

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

### COVID-19

- **Viet Nam** reported 356 COVID-19 cases and one death between December 14, 2025, and April 18, 2026, including 302 cases in the past four weeks, March 18 to April 18, 2026 (Báo Văn Hóa, 2026). In Hanoi, 38 cases were reported across 25 wards, with no deaths, compared to five cases in the same period of 2025. The World Health Organization (WHO) noted several SARS-CoV-2 variants under monitoring, including JN.1, XFG, NB.1.8.1, KP.3.1.1, and BA.3.2, for potential public health risks. [[Full article](#)]

### Dengue

- **Cambodia:** As of May 29, 2026, Preah Vihear province has reported over 300 dengue cases, including one death (Phnom Penh Post, 2026). Dengue cases are being reported daily across all seven districts, with Koulen, Sangkum Thmei, and Tbeng Meanchey most affected. Health authorities launched larvicide treatments, insecticide spraying, staff training, and public awareness campaigns to strengthen outbreak control. [[Full article](#)]
- **Viet Nam's** Ministry of Health reported 6,408 dengue cases and one death between March 18 and April 18, 2026 (Báo Văn Hóa, 2026). Authorities warned of increased outbreak risk with the rainy season and strengthened surveillance at border gates and in communities for early detection and response. [[Full article](#)]

**Khanh Hoa province** has reported over 1,000 dengue fever cases so far in 2026. Nationally, nearly 31,930 cases have been recorded since the beginning of the year (Báo Khánh Hòa, 2026). Authorities have strengthened monitoring, preventive measures, and educated people to proactively eliminate mosquito larvae, maintain environmental hygiene, and wash their hands regularly. [[Full article](#)]

### Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- **Viet Nam's** Ministry of Health reported 11,808 HFMD cases and three deaths nationwide in April 2026 (Báo Văn Hóa, 2026). From mid-December 2025 to mid-April 2026, the cumulative total reached 34,432 cases and eight deaths. Surveillance in southern regions detected a high prevalence of EV71 strain, associated with severe complications in children. Authorities strengthened border and community surveillance for early detection and response. [[Full article](#)]



**Khánh Hòa Province** reported 2,130 HFMD cases since the beginning of 2026, including three severe cases under hospital monitoring (Báo Khánh Hòa, 2026). Nationally, more than 25,090 cases and eight deaths have been recorded, with over 11,800 cases in April alone. Authorities have strengthened surveillance, outbreak response, disinfection, and public health education to reduce transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)

### **HIV/AIDS**

- **Indonesia:** South Sumatra Province reported 217 new HIV/AIDS cases in the first quarter of 2026, indicating ongoing transmission despite a slight decline (RRI Palembang, 2026). Authorities highlighted low early detection as a key gap, with sexual transmission now the predominant route and increasing cases among adolescents and working-age groups. Screening, community outreach, and access to antiretroviral therapy are being expanded, though stigma persists. [\[Full article\]](#)

### **Malaria**

- **Indonesia:** Tanjungpinang Municipality reported 55 malaria cases as of April 30, 2026, exceeding the 53 cases recorded in all of 2025 (Batam Pos Kepri, 2026). The highest incidence was observed in Senggarang and Kampung Bugis, where swampy conditions favor breeding of *Anopheles* mosquitoes. Several cases were classified as relapses or imported infections. Authorities emphasized vector control, use of insecticide-treated nets and repellents, and environmental sanitation to reduce transmission risk. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Malaysia:** By week 16 of 2026, Sabah state reported 357 *Plasmodium knowlesi* malaria cases and one death, with Tawau, Ranau, and Kudat most affected (Beacon Bio, 2026). Plantation workers, farmers, and forest-fringe communities are at the highest risk due to macaque reservoirs. Authorities emphasize early detection and treatment despite elimination of indigenous human malaria since 2018. [\[Full article\]](#)

### **Meningococcal Disease**

- **Vietnam's** Ministry of Health reported 26 meningococcal meningitis cases and four deaths from January to April 18, 2026, including five cases and two deaths in the past month (Người Lao Động, 2026). This represents an increase of 10 cases compared to the same period in 2025. Authorities emphasized strengthened surveillance at community and border levels for early detection and timely outbreak response. [\[Full article\]](#)

## **Global Situation**

### **Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF)**

- **Iraq:** Dhi Qar Province reported one new confirmed hemorrhagic fever case on May 1, 2026, bringing the total to 16 infections this year, including two deaths (Baghdad Today, 2026). Most patients have recovered. Veterinary authorities intensified awareness campaigns on safe meat handling and prevention measures to reduce transmission in rural areas where seasonal spread is common. [\[Full article\]](#)



## *Dengue*

- **Sri Lanka's** National Dengue Control Unit reported 25,082 dengue cases and 12 related deaths nationwide as of May 2, 2026 (Xinhua News, 2026). The highest case numbers were recorded in Colombo, Gampaha, Matara, Galle, Ratnapura, and Kalutara districts. Health authorities urged the public to seek medical care if fever persists beyond two days to enable early diagnosis and treatment. In 2025, the country recorded over 51,000 dengue cases, indicating continued high transmission risk. [\[Full article\]](#)

## *Hantavirus*

- **China:** Chaohu reported a confirmed case of hemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome on May 2, 2026, in a resident who developed severe illness after direct contact with a bat (MyDrivers, 2026). The patient presented with high fever, weakness, and acute kidney injury requiring intensive care, with infection confirmed as Hantavirus infection. Authorities warned against handling wild animals due to transmission risks from excreta or minor skin breaches. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Taiwan (Province of China):** New Taipei reported the second hantavirus case of 2026, involving a man in his 70s who presented with fever, myalgia, and gastrointestinal symptoms (Focus Taiwan, 2026). He was hospitalized and later discharged on March 30 after treatment, with the source of infection still under investigation. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has strengthened sanitation measures and reminded the public of rodent-borne transmission risks. [\[Full article\]](#)

## *Malaria*

- **India:** Jharkhand reported 42,236 malaria cases as of early May 2026, with over 50% concentrated in Chaibasa, Seraikela, Sahibganj, Khunti, and Godda (Prabhat Khabar, 2026). Two deaths were recorded in Dhanbad and Sahibganj. The Health Department implemented a pre-monsoon response plan, strengthening surveillance, case detection, and vector control in high-transmission rural and remote districts. [\[Full article\]](#)

## *Measles*

- **India:** Ghaziabad District reported 129 measles cases from January to April 2026, including 74 in urban areas (Jagran, 2026). WHO surveillance feedback indicated routine immunization coverage declined from 83% in 2025 to 78%, leaving 22% of children partially or unvaccinated, with rising vaccine opposition in ten areas. Health authorities have increased surveillance and urged stronger vaccination efforts to address gaps and prevent further spread among children. [\[Full article\]](#)

## *Leptospirosis*

- **Mauritius** reported its fifth leptospirosis-related death, involving a man in his sixties from Montagne-Blanche with underlying heart disease who was hospitalized in ICU (Defimedia, 2026). Currently, 20 active cases are reported nationwide. Authorities urge precautions, avoidance of contaminated water or soil, and prompt care for symptoms to enable early diagnosis and treatment. [\[Full article\]](#)



## Rabies

- **India:** Gwalior reported a rabies death on April 28, 2026, involving a 36-year-old man following a dog bite, marking the seventh rabies death in four months (Free Press Journal, 2026). Authorities reported 13,579 dog bite cases between December 2025 and April 2026, with thousands treated across local hospitals. Health experts emphasize immediate vaccination and immunoglobulin for severe exposures. [[Full article](#)]

**Vidisha** District reported a severe rabies case involving a 24-year-old man who died on April 30, 2026, at AIIMS Bhopal after reportedly jumping from a hospital window during treatment, reflecting advanced neurological complications of the disease (Free Press Journal, 2026). The patient had been bitten by a stray dog on March 5 and did not receive timely vaccination, developing advanced symptoms before admission. Authorities are investigating; officials stress prompt vaccination to prevent fatal rabies. [[Full article](#)]

**Chitrakoot** reported a rabies death on May 1, 2026, involving a 3-year-old boy who was bitten by a dog on March 13 (Jagran, 2026). Although initial vaccination was started, subsequent doses were missed, leading to a fatal outcome. Health authorities noted that incomplete post-exposure prophylaxis can result in fatal outcomes, highlighting gaps in adherence and the need to complete the full vaccination schedule. [[Full article](#)]

## Poliomyelitis

- **Pakistan** reported three confirmed wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases as of early May 2026, including recent detections in Bannu and North Waziristan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) (Outbreak News Today, 2026). National cases declined from 74 in 2024 to 31 in 2025, reflecting vaccination efforts, although transmission persists in southern KP. Two nationwide campaigns in 2026 immunized about 45 million children, with another planned in May targeting 19 million. [[Full article](#)]

## References

- Baghdad Today (2026) *A new case of hemorrhagic fever has been recorded in Dhi Qar, bringing the total number of cases to 16 during 2026.* Baghdad Today. Available at: <https://baghdadtoday.news/298348-16-2026.html> (Accessed: 4 May 2026).
- Báo Khánh Hòa (2026) *Khanh Hoa recorded more than 1000 cases of dengue fever.* Báo Khánh Hòa. Available at: <https://baokhanhhoa.vn/xa-hoi/y-te-suc-khoe/202605/khanh-hoa-ghi-nhan-hon-1000-ca-sot-xuat-huyet-5e23100/> (Accessed: 4 May 2026).
- Báo Văn Hóa (2026) *COVID-19, dengue fever and meningococcal fever simultaneously increased sharply.* Báo Văn Hóa. Available at: <https://baovanhoa.vn/doi-song/covid19-sot-xuat-huyet-va-nao-mo-cau-dong-loat-tang-manh-224445.html> (Accessed: 4 May 2026).
- Batam Pos Kepri (2026) *Kota Tanjungpinang catat 55 kasus malaria hingga April 2026.* Batam Pos Kepri. Available at: <https://kepri.batampos.co.id/kota-tanjungpinang-catat-55-kasus-malaria-hingga-april-2026-senggarang-dan-kampung-bugis-terbanyak/> (Accessed: 4 May 2026).
- Beacon Bio (2026) *Plasmodium knowlesi malaria cases in Sabah, malaysia rise to 357 including one related death.* Beacon Bio. Available at: <https://beaconbio.org/en/report/?reportid=ddd4039f-fb0e-412a-9005-87b620d6806c&eventid=8043cf89-c377-43f2-a6ef-74fe3ee6b68a> (Accessed: 4 May 2026).
- Defimedia (2026) *Leptospirosis: a fifth death recorded in Mauritius.* Defimedia. Available at: <https://defimedia.info/leptospirose-un-cinqieme-deces-enregistre-maurice> (Accessed: 4 May 2026).
- Focus Taiwan (2026) *Taiwan records 2nd hantavirus case this year: CDC.* Focus Taiwan. Available at: <https://focustaiwan.tw/society/202605020018> (Accessed: 4 May 2026).



- Free Press Journal (2026) *24-year-old rabies patient jumps from AIIMS Bhopal window, dies during treatment*. Free Press Journal. Available at: <https://www.freepressjournal.in/bhopal/24-year-old-rabies-patient-jumps-from-aiims-bhopal-window-dies-during-treatment> (Accessed: 4 May 2026).
- Free Press Journal (2026) *Gwalior youth administered tetanus injection instead of anti-rabies vaccine after dog bite, dies; 7th rabies death in 4 months*. Free Press Journal. Available at: <https://www.freepressjournal.in/bhopal/gwalior-youth-administered-tetanus-injection-instead-of-anti-rabies-vaccine-after-dog-bite-dies-7th-rabies-death-in-4-months> (Accessed: 4 May 2026).
- Jagran (2026) *Chitrakoot child dies after dog bite despite rabies jabs*. Jagran. Available at: <https://www.jagran.com/uttar-pradesh/chitrakoot-chitrakoot-child-dies-after-dog-bite-despite-rabies-jabs-40226240.html> (Accessed: 4 May 2026).
- Jagran (2026) *Ghaziabad measles outbreak: weak immunization puts kids at risk*. Jagran. Available at: <https://www.jagran.com/uttar-pradesh/ghaziabad-ghaziabad-measles-outbreak-weak-immunization-puts-kids-at-risk-40225467.html> (Accessed: 4 May 2026).
- MyDrivers (2026) *An elderly man who caught a bat with his bare hands was admitted to the ICU: He suffered severe kidney damage from Hantavirus infection*. MyDrivers. Available at: <https://news.mydrivers.com/1/11119/1119794.htm> (Accessed: 4 May 2026).
- Người Lao Động (NLD) (2026) *Dengue fever, hand, foot and mouth increased in April*. Người Lao Động. Available at: <https://nld.com.vn/sot-xuat-huyet-tay-chan-mieng-tang-trong-thang-4-196260430215450911.htm> (Accessed: 4 May 2026).
- Outbreak News Today (2026) *Pakistan reports 2 additional polio cases*. Outbreak News Today. Available at: <https://outbreaknewstoday.substack.com/p/pakistan-reports-2-additional-polio-192> (Accessed: 4 May 2026).
- Phnom Penh Post (2026) *Eight-year-old recovers from severe dengue fever as outbreak sweeps Preah Vihear*. Phnom Penh Post. Available at: <https://phnompenhpost.com/national/eight-year-old-recovers-from-severe-dengue-fever-as-outbreak-sweeps-preah-vihear/> (Accessed: 4 May 2026).
- Prabhat Khabar (2026) *Jharkhand malaria statistics 2026: West Singhbhum is hub of disease, master plan made*. Prabhat Khabar. Available at: <https://www.prabhatkhabar.com/state/jharkhand/ranchi/jharkhand-malaria-statistics-2026-west-singhbhum-is-hub-of-this-disease-made-a-master-plan> (Accessed: 4 May 2026).
- RRI Palembang (2026) *South Sumatra records 217 new cases of HIV/AIDS in early 2026*. RRI. Available at: <https://rri.co.id/palembang/kesehatan/2385845/sumsel-catat-217-kasus-baru-hivaidis-pada-awal-2026> (Accessed: 4 May 2026).
- VietNam.vn (2026) *The Ministry of Health provides information on the development of the epidemic in the country*. VietNam.vn. Available at: <https://www.vietnam.vn/en/bo-y-te-thong-tin-ve-dien-bien-dich-benh-trong-nuoc> (Accessed: 4 May 2026).
- Xinhua News (2026) *Sri Lanka reports over 25,000 dengue cases in 2026*. Xinhua News. Available at: <https://english.news.cn/asiapacific/20260502/1e4e84d688b34cad8079b361ddb174b1/c.html> (Accessed: 4 May 2026).