

Media Monitoring for Infectious and Emerging Diseases

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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.

Global Situation

Chikungunya

- **Hong Kong (SAR):** On February 1, 2026, the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) confirmed two imported chikungunya cases involving a 55-year-old woman from Kowloon City and a 55-year-old man from Central and Western District, both recently returned from Seychelles (Hong Kong Commercial Daily, 2026). The patients developed fever, joint pain, and rash before tested positive and are currently stable under hospital care. Household contacts remain asymptomatic under surveillance. In 2025, a total of 82 cases, including 11 local infections, were reported in the region. [\[Full article\]](#)

Hantavirus

- **Taiwan (Province of China):** On February 1, 2026, Taipei reported the year's first hantavirus death involving a 70-year-old man who succumbed to respiratory and gastrointestinal complications (United Daily News, 2026). Environmental investigations found rodent activity at the residence, with 2 of 4 captured rats testing positive for hantavirus antibodies. Since 2017, Taiwan has recorded 44 cases, mostly in adults over 40. Authorities stress rodent control measures to prevent further infections. [\[Full article\]](#)

Measles

- The **United States (US):** On January 30, 2026, Orange County reported a new measles case involving a toddler, following an earlier case in a 19-year-old international traveler, both are now recovering (MyNewsLA, 2026). The toddler had no travel history or public exposure sites, while the older patient was linked to exposures at a gym and a clinic in Ladera Ranch. Health officials emphasize vaccination as cases rise nationally, with 588 confirmed this year, and warn that declining coverage could trigger wider outbreaks. [\[Full article\]](#)

Mpox

- **Russia:** In late January 2026, two mpox cases were identified in the Moscow region. Both patients are being treated in isolation at Domodedovo Hospital (Caliber.Az, 2026). One patient, with underlying HIV and past syphilis treatment, presented with fever up to 39°C and facial rash after five days of symptoms. Health authorities are tracing contacts and disinfecting affected premises. [\[Full article\]](#)



Rabies

- **India:** On January 29, 2026, a 45-year-old farmer from Krishnagiri district, died of suspected rabies infection at Government Krishnagiri Medical College Hospital (The New Indian Express, 2026). The patient had sustained a dog bite three months earlier but reportedly received only one anti-rabies vaccine dose. He later developed symptoms including hydrophobia and aerophobia before succumbing. Seven individuals who had contact with him had received ARV. Health officials emphasized the need for full post-exposure prophylaxis following dog bites. [\[Full article\]](#)

On January 30, 2026, a 12-year-old boy from **Bhiwandi**, Maharashtra, died nearly three weeks after being bitten by a stray dog (LatestLY, 2026). Despite receiving anti-rabies and tetanus injections, his condition deteriorated and deceased in Mumbai. A forensic investigation is underway to confirm rabies as the cause of death. Local officials allege systemic negligence and medicine shortages at state-run hospitals. [\[Full article\]](#)

On January 30, 2026, a 27-year-old farm worker from **Sabarkantha**, was admitted to Palanpur Civil Hospital with severe neurological symptoms of rabies, including hydrophobia and aggressive behaviour (The Indian Express, 2026). The patient had been bitten by a rabid dog three months earlier but did not complete vaccination. Fifteen contacts have since received anti-rabies vaccine. This marks the fourth rabies case in Banaskantha district in the past year, highlighting ongoing risks from stray dog bites. [\[Full article\]](#)

Regional Situation

Chikungunya

- **Indonesia:** As of January 30, 2026, Cilacap District Health Office (DHO) in Central Java Province reported 186 chikungunya cases, concentrated in urban areas such as Cilacap Selatan Subdistrict, with Sidakaya Village recorded the highest burden with over 120 cases across several neighborhood clusters (Tribun Jateng, 2026). Authorities urge residents to eliminate mosquito breeding sites, maintain hygiene, and participate in community cleanup campaigns, with fogging conducted in affected areas to curb transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)

Dengue

- **Indonesia:** In January 2026, Garut District Health Office (DHO) in West Java Province reported 72 dengue cases with two deaths, a sharp decline compared to 525 cases in January 2025 (Pikiran Rakyat, 2026). The reduction is attributed to improved community awareness and implementation of mosquito breeding site control. Health workers, Public Health Center (PHC), and local authorities continue education, fogging in endemic areas, and larval inspections. [\[Full article\]](#)

As of the third week of January 2026, **Bangka District**, Bangka Belitung Islands Province, reported 20 dengue cases, with the highest concentration in Sungailiat Sub-district (6 cases) (Radio Republik Indonesia, 2026). All patients received medical care, and fogging was conducted in affected areas. Health officials attributed the surge to post-flood mosquito breeding sites and emphasized routine vector control through community cleanups, vector control measures, and epidemiological investigations. [\[Full article\]](#)



In January 2026, **Ogan Komering Ulu (OKU) Timur District**, South Sumatera Province, reported 16 dengue cases across eight Public Health Centers (PHCs); no deaths were recorded (Antara News, 2026). The surge is linked to rainy season water stagnation facilitating *Aedes aegypti* breeding. Public health response includes routine epidemiological surveillance, free abate distribution, fogging in high-risk areas, and community reminders to practice preventive measures and maintain clean, healthy living habits. [\[Full article\]](#)

- **Viet Nam:** Between January 19–25, 2026, Ho Chi Minh City reported 1,289 dengue cases, a 29% decrease compared to the four-week average (Ho Chi Minh City Center for Disease Control, 2026). Since the start of 2026, the total number of cases has reached 6,542. To prevent dengue fever, health authorities advised residents to continue implementing control measures as recommended. [\[Full article\]](#)

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- **Viet Nam:** Between January 19–25, 2026, Ho Chi Minh City reported 796 HFMD cases, a 15.8% decrease compared to the four-week average (Ho Chi Minh City Center for Disease Control, 2026). Since the start of 2026, cases have reached 3,455. Health authorities urge continued adherence to preventive measures as outlined in official guidance to reduce transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)

Leptospirosis

- **Indonesia:** In January 2026, Pati District Health Office (DHO) in Central Java Province reported 35 leptospirosis cases linked to flooding, with four deaths, mostly among elderly patients (Tribun Jateng, 2026). This figure exceeded half of the total number of cases (61) recorded in 2025, including 17 deaths. Delayed treatment was cited as a major factor in fatalities. Authorities initiated disinfection of floodwaters using household detergent and urged residents to use protective gear and seek prompt medical care if symptomatic. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **The Philippines:** From January 1–29, 2026, Quezon City reported 12 leptospirosis cases, with two deaths recorded (Quezon City Epidemiology & Surveillance Division, 2026). The disease prompted health authorities to advise preventive measures including avoiding floodwater contact, using protective gear, maintaining environmental cleanliness, and seeking medical care promptly for prophylaxis. Public health messaging continues to emphasize community vigilance. [\[Full article\]](#)

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