

# ASEAN Biodiaspora Virtual Center

## Media Monitoring for Infectious and Emerging Diseases

### GLOBAL & ASEAN REGION

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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

### *Mpox*

- **Ireland:** The first case of the more transmissible clade I mpox variant has been detected in the Republic of Ireland in an individual recently returned from the Democratic Republic of Congo (Wood, 2025). The patient is receiving specialist care in a Dublin hospital and the risk for public remains low. Authorities have been monitoring the outbreak and assure preparedness, emphasizing that those vaccinated or previously infected have protection against severe illness. [[Full article](#)]

### *Dengue*

- **Bangladesh:** Nine new cases of dengue were reported within 24 hours in February 6, raising the total to 1,245 cases this year; death toll remains at 10 (UNB, 2025). Four of the new cases were recorded in Dhaka. Currently, 92 patients remain hospitalized nationwide. The Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) continues monitoring and response efforts, emphasizing preventive measures as dengue claimed 575 lives last year. [[Full article](#)]

### *Measles*

- **Netherlands:** Amsterdam has recorded 26 cases of measles so far this year, the highest nationwide, including three in February (Redactie, 2025). Most infections originated from travel to Morocco or Romania, where major outbreaks are ongoing. While no deaths have been reported, complications such as pneumonia and meningitis may occur. The health authority (RIVM) emphasizes vaccination as the primary preventive measure, as most of the population is protected. [[Full article](#)]

### *Pertussis*

- The **United States (US):** A child under five from Spokane County has died from whooping cough, marking Washington's first pertussis-related death since 2011 (Fortin, 2025). The Spokane Regional Health District (SRHD) noted that incomplete vaccination may have contributed. Authorities stress the importance of full immunization, especially for young children, as vaccination is the best protection against severe complications. [[Full article](#)]



## Regional Situation

### *Mpox*

- **Philippines:** In Baguio City, two new mpox cases, a 21-year-old male and female, were confirmed, bringing the total to four this year (Comanda, 2025). Both tested positive for the Clade II strain and are under home isolation until mid-February, while their close contacts are monitoring for symptoms. The health office has strengthened preventive measures, coordinating with tourism and business sectors to enhance precautions. Public is urged to practice hygiene, avoid close contact with symptomatic individuals, and seek medical attention if needed. [[Full article](#)]

### *Dengue*

- **Indonesia:** Dengue cases in South Sumatra Province remain on alert, with 309 cases and four deaths recorded in January 2025 (Pahlevi, 2025). This is lower than the same period last year with 1,610 cases reported. Authorities continue preventive efforts such as mosquito nest eradication, larvicide distribution, and fogging. The most deaths were in Banyuasin (2), followed by South OKU, and Ogan Ilir (1 each), with a case fatality rate of 1.32%. [[Full article](#)]

**Indonesia:** Blitar District, East Java Province, recorded 389 dengue cases in January 2025, including three deaths in children under 10 (Hartik, 2025). Health authorities attribute the surge to high rainfall and low public awareness of preventive measures. [[Full article](#)]

- **Philippines** recorded 10,842 dengue cases with 21 deaths nationwide from January 1 to 18, 2025, a 50% decrease from the same period last year (Austria, 2025). The Department of Health (DOH) emphasizes yearlong prevention, including robust surveillance. Authorities continue urging the public to eliminate mosquito breeding sites and seek medical attention for dengue symptoms. [[Full article](#)]
- **Viet Nam:** Vinh Long Provincial Center for Disease Control reported 106 cases of dengue, including three severe cases, a 39.1% decrease compared to the same period last year (Quyên, 2025). The total number of hotspots detected in 2025 was 51, down 36.3% compared to 80 in the same period last year. [[Full article](#)]

### *Rabies*

- **Indonesia:** Two patients have died from rabies at Kefamenanu Regional Hospital in North Timor Tengah District, East Nusa Tenggara Province this year (Rebon, 2025). Authorities reported 160 rabies cases in TTU District so far this year. Limited availability of the anti-rabies vaccine poses a challenge in treatment efforts. Local officials urge increased awareness and preventive measures, including vaccination and monitoring of dogs suspected of carrying the virus, to prevent further fatalities. [[Full article](#)]



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