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# **Global Situation**

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• **Spain** reported its second mpox case in Zaragoza between May 26 and June 1, 2025, bringing the total to 198 cases in 2025 and 8,737 cases since April 2022 (Euro Weekly News, 2025). Aragonese health authorities implemented prevention and control measures and urged the public to remain vigilant. [Full article]

#### COVID-19

- India reported 37 COVID-19 deaths as of June 2025, with Maharashtra having the highest number, followed by Kerala, Delhi, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh (Times of India, 2025). Of the cases, Mumbai reported 509 cases since May 2025. In response, civic bodies have been instructed to conduct mock oxygen drills, and continuous screening in Vasai-Virar has identified six cases, one hospitalization, and five in home isolation. [Full article]
- The United Kingdom (UK) has detected its first cases of the new COVID-19 subvariant NB.1.8.1, with confirmed infections in Northern Ireland and Wales (Express, 2025). Although there is no evidence that this variant causes more severe disease than other variants, public health authorities and the World Health Organization are monitoring the situation closely. They recommend continued vaccination and vigilance but do not advise travel or trade restrictions. [Full article]

#### Chikungunya

• **France's** Public Health confirmed five additional deaths attributed to chikungunya in Réunion, bringing the total deaths since the March 2025 outbreak to 20 (Franceinfo, 2025). Currently, 37 other deaths are under investigation to determine whether they are attributable to chikungunya. Nearly 53,000 indigenous cases were reported on the island in 2025, though the actual number is likely higher. Mayotte has entered an epidemic phase, with 560 confirmed cases. [Full article]



#### Dengue

• **Italy has** confirmed 60 dengue cases in early 2025, all linked to travel abroad; no deaths were reported (Agenzia Nova, 2025). The median age of the patients was 41 years, and 53% were male. The Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS) continues to monitor arboviral infections through its national surveillance dashboard while ensuring patient confidentiality. [Full article]

## Malaria

• **Australia:** Queensland Health is investigating two locally acquired malaria cases in the Torres Strait Islands, bringing the total number of malaria infections reported statewide in 2025 to 71, which is a significant increase from previous years (ABC News, 2025). Both patients have now recovered. Authorities are reinforcing preventive measures to prevent further transmission and deploying public health teams to manage the situation. Most cases are linked to overseas travel, primarily from Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. [Full article]

## Measles

- **Canada:** As of June 3, 2025, Alberta had reported 724 measles cases, including four hospitalizations and one in the ICU, the worst outbreak since 1986 (Calgary Sun, 2025). The cases were concentrated in the southern and central health zones, particularly among children under 17. In response, Alberta Health intensified the immunization campaign, leading to a 55% increase in vaccine uptake and a 115% rise in the southern zone since March 16. However, health experts warn that cases are expected to rise through the summer due to community transmission and underreporting. [Full article]
- **Japan:** Yokohama City confirmed a measles infection in a girl under 10 who returned from Germany, marking the city's seventh case this year (Kanaloco, 2025). She developed fever on May 29 and tested positive on June 4 after showing symptoms of cough and rash. She is currently recovering at home. City health authorities are tracing potential contacts due to the risk of transmission during her travels. [Full article]
- The **United States (US)** reported 1,157 measles cases across 33 states as of June 2025, resulting in 133 hospitalizations and three deaths (CNN, 2025). The outbreak is concentrated in West Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Kansas, accounting for 90% of national cases. In response, the first national wastewater surveillance program launched to detect early viral spread. Amid declining MMR vaccination rates, health authorities emphasize the importance of maintaining high vaccination coverage to prevent further spread of the disease. [Full article]



#### **Rabies**

- India: Six villagers in Barwani district have died since May 23, following a mysterious animal attack with 17 individuals bitten while sleeping outdoors on May 5 (Webdunia Hindi, 2025). The forest department conducted a major search operation after reports of hyena sightings and suspicious pugmarks near Limbai village. All 17 victims received post-exposure rabies prophylaxis, and diagnostic samples were sent to laboratories in Pune and Delhi. Approximately 45 forest officials are conducting an intensive search within a 15-kilometer radius. [Full article]
- **Spain:** A 44-year-old man in the Valencian Community was hospitalized and placed in isolation after contracting rabies from a dog bite during a trip to an African country in July 2024 (Antena 3, 2025). The National Microbiology Center confirmed the infection on May 29, 2025, and administered rabies immunoglobulin as part of his treatment. The Ministry of Health has emphasized that human-to-human transmission of rabies is extremely rare. [Full article]

#### Tuberculosis (TB)

Ukraine reported 96 childhood TB cases in the first quarter of 2025, highlighting an ongoing health challenge for its younger population (Ukrainan National News, 2025). The government has implemented WHO-aligned strategies, including BCG vaccination, screening, molecular diagnostics, and free treatment. These policies also ensure continued access to education for children undergoing TB treatment. [Full article]

## Typhoid

 India reported a significant rise in typhoid cases in Pune and Pimpri Chinchwad in May 2025, due to the early onset of monsoon (Times of India, 2025). Pune reported 29 typhoid cases, while Pimpri Chinchwad reported 78 typhoid cases. Authorities are monitoring trends through the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) portal, and health experts recommend preventive measures like proper hygiene, safe drinking water, and vaccinations. [Full article]

# **Regional Situation**

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• **Philippines:** Health officials in Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija, confirmed three cases of Clade 2 of mpox among minors, all 15 years old and have fully recovered (Philstar, 2025). The cases were discovered separately between March and May this year. None of the patients had a travel history or were related. Close contacts were tested negative. Authorities urge public hygiene and avoid spreading misinformation. [Full article]





**Cotabato City** confirmed three new mpox cases on June 3, 2025, bringing the total in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region to eight (Philippine News Agency, 2025). The patients are a 28-year-old woman, a 72-year-old man, and a four-year-old boy. They are all under home isolation. Health officials urge early consultation for symptoms and emphasize preventive measures such as hand hygiene and proper ventilation. Health authorities continue surveillance and treatment activities. [Full article]

#### COVID-19

• **Thailand's** Department of Disease Control reported 28,294 new cases of COVID-19 over two days (June 1–2, 2025), including 9,304 outpatient cases and 888 severe cases requiring hospitalization (The Nation Thailand, 2025). The surge is attributed to the early rainy season and school reopenings, along with an increase in influenza cases. Most fatalities occurred in high-risk urban and tourist areas, with a low national mortality rate low at 0.106 per 100,000. Health authorities recommend hospital visits for the elderly and young children, while mild cases may be managed with over-the-counter medications. As of May 27, 2025, the cumulative total of COVID-19 cases is 323,301, with 69 deaths. [Full article]

#### Dengue

- Indonesia: Bengkulu City, Bengkulu Province is facing a concerning surge in dengue fever cases, which has tragically led to four fatalities (Pikiran Rakyat, 2025). Authorities instructed local officials to improve environmental sanitation efforts and encourage the public to adopt the 3M approach (regularly draining water storage, tightly closing water containers to prevent mosquito breeding, and burying used items that can collect rainwater) to reduce mosquito breeding. Authorities also emphasized that fogging is not the primary solution due to environmental and health risks. [Full article]
- Lao People's Democratic Republic (PDR): As of June 4, the Lao Ministry of Health has reported 1,370 cases of dengue fever this year, with Vientiane having the highest number (456) followed by Luang Namtha (159) and Sekong (153) (Xinhua, 2025). Lao authorities are urging public vigilance and promoting five preventive measures. They emphasize adherence to these practices weekly to reduce disease transmission. [Full article]
- The Philippines reported 110,221 dengue cases and 437 deaths as of May 10, 2025, a 67% increase from the same period in 2024 (Philstar, 2025). However, the National Capital Region (NCR) reported a 224% surge, with 19,083 cases reported as of May 17. The rise was attributed to early and frequent rainfall, low immunity in children, and limited mosquito prevention knowledge. The Department of Health launched awareness and cleanup campaigns, urging local governments and the public to control mosquito breeding sites. [Full article]





**Negros Oriental** reported 910 dengue cases and one death from January 1 to May 31, 2025, a 25% decrease compared to 1,208 cases and four deaths in the same period 2024 (Philippine News Agency, 2025). Despite this, the province is preparing for a potential rise due to the rainy season and the "epidemic year" of 2025. Preparations include implementing a referral algorithm, stockpiling medical supplies, distributing NS1 antigen test kits, and initiating vector control measures. Health authorities urge the public to eliminate mosquito breeding sites, use insect repellent, and seek early medical consultation. [Full article]

#### **HIV/AIDS**

• The **Philippines** reported an average of 56 new HIV cases per day, for a total of 6,703 cases as of April (Rappler, 2025). This represents a 44% increase from the same period in 2024. The Department of Health (DOH) attributes the rise to risky behaviors and calls for a national public health emergency. In response, the government is enhancing free HIV testing and treatment services, including a newly launched online appointment system at San Lazaro Hospital. [Full article]

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