

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:** Between April 24 and May 1, 2026, Hanoi reported six COVID-19 cases, bringing the cumulative total to 57, with no deaths (VTV News, 2026). The Hanoi CDC continues surveillance and emphasizes preventive measures, including personal hygiene, clean living environments, health monitoring, and cooperation with authorities to support effective disease control in the community. [\[Full article\]](#)

Lạng Sơn Province has reported 10 sporadic COVID-19 cases across various areas since the beginning of 2026 (Báo Lạng Sơn, 2026). Health authorities note that the pathogen remains present in the community and may resurge under favourable conditions. The Department of Health has advised the Provincial People's Committee to strengthen prevention and control measures, focusing on surveillance, early detection, and timely response to prevent potential outbreaks. [\[Full article\]](#)

Dengue

- **Indonesia:** Rokan Hilir District, Riau Province, reported 244 dengue fever cases as of April 2026, including four deaths (Riau Televisi, 2026). The highest number of cases occurred in Bangko subdistrict (35). Authorities have implemented fogging, larviciding, and epidemiological investigations to prevent further transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Malaysia:** By week 17 of 2026, Johor reported 1,940 cumulative dengue cases, an 8.8% decrease from 2,128 in the same period of 2025 (The Star, 2026). Two deaths were recorded, down from four last year. Johor Bahru district reported the most cases (127), followed by Kulai and Kluang. Authorities continue monitoring cases to strengthen control and prevention measures. [\[Full article\]](#)

Diphtheria

- **Timor-Leste:** On May 4, 2026, the World Health Organization reported a fatal diphtheria case in a five-year-old girl from Bidau-Santana, who was hospitalized on February 13, 2026, and died three days later; laboratory confirmation on February 25 marked the country's first case in over five years (WHO, 2026). The Ministry of Health, with WHO support, launched rapid contact tracing, prophylaxis, and vaccination, including immunizing 91 preschool children and staff, with no further cases detected. [\[Full article\]](#)



Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- **Viet Nam:** Hanoi reported 179 HFMD cases across 87 wards between April 24 and May 1, 2026, a decline from the previous week but higher than the same period in 2025 (VTV News, 2026). Since January, 2,696 cases have been reported. The Hanoi CDC strengthens surveillance, sanitation, and disinfection in preschools and kindergartens, and urging hygiene and public cooperation to limit transmission. [[Full article](#)]

Lạng Sơn Province reported 123 cases of HFMD as of early May 2026, an increase of 80 from the same period last year (Báo Lạng Sơn, 2026). Health authorities have intensified surveillance, training of over 210 health workers, vaccination campaigns, and border quarantine measures. Public awareness, sanitation, and vector control have been strengthened. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- **Indonesia:** Ogan Ilir District reported 108 suspected measles cases as of early May 2026, a sharp increase from 40 cases in 2025, with seven laboratory-confirmed and others pending results (Palpos Disway, 2026). The Health Office urged strengthened early detection, treatment, and complete immunization for children aged 0–59 months. Preventive measures include vitamin A supplementation and intensified vaccination campaigns. [[Full article](#)]
- **Viet Nam:** Hanoi recorded 14 measles cases from April 24 to May 1, 2026, bringing the cumulative total to 201, a marked decrease compared with the same period in 2025 (VTV News, 2026). Health authorities continue surveillance and urge hygiene, health monitoring, and public cooperation for disease control. . [[Full article](#)]

Meningococcal Disease

- **Viet Nam:** Ho Chi Minh City reported a severe case of meningococcal meningitis on May 4, 2026, involving a 7-year-old boy from Long Trường who developed meningitis and sepsis (Vietnam.vn, 2026). He required intensive care, isolation, respiratory support, and antibiotics. His condition improved and was discharged. Authorities warned of rising cases and emphasized vaccination. [[Full article](#)]

Rabies

- **Vietnam:** The Ministry of Health reported 13 rabies deaths in 2026, including three in Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC), alongside increased dog rabies activity in several Provinces (SGGP, 2026). High temperatures increased animal aggression and bite risk. About 9,000 vaccinations were administered in HCMC in the first quarter. Authorities urged wound washing, prompt vaccination, strengthened surveillance and control. [[Full article](#)]

Dak Lak Province reported its second suspected rabies death on May 4, 2026, involving a 5-year-old child from Krông Năng Commune who developed severe symptoms after cat scratches and a dog bite without vaccination (NLD, 2026). The child died after rapid deterioration despite hospital care. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) initiated investigation and control measures, urging prompt care after animal exposures. [[Full article](#)]



Tuberculosis (TB)

- **Singapore:** Bedok Central reported 13 genetically linked tuberculosis cases across three clusters between January 2023 and February 2026, identified through whole genome sequencing and linked to an earlier 2015–2020 cluster of 18 cases (BeaconBio, 2026). Seven patients have completed treatment, five remain under treatment, and one died of unrelated causes. Mandatory screening of 700 tenants and workers is ongoing, with voluntary public screening. Authorities noted persistent localized transmission despite declining national incidence. [[Full article](#)]

Global Situation

Dengue

- **Sri Lanka** has reported a nationwide increase in dengue cases, with 12 deaths recorded so far, compared with 29 deaths in all of 2025 (Daily Mirror, 2026). Most cases occurred in Gampaha, Colombo, Ratnapura, Galle, and Matara districts. Officials advise prompt medical consultation for suspected symptoms. [[Full article](#)]
- **Taiwan (Province of China):** Tainan City reported an imported dengue fever case on May 4, 2026, marking the city's third imported case in 2026 (Liberty Times, 2026). The patient was a woman in her 30s from Guanmiao District who had recently travelled to the Maldives. Symptoms developed after returning, and the case was confirmed by PCR following multiple medical visits. Authorities implemented vector control and urged vigilance and prompt reporting. [[Full article](#)]

Hantavirus

- **South Africa:** The World Health Organization reported a cruise ship-associated cluster of hantavirus infection linked to a vessel departing Ushuaia (WHO, 2026). As of May 4, 2026, seven cases (two confirmed, five suspected) and three deaths were identified among 147 passengers and crew, with illness onset between April 6–28 and severe cases progressing to pneumonia and shock. WHO assesses the global risk as low; response measures include isolation, care, and epidemiologic investigation. [[Full article](#)]

Leptospirosis

- **Mauritius** reported 20 leptospirosis cases so far in 2026, including five deaths; two patients remain hospitalized in stable condition (Defimedia, 2026). The latest fatality was a gardener in his sixties who presented late with jaundice and dehydration. Authorities warn of severe leptospirosis and urge early consultation. Enhanced surveillance, rodent control, and regional cooperation are planned to strengthen monitoring and prevention. [[Full article](#)]

Malaria

- **Bangladesh:** Mirsarai Upazila reported a malaria death on May 4, 2026, involving a 21-year-old college student who was treated at Chattogram Medical College Hospital after several days of fever and rapid deterioration (Daily Inqilab, 2026). Health officials emphasized early diagnosis and prompt treatment to prevent fatal outcomes. [[Full article](#)]



Measles

- **Bangladesh:** On May 5, 2026, Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) reported six measles-related deaths in the past 24 hours, including two confirmed (Jagonews24, 2026). During the same period, 1,186 suspected and 259 confirmed cases were recorded. Since 15 March, 54 confirmed deaths and 5,726 confirmed cases have been reported. [[Full article](#)]
- **Kazakhstan** reported more than 5,000 measles cases nationwide in 2026, a sharp increase following a decline in 2025 (Altapress, 2026). An outbreak at the Military College of the Ministry of Defense placed 66 students under medical supervision, with two cases developing complications linked to an imported infection after travel. Over 95% of cases occurred in unvaccinated individuals, highlighting the need to strengthen vaccination coverage and herd immunity. [[Full article](#)]
- **South Africa's** National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD) reported 1,352 laboratory-confirmed measles cases between epidemiological weeks 1 to 17, 2026, significantly higher than 182 in the same period of 2025 (Sunday World, 2026). Western Cape recorded the highest weekly increase with 42 new cases. Children aged 1–14 years accounted for 67.8% of cases, while 19.7% occurred in individuals over 15 years. The NICD emphasized strengthened vaccination and surveillance, noting ongoing community transmission and immunity gaps. [[Full article](#)]
- The **United Kingdom (UK)** reported 477 confirmed measles cases so far this year, reflecting a rising trend associated with declining MMR vaccination coverage (5-TV, 2026). Children under 10 accounted for 317 cases, while 28% occurred in adults over 15. London accounted for 58% of cases, 98 in Enfield. Authorities warned coverage below 95% herd immunity increases risk of severe complications. [[Full article](#)]
- The **United States (US):** The South Carolina Department of Health reported two measles cases in Saluda County after a prior outbreak had been declared over (WFFY4, 2026). One case was travel-related, and the second was a quarantined contact, with 39 individuals remaining under quarantine until May 9. These cases are unrelated to the Upstate outbreak, which was declared over on April 26. Authorities emphasized vaccination as the primary preventive measure. [[Full article](#)]

Nassau County, New York, confirmed its first measles case since 2024 in an unvaccinated child under 5 (ABC7NY, 2026). The case is under investigation by county and state health departments to identify exposures and prevent further spread. Health officials emphasized the importance of vaccination. New York has reported 10 confirmed cases in 2026, compared with 48 cases in 2025. [[Full article](#)]

Meningococcal Disease

- **Taiwan (Province of China):** On 5 May 2026, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirmed two meningococcal meningitis cases, involving a 1-month-old male infant in southern region and a man in his 30s in central region, with sources of infection still unclear (PTS News, 2026). This brings the total to seven cases in 2026, the highest for the same period in the past decade. Authorities urged hygiene, cough etiquette, and avoidance of crowded settings. [[Full article](#)]

Mpox

- **Germany:** From April 20 to 26, 2026, Berlin reported 11 new mpox cases, the highest weekly count since 2022 (BZ Berlin, 2026). Most cases involved men, with sexual contact identified as the main transmission route, and the first female case reported this year. This brings a total of 99 cases in 2026, significantly higher than 70 in the same period in 2025. Health authorities continue to recommend vaccination for at-risk groups. [[Full article](#)]

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