

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

Dengue

- **Sri Lanka** reported 581 dengue cases during the first two days of 2026, with the highest number of cases recorded in the Western Province (News First, 2026). Health authorities attributed the increase to recent rainy conditions conducive to mosquito breeding. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- The **United States (US)** confirmed 2,065 cases of measles as of December 30, 2025, the highest annual total since 1992, with cases identified across 44 jurisdictions (The Star, 2026). Approximately, 11% of patients were required hospitalization, and three deaths were reported. Health authorities warned that continued widespread transmission could place the country's measles elimination status at risk. [[Full article](#)]

Pertussis

- The **United States (US)** reported 28,132 pertussis cases as of epi-week 52 (December 27, 2025), a 35% decrease compared with the same period in 2024 (Outbreak News Today, 2026). However, Florida recorded an increase, with 1,510 cases reported in 2025, a 113% rise from the same period last year. In response, health authorities emphasized routine vaccination with DTaP and Tdap as the primary measure to prevent pertussis transmission. [[Full article](#)]

Typhoid

- **India:** In early January 2026, Gandhinagar District, Gujarat, reported 104 patients suspected of typhoid since January 1, including children, admitted to a district civil hospital (NewsDrum, 2026). Most cases were reported from Sectors 26 and 28 and the Adivada area. Health authorities deployed a medical team of 22 doctors, strengthened patient support services, and initiated enhanced monitoring and treatment measures. Drinking water samples collected from affected areas were tested and found to be safe for consumption. [[Full article](#)]

Regional Situation

Dengue

- **Indonesia:** Karangasem District, Bali Province, reported 1,517 dengue cases and one death, an increase compared with 1,078 cases reported in 2024 (Detik.com, 2026). Cases peaked in March with 313 cases and were most concentrated in urban areas, particularly Subagan (141 cases) and Karangasem sub-district (93 cases). For 2026, plans include strengthened surveillance, intensified vector control, expanded health promotion, and enhanced cross-sectoral collaboration to reduce dengue transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **Philippines:** From January 1 to December 31, 2025, Quezon City reported 11,057 dengue cases and 48 deaths (Quezon City Epidemiology and Surveillance Division, 2025). District 2 recorded the highest burden, accounting for 3,187 cases (29%). Health authorities promoted community-based vector control measures, including search-and-destroy and clean-up campaigns, alongside personal protective practices and early health-seeking behavior. [\[Full article\]](#)

Malaria

- **Viet Nam:** Khanh Hoa Province reported 92 malaria cases in 2025, including four severe (malignant) cases, with no deaths recorded (Vietnam.vn, 2026). Most cases were reported from the second quarter onward, peaking in June with 24 cases. Transmission was concentrated in Tay Khanh Vinh Commune, which accounted for 40 cases (43.5%). Public health measures included enhanced surveillance, risk communication, vector control spraying, and testing of more than 71,700 blood samples. Health authorities plan to further strengthen surveillance and response activities in 2026 as part of efforts to achieve malaria elimination by 2030. [\[Full article\]](#)

Rabies

- **Viet Nam:** A severe rabies case was reported in a 14-year-old boy from Son La Province, who was admitted in critical condition on January 1, 2026, to a national referral hospital (Tri Thúc VN, 2026). The patient developed hydrophobia, aerophobia, and muscle spasms approximately one month after sustaining a bite from a stray dog and not receiving post-exposure vaccination despite medical advice. Authorities stressed rabies prevention through immediate wound washing, timely vaccination, and rabies immunoglobulin for severe exposures. [\[Full article\]](#)

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