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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

Crimean-Congo Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF)

- **Iraq:** As August 4, 2025, Dhi Qar Governorate Veterinary Hospital reported 86 confirmed cases of CCHF with six deaths, predominantly involved individuals working in direct contact with animals, such as butchers and livestock breeders (Shafaq News, 2025). The Ministry of Agriculture has increased surveillance and recommended coordinating with the Kurdistan Regional Government to restrict livestock movements from Turkey. [Full article]
- Russia: The Stavropol region has recorded 42 hospital treatment for tick bites carrying CCHF and borreliosis during the past week, including two new fever cases (Komsomolskaya Pravda Stav, 2025). As of early August, the region has reported 14 tick-borne fever cases and 72 borreliosis cases. Authorities urge the public to take precautions such as wearing protective clothing, using repellents, checking for ticks after outdoor activities, and seeking immediate medical attention if bitten. [Full article]

Leptospirosis

• Taiwan (Province of China) has reported four new leptospirosis cases from July 29 to August 4, 2025, following Typhoon Danas, bringing the total number of cases this year to 19, which remains lower than the five-year average (UDN, 2025). The cases, involving individuals aged 40 to 70, were linked to exposure to sewage sludge. Health officials warn that heavy rains can facilitate the spread of pathogens through soil and water, increasing the risk of transmission. The CDC advises wearing waterproof gloves, boots, and masks during post-flood cleaning and urges high-risk individuals to seek medical care. [Full article]

Melioidosis

• **Taiwan (Province of China)** reported three new local cases of melioidosis from July 29 to August 4, 2025, all linked to post-typhoon Danan exposure to sewage sludge (UDN, 2025). This brings the total number of melioidosis cases to 35 with two deaths this year, including 13 after the typhoon. Affected individuals were mainly aged 50-64, with most cases reported in Kaohsiung City. Health authorities continue to monitor the situation and are conducting epidemiological investigations to prevent further infections. [Full article]



Pertussis

• **Poland:** In July 2025, Greater Poland reported 75 cases of pertussis (whooping cough) with eight hospitalizations (Epoznan.pl, 2025). This marked a significant decrease from 256 cases with 24 hospitalizations reported in the same period in 2024. [Full article]

Poliomyelitis

Pakistan: Lakki Marwat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has confirmed a new poliovirus infection in a
five-month-old infant, raising Pakistan's total polio cases to 19 in 2025 (APP Urdu, 2025).
Authorities are implementing a targeted eradication plan addressing access challenges in
high-risk districts and scheduled a nationwide anti-polio campaign for next month. Parents
are urged to ensure complete immunization of all children under five to protect against polio
and other vaccine-preventable diseases. [Full article]

Regional Situation

Dengue

- **Indonesia:** Pandanwangi Public Health Center, Malang Regency, East Java Province, reported 52 cases of dengue in July 2025, local health authorities emphasize the need for improved environmental management to curb further transmission. (Tribun Suryamalang, 2025). The increase is attributed to environmental factors and high population density, which facilitate mosquito-borne transmission. [Full article]
- The Philippines: Bacolod City reported 631 dengue cases and four deaths as of July 27, 2025, a 67.8% increase from the same period last year (Manila Bulletin, 2025). The latest fatalities included a six-year-old girl from Barangay Handumanan and a five-year-old boy from Barangay Vista Alegre. Children remain the most affected group, with over 68% of cases occurring in individuals aged 19 and below. The City Health Office (CHO) is monitoring high-incidence barangays and urging public vigilance. [Full article]
 - **Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu Province** recorded 448 dengue cases from January to July 2025, reflecting a 35% increase compared to 331 cases in the same period last year, though still lower than the 1,234 cases reported in 2022 (Philstar The Freeman, 2025). Only one dengue-related death was reported this year, with Barangay Tingo having the highest case count. Health officials attribute the increase to rainy season water catch basins and urge residents to eliminate stagnant water sources. [Full article]
- Viet Nam: As of early August 2025, Dong Nai Province reported over 9,000 dengue cases, with 55% of infections occurring in adults (Kiến Thức, 2025). Over 600 hospitalizations were reported in the past week, with notable increases in eight localities. Authorities attribute the surge to weather and public attention, urging increased surveillance, communication, and response planning. Residents are advised to eliminate mosquito breeding sites and consider vaccination. [Full article]



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leptospirosis cases, with Bantul reporting the highest cases at 165 cases and 24 related deaths (UMY, 2025). The rapid transmission has been linked to high rodent populations and insufficient public adherence to preventive hygiene practices. Diagnostic limitations at primary care facilities have hindered early detection, contributing to under- or overdiagnosis. Health experts emphasize the need for early treatment, improved public awareness, environmental sanitation, and integrated long-term public health strategies to control the transmission. [Full article]

Pangkajene and Islands (Pangkep) District Health Office in **South Sulawesi Province** has reported 19 leptospirosis cases ss of August 4, 2025, including one death in Ma'rang Subdistrict (Herald Sulsel, 2025). Authorities have launched intensive public awareness campaigns and implemented active surveillance and contact tracing in high-risk coastal areas. Preventive measures include personal protective equipment, environmental sanitation, and prompt medical consultation if develop of symptoms.

• The **Philippines:** Between August 1 and 5, 2025, San Lazaro Hospital in Manila recorded seven leptospirosis-related deaths following flood from the Southwest Monsoon and tropical cyclones. (GMA News, 2025). Deaths including a 16-year-old who died from acute renal failure. As of August 5, a total of 45 patients remain hospitalized, with four in intensive care. Health officials urge the public to take prophylaxis, wear protective gear, and seek immediate medical care. [Full article]

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