



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

Dengue

- **Indonesia:** Sukabumi Municipality, West Java Province, recorded 54 dengue cases in January 2026, no deaths were reported (RMOL Jabar, 2026). This marked a decline from the same period in 2025. Cases were distributed across 33 villages, with Cisarua reporting the highest count (7 cases). Health authorities urged intensified vector control measures and continued household mosquito larvae monitoring. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Viet Nam:** Ho Chi Minh City reported 452 dengue cases during February 16–22, a 57.7% decrease from the four-week average (Người Lao Động, 2026). Although activity remains low, experts expect seasonal increases and warn the 2026 season may start early, with crowded settings facilitating clusters. Authorities urged strict reporting, enhanced surveillance, and elimination of standing water to reduce mosquito breeding. [\[Full article\]](#)
- As of February 22, 2026, **Vinh Long Province** reported 987 dengue cases, over 2.5 times higher than the same period in 2025, including 12 severe cases and no deaths (Bao Vinh Long, 2026). Despite declined weekly cases, several communes and wards remain at risk. The Department of Health has directed intensified surveillance, chemical spraying, and public awareness campaigns, urging communities to eliminate mosquito breeding sites and seek early medical care. [\[Full article\]](#)

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- The **Philippines:** As of February 21, 2026, Iloilo Province reported 226 HFMD cases, a 19% increase compared with the same period in 2025 (Panay News, 2026). Cases were recorded in 35 of 43 municipalities and one city, with Passi City, Barotac Nuevo, and Mina reporting the highest numbers. Health officials urge strict hygiene practices and early symptom recognition, particularly in schools. [\[Full article\]](#)



Rabies

- **Malaysia:** On February 25, 2026, Sarawak reported its first human rabies case of the year in a 44-year-old man from Kota Samarahan who died at Sarawak General Hospital (The Borneo Post, 2026). This is the 91st human rabies case since 2017, with 84 deaths (93% case fatality rate). Authorities urge prompt wound care, timely post-exposure prophylaxis, and responsible pet vaccination to prevent further transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Viet Nam:** As of early 2026, Gia Lai Province reported one rabies-related death in Ia Ly Commune, and six people were bitten by two rabid dogs in Dak Doa Commune (Vietnamnet, 2026). All of those bitten received post-exposure vaccinations. Authorities warn of increased risk due to dry weather and have mandated strict monitoring and vaccination of dogs and cats and coordination in border communes to prevent illegal animal transport and strengthen rabies control. [\[Full article\]](#)

Tuberculosis (TB)

- **Malaysia:** The Health Ministry recorded 417 new TB cases nationwide in epi-week 7 of 2026, a decline of 65 cases from the same week in 2025 (New Straits Times, 2026). Officials reported no new TB clusters, noting a continued downward trend. The ministry plans to intensify screening among high-risk groups and raise public awareness to encourage timely treatment-seeking. [\[Full article\]](#)

Global Situation

Anthrax

- **Kazakhstan:** In February 2026, a 75-year-old man in Shymkent was diagnosed with anthrax, linked to meat purchased at a local market (Tengrinews.kz, 2026). Investigations found the meat originated from six cattle slaughtered by a farmer. The patient is hospitalized under clinical protocols, and epidemiological investigations are ongoing. Officials have formed a working group to address community concerns near anthrax burial sites in Almaty Region. [\[Full article\]](#)

Dengue

- **Ukraine:** A woman from Lviv was diagnosed with dengue fever after returning from a vacation in the Maldives, marking another imported case linked to tropical destinations (TSN, 2026). Officials urged Ukrainians traveling to tropical countries to take mosquito-bite precautions and to seek medical care promptly if symptoms appear after returning. [\[Full article\]](#)

Hantavirus

- **Russia:** Dimitrovgrad, Ulyanovsk Oblast, has confirmed eight new hemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome (HFRS) cases from February 16–22, 2026 (Komsomolskaya Pravda, 2026). This brings a total of 154 cases this year, with a cumulative incidence of 13.5 per 10,000 population. Authorities recommend preventive measures to reduce transmission risk. [\[Full article\]](#)



Leptospirosis

- **India:** A leptospirosis outbreak in Ferozepur District, Punjab, resulted in 32 confirmed cases with 19 hospitalised (Hindustan Times, 2026). Investigations linked the cluster to contaminated drinking water, with rodent droppings and dead pigeons found in a village water tank. Authorities halted regular water supply, deployed tankers, inspected pipelines, and collected about 600 samples. [\[Full article\]](#)

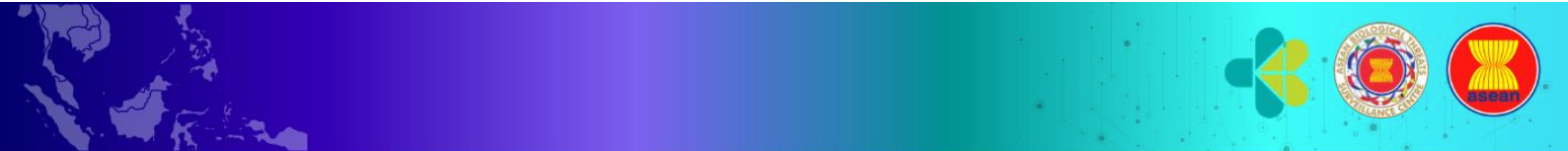
Measles

- **Australia:** New South Wales (NSW) confirmed a measles case in southwest Sydney, the 22nd in the state in 2026 (9News, 2026). No known exposure link indicated likely community transmission. The patient visited several public sites, including a restaurant in Wollie Creek and health facilities in Campbelltown and Gregory Hills. NSW Health continues contact tracing and monitoring, with exposure sites concentrated in Sydney and surrounding areas. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Taiwan (Province of China):** As of February 27, 2026, the Centers for Disease Control confirmed the first measles cluster of the year, involving an 8-month-old male infant infected in Vietnam and a 40-year-old man in New Taipei who later developed illness after hospital contact (Focus Taiwan, 2026). A total of 526 close contacts have been listed for monitoring through March 17. Authorities urge compliance with selfhealth monitoring, mask use, and prompt reporting of symptoms. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United States (US):** South Carolina has reported six new measles cases, bringing the total to 985 since September 2025 (WBTV, 2026). Sixty-one individuals are in quarantine and two in isolation. The South Carolina Department of Public Health identified exposure sites at an elementary school and a wholesale in Spartanburg (February 22). [\[Full article\]](#)

On February 27, 2026, **Massachusetts** reported its first two measles cases of 2026. One case involves a school-aged resident exposed and diagnosed out of state; the second involves a Greater Boston resident with recent international travel and unknown vaccination status (WBUR, 2026). No community transmission has been identified. Authorities emphasize vigilance and vaccination as key measures to prevent further transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)

Tuberculosis (TB)

- The **United States (US):** As of February 2026, Kansas is experiencing an ongoing TB outbreak in the Kansas City metropolitan area, with at least 67 confirmed active cases, 79 latent infections, and two deaths reported since January 2024 (CNN, 2026). Health authorities are conducting contact tracing, testing, and treatment. Health continues monitoring to prevent further transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)



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