Pháp Luật, 2026). Nationally, 31,927 cases and four deaths were recorded, more than double the same period last year. Authorities strengthened surveillance, early detection, outbreak response, and vector control, while ensuring adequate supplies and timely case management. [\[Full article\]](#)

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- The **Philippines:** From January 4 to March 21, 2026, Guimaras province reported 47 HFMD cases, mainly in children aged 1–5 years in Buenavista municipality (Province of Guimaras, 2026). The Provincial Health Board emphasized preventive measures, coordination among health units, and continued vigilance to prevent case escalation. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Viet Nam:** Can Tho reported 954 HFMD cases so far in 2026, more than double the same period in 2025, including one death in week 13 (VOH, 2026). Most cases were in children under five. Authorities strengthened surveillance, school outbreak response, hygiene promotion, and case management. [\[Full article\]](#)

As of epi-week 12, 2026, **Ho Chi Minh City** reported 10,886 HFMD cases, including 1,992 hospitalizations and 221 severe cases; EV71 was detected in 24% of samples (Le Courier VN, 2027). Eight deaths occurred in southern provinces, including four in the city. Authorities strengthened surveillance, outbreak containment, and intensive care. [\[Full article\]](#)

Leptospirosis

- **Indonesia:** Sabu Raijua District, East Nusa Tenggara Province, reported four suspected leptospirosis deaths in patients aged 18–84, linked to rodent urine exposure during rainy conditions (Liputan6, 2026). Authorities launched joint investigations, environmental sanitation, rodent sampling, public education, and sent blood samples for laboratory confirmation to prevent further spread. [\[Full article\]](#)

Measles

- **Indonesia:** Cilacap District, Central Java Province, reported 31 confirmed and 123 suspected measles cases in 2026, affecting children and adults (Republika, 2026). Authorities initiated epidemiological investigations and outbreak response immunization (ORI) targeting children aged 9–59 months, conducted in four areas, with plans to expand district-wide. [\[Full article\]](#)

As of March 2026, **Bandung Municipality**, West Java Province reported 248 suspected measles cases, including 28 confirmed, with no deaths (Tribun Jabar, 2026). Most cases were in children, 69% of whom were unvaccinated. Authorities are intensifying catch-up vaccination programs to improve coverage and reduce transmission risk. [\[Full article\]](#)

West Bandung District, West Java Province reported 14 confirmed measles cases, all recovered with no deaths (Pikiran Rakyat, 2026). Authorities emphasized vigilance, noting measles can affect all ages. Preventive measures include routine immunization at 9 and 18 months, balanced nutrition, and vitamin A supplementation. Isolation facilities are prepared to manage potential increases and prevent further transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)



- **Singapore:** From February 1 and March 24, 2026, 12 measles cases were reported, six with recent overseas travel (The Straits Times, 2026). Eleven patients were not fully vaccinated, including two infants aged <12 months. Genomic analysis identified eight unrelated cases and four within a known cluster, with no evidence of wider community transmission. Authorities maintain enhanced surveillance and emphasize vigilance against importation. [\[Full article\]](#)

Rabies

- **Viet Nam:** On March 19, 2026, a 63-year-old man from Ba Ria-Vung Tau Province died of rabies after being bitten by an unvaccinated dog (VnExpress, 2026). The patient initially sought traditional treatment instead of vaccination and later developed severe symptoms before death. This was the first reported rabies case in the commune in 2026. Authorities emphasized prompt wound care and vaccination. [\[Full article\]](#)

Global Situation

Dengue

- **Taiwan (Province of China)** reported 30 dengue cases as of March 31, 2026, including seven in Taichung (LTN Health, 2026). All were imported and mostly linked to Southeast Asia. Authorities warn that seasonal transmission risk is increasing ahead of Qingming Festival due to greater outdoor exposure. [\[Full article\]](#)

Hantavirus

- **Russia:** Since the start of spring 2026, at least 16 HFRS cases have been reported in the Nizhny Novgorod region (Vesti NN, 2026). Transmission is linked to contact with rodents or contaminated dust, with increased risk during outdoor work and cleaning activities. Authorities have intensified surveillance and urge use of protective gear and good hygiene to reduce exposure. [\[Full article\]](#)

Measles

- **Bangladesh:** As of March 29, 2026, Pabna District reported 126 cases of measles since January with 27 patients currently hospitalized, mostly infants aged 3-12 months (BD Pratidin, 2026). One child death was recorded this month. Hospital authorities established an isolation corner, while health officials urged vigilance and immediate care for children showing measles symptoms. [\[Full article\]](#)

As of late March 2026, **Chittagong division** reported 95 measles infections, with clusters in Cox's Bazar, Chandpur, and Cumilla (Dhaka Post, 2026). Five children died in the past 10 days; several remain hospitalized, including six in ICU. Most cases involve unvaccinated children under three, often with pneumonia. Authorities initiated emergency vaccination, household screening, and allocated funds for vaccine procurement. [\[Full article\]](#)

Rajshahi division reported at least 500 suspected measles cases as of March 30, 2026, including 137 confirmed and three (TBS News, 2026). Thirty-five patients are currently hospitalized. Rajshahi Medical College Hospital admitted 280 patients since January, exceeding capacity. Most cases involve unvaccinated children. Authorities pledged to strengthen treatment and vaccination amid supply challenges. [\[Full article\]](#)



From January to March 2026, **Barisal Division** reported 206 measles cases and eight child deaths across six districts (Amader Barisal, 2026). Barguna recorded 80 cases with three deaths; Bhola and Jhalakathi reported two deaths each. Overcrowding at Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital prompted a 16-bed isolation ward. Authorities emphasized urgent vaccination, early treatment, and strict infection control. [\[Full article\]](#)

In late March 2026, a measles outbreak in **Netrokona** affected children across multiple sub-districts, with nine cases treated and five currently hospitalized, including one critical case (Somoyer Konthosor, 2026). Patients presented with typical symptoms and were confirmed clinically. A dedicated isolation ward was established. Authorities warn of further spread and emphasize timely vaccination and public awareness. [\[Full article\]](#)

In late March 2026, a measles surge at **Jessore** General Hospital overwhelmed capacity, with eight children treated despite only two designated beds (Somoyer Konthosor, 2026). New admissions included infants, reflecting rising transmission. A separate measles ward was opened in Abhaynagar to support isolation and care. [\[Full article\]](#)

- **Mongolia:** As of March 31, 2026, the National Center for Communicable Diseases reported 14,498 confirmed measles cases, including 33 new cases in the past 24 hours (Xinhua, 2026). Nearly half occurred in Ulaanbaatar. Since the outbreak began 401 days ago, 15 measles-related deaths have been reported. Health authorities urge unvaccinated individuals to receive immunization. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Taiwan (Province of China):** On March 31, 2026, two imported measles cases were reported, raising the annual total to six (four imported, two local) (HKCNA, 2026). The new cases involved a woman in her 50s returning from the United States and a man in his 30s returning from India. Authorities continue monitoring and emphasize early detection and reporting. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United States (US):** Lewis and Clark County, Montana reported five new measles cases as of March 30, 2026, all linked to exposures at St. Peter's Emergency Department (Montana Right Now, 2026). Health authorities advised exposed individuals to receive the MMR vaccine and urged high-risk groups, including infants, immunocompromised persons, and pregnant women, to seek medical guidance. [\[Full article\]](#)

Mpox

- **Pakistan:** In late March 2026, Karachi reported its first confirmed mpox case of the year in a returning traveler (MM News, 2026). The patient recovered and was discharged after treatment. Additional suspected cases have been identified, prompting continued surveillance. Authorities emphasize that transmission occurs through close contact and urge prompt care for symptoms. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Russia:** In late March 2026, two mpox cases were confirmed in the Moscow region among men in their 40s, with no travel history or known exposure, complicating source identification (Infox, 2026). Both were hospitalized with fever and rash symptoms. Authorities note transmission occurs mainly through close contact and state the situation remains under medical supervision. [\[Full article\]](#)



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