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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

#### *Ebola*

- **Uganda** has reported a second cluster of Ebola cases, raising the total number of cases to 14 across five districts, including 12 confirmed and 2 probable (Schnirring, 2025). As of March 6, 2025, the outbreak has resulted in two deaths: a healthcare worker and a 4-year-old boy. Health authorities, in collaboration with international partners, are intensifying surveillance, contact tracing, and response measures to contain the outbreak. The World Health Organization (WHO) continues to support Uganda's efforts in strengthening outbreak control and preparedness. [[Full article](#)]

#### *Dengue*

- **Bangladesh** has recorded 1,584 dengue cases as of March 6, 2025, with 62.2% of the patients being male and 37.8% female (Bangladesh Pratidin, 2025). Five new dengue patients were hospitalized on February 6, 2025, with no new deaths reported. The Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) confirmed the cases, with patients hospitalized in Barishal, Dhaka North, Khulna, and Rajshahi. [[Full article](#)]
- The **United States (US)**: Puerto Rico has confirmed its first dengue-related death of the year, involving an 85-year-old resident from the Mayagüez region (The San Juan Daily Star, 2025). The authority announced that 849 dengue cases have been reported in 2025, with 46.2% requiring hospitalization. In response, the Health Department has intensified mosquito control efforts, including spraying operations, home visits, and public awareness campaigns. Authorities emphasize the importance of prevention, early detection, and treatment to curb the spread of the virus. [[Full article](#)]

#### *Measles*

- **Canada** has recorded 227 measles cases as of March 6, 2025, exceeding the total cases throughout 2024 (Tam, 2025). This surge includes outbreaks in New Brunswick, Ontario, Québec, and Manitoba, primarily affecting unvaccinated or under-vaccinated children exposed in community settings such as social events, daycares, schools, and healthcare facilities. Health authorities are urging Canadians to stay up-to-date with measles vaccinations, especially before traveling, to curb the spread of the virus. [[Full article](#)]



Niagara Region has reported three new measles cases, all involving unvaccinated children (Goodfellow, 2025). As of February 26, Ontario has reported 119 confirmed and 23 probable measles cases, with 68 cases in the Grand Erie Region alone, 55 of which involve children. Niagara Region Public Health (NRPH) is reaching out to those exposed and urging symptomatic individuals to stay home and seek medical advice. Individuals who visited Clinics at Scott Street Medical Centre in St. Catharines on March 2 are advised to monitor for symptoms for up to 21 days. [\[Full article\]](#)

- The **United States (US)**: Florida has recorded its first measles case of the year in a student at Miami Palmetto Senior High School in Pinecrest (Newsweek, 2025). Local health officials are working with the school to offer a free MMR immunization drive for unvaccinated students with parental consent. Parents were informed that the health department will notify them if their child had close contact with the infected student. The immunization drive is scheduled for the week of March 10 to prevent further spread. [\[Full article\]](#)

The New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) has confirmed one death in an unvaccinated resident of Lea County tested positive for measles (Outbreak News Today, 2025). Lea County has documented 10 measles cases during a broader outbreak affecting neighboring Texas, where over 100 cases and one death have been reported. Health officials urge vaccination, early symptom recognition, and preventive measures to curb further spread. [\[Full article\]](#)

### ***Pertussis***

- The **United States (US)**: Idaho has been experiencing an ongoing pertussis outbreak since January 2024, with 129 cases reported in 2025, over five times from the same period in 2024 (KIDO Talk Radio, 2025). Central District Health confirmed the state's first pertussis-related death in late February, involving an adult with potential underlying health conditions. The CDC and local health authorities are monitoring the outbreak and emphasizing preventive measures to control its spread. [\[Full article\]](#)

## **Regional Situation**

### ***Dengue***

- **Indonesia**: Tuban District, East Java Province, has recorded 136 dengue fever cases within the past two months, resulting in the deaths of two children (Ronggo, 2025). Health authorities are ramping up response efforts through fogging, larvicide application, and community education on dengue prevention. Residents are advised to eliminate mosquito breeding sites and seek early medical care if symptoms appear. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Philippine**: The Caraga region has reported 2,369 dengue cases from January 1 to March 1, 2025, a 23% increase compared to the same period in 2024 (Manila Bulletin, 2025). In response, the Department of Health in Caraga has implemented "fast lanes" in hospitals to expedite treatment for dengue patients. Health authorities urge residents to eliminate mosquito breeding sites and seek prompt medical attention if symptoms arise. [\[Full article\]](#)



The Department of Health (DOH) in Soccsksargen has reported 1,531 cases of dengue from January to February 2025, a 35% decrease from 2,356 in the same period last year (Philippine News Agency, 2025). However, South Cotabato experienced an increase, recording 788 cases with one fatality reported, up from 600 cases last year. Health officials are urging community leaders, schools, and NGOs to intensify dengue prevention efforts and emphasize public engagement to control the spread. [[Full article](#)]

### **Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease (HFMD)**

- **Malaysia:** Penang has recorded 1,954 HFMD cases as of the eighth week of 2025, with 1,484 cases affecting children under six years old (Majoriti, 2025). No deaths or ICU admissions have been reported. The Penang State Health Department has conducted preventive measures to curb the spread. [[Full article](#)]

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