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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

Leptospirosis

- **Ukraine:** Transcarpathia has seen 8 confirmed cases of leptospirosis as of early July 2025, indicating its continued status as a highly affected region (Karpatalja, 2025). Health authorities advise the public to avoid contact with stagnant water, practice hygiene when handling animals, and seek immediate medical care when symptoms arise. [\[Full article\]](#)

Malaria

- **India:** Gadchiroli district, Maharashtra, has confirmed 2,060 cases of malaria as of July 2025, including one fatality in a 55-year-old woman (Lokmat Times, 2025). The surge was attributed to the monsoon in the region, which encourages mosquito breeding. A comprehensive plan was launched, including rapid diagnostic testing, long-lasting insecticidal nets, and indoor spraying in high-risk areas. District officials emphasized the need for enhanced surveillance, expanded health worker coverage, and improved treatment access in challenging terrain. [\[Full article\]](#)

Nipah Virus

- **India:** An 18-year-old in Malappuram district, Kerala, died from the Nipah virus on July 1, 2025, prompting alerts in Malappuram, Kozhikode, and Palakkad (New Kerala, 2025). As of July 4, a total of 26 response committees have been established and 345 contacts have been identified. Kerala remains on high alert, enforcing strict protocols while awaiting further lab results. [\[Full article\]](#)

Pertussis

- **Japan:** Iwate Prefecture reported 97 new pertussis cases in the week ending June 29, 2025, bringing the total for 2025 to 860. Health centers in central Iwate, Oshu, and Morioka City have exceeded warning levels (NTV, 2025). Authorities urge the public to adopt preventive measures like frequent handwashing and mask-wearing, while Morioka City Health Center monitors the situation closely. [\[Full article\]](#)



Rabies

- **India:** In 2025, Kerala saw 15 rabies deaths, an increase from seven deaths reported in the previous year (Marunadan Malayalee, 2025). The recent death of a 66-year-old man highlights gaps in treatment and public awareness. Health experts attribute these issues to insufficient vaccination, limited sterilization facilities, and lack of coordination among departments. Despite efforts to eradicate rabies by 2030, inadequate infrastructure and delayed medical intervention persist. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Iran** experienced 24 rabies deaths in 2025, with the highest incidence reported in Tehran, Gilan, Mazandaran, and Golestan provinces (Khabar Online, 2025). Most fatalities occurred in Mazandaran due to delayed or incomplete post-exposure treatment. [\[Full article\]](#)

Regional Situation

COVID-19

- **Cambodia** reported six new COVID-19 cases on July 6, 2025, bringing the total to 139,615, with 3,056 deaths (Fresh News Asia, 2025). A total of 136,540 patients have recovered. The Ministry of Health highlighted that over 15.3 million vaccine doses have been administered, covering 95.73% of the population. Over 10 million doses were given to individuals aged 18 and above. Cambodia is monitoring Omicron sub-variants including BA.4, BA.5, and JN.1, and is accelerating the rollout of sixth-dose boosters. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Viet Nam:** Hanoi reported 65 new COVID-19 cases between June 27 and July 4, 2025, a significant decrease from 135 reported in the previous week (Hanan Moi, 2025). The Hanoi Center for Disease Control (CDC) is enhancing surveillance through integrated medical software and community-based detection, and strengthening quarantine measures at Noi Bai International Airport to prevent further disease transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)

Dengue

- **Viet Nam:** The Hanoi Center for Disease Control (CDC) reported a rise in dengue fever cases from June 27 to July 4, with 21 cases in 17 communes and wards, an increase of 8 cases from the last week (Hanan Moi, 2025). As of mid-2025, there were 331 cases across 90 communes and wards. The CDC is addressing the trend by intensifying public health communication and collaborating with local authorities. [\[Full article\]](#)

Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- **Viet Nam:** Hanoi reported 59 cases of HFMD across 42 communes and wards from June 27 to July 4, 2025, which is an 18-case decrease from the previous week (Hanan Moi, 2025). The Hanoi Center for Disease Control (CDC) is enhancing communication efforts and urging public cooperation in disease prevention and response initiatives. [\[Full article\]](#)



Leptospirosis

- **Indonesia:** As of early July 2025, Lumajang District, East Java Province has reported 22 leptospirosis cases, all fully recovered (Kompas Health, 2025). Health officials warn of a potential increase during the seasonal transition and emphasize preventive measures like wearing protective gear, avoiding contaminated water, and maintaining environmental hygiene. They are also intensifying public health literacy and community-based education to curb the disease's spread. [Full article]

The **Bantul District Health Office (DHO) in the Special Region of Yogyakarta** has seen a significant increase in leptospirosis cases, with 160 reported as of July 2025, compared to 56 in the same period in 2024 (Harian Jogja, 2025). Despite this, no deaths have been reported. The Bantul DHO is intensifying prevention efforts, including public education campaigns and reducing rodent populations. [Full article]

Measles

- **Viet Nam:** Hanoi reported 40 measles cases between June 27 and July 4, 2025, a significant decrease from 88 cases in the previous week (Hanan Moi, 2025). Over the past six months, 4,225 cases have been confirmed across 126 communes and wards. The Hanoi Center for Disease Control (CDC) is intensifying communication efforts and urging public cooperation in implementing disease prevention measures and supporting epidemiological investigations. [Full article]

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