

# 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

#### *Dengue*

- **Bangladesh** reported 35 new dengue cases in the past 24 hours as of January 8, 2026, with no deaths (Dhaka Tribune, 2026). This brings the total to 465 cases, with 57.1% male and 42.9% female. Cases were reported across Dhaka, Barisal, Chittagong, Khulna, Mymensingh, and Rajshahi divisions. Health authorities continue routine surveillance and case management. [\[Full article\]](#)

#### *Measles*

- **Canada** reported a large measles outbreak in Alberta, with 2,009 cases up to early January 2026 (CBC, 2026). The outbreak, which began in March 2025 following multiple importations, resulted in 161 hospitalizations, including 15 ICU admissions, and one death. Public health measures included targeted vaccination campaigns, expanded clinic hours, mass communication, and administration of over 156,000 measles vaccine doses. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Mongolia** reported a continued increase in measles cases on January 8, 2026, with the cumulative total reaching 13,861 after eight new locally acquired infections in the past 24 hours (Xinhua, 2026). Over half of recent cases involved school-aged children who had received only one measles vaccine dose. No deaths were reported. Health authorities urged parents to ensure children complete the two-dose measles immunization schedule to prevent further transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United States** reported three measles cases among siblings in Buncombe County, North Carolina, announced on January 6, 2026 by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (WLOS, 2026). The cases were linked to recent travel to Spartanburg County, South Carolina, where an ongoing outbreak has reported 214 cases. Potential exposure occurred at Mission Hospital Emergency Department on January 4. Public health authorities conducted contact tracing and reinforced measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccination recommendations. [\[Full article\]](#)

**South Carolina** reported 26 new measles cases in Spartanburg County, bringing the total to 211 as of late December 2025 (Outbreak News Today, 2026). Most cases were linked to household, school, and church exposures, including public exposures at two elementary

schools and multiple churches. Four cases required hospitalization, with no deaths. Public health authorities implemented quarantine, isolation, and exposure notifications to limit further transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)

**Ohio** reported its first measles outbreak of 2026, involving three unvaccinated children from a single household in Cuyahoga County (ABC6 On Your Side, 2026). One case began in late 2025, and two occurred in early 2026, linked to travel to a US outbreak area. Health authorities implemented exposure management and reinforced MMR vaccination recommendations to prevent further transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)

### **Rabies**

- The **United States (US)**: South Carolina reported two people exposed to rabies in early January 2026 following contact with a stray cat in Greenwood County (WLOS, 2026). The cat tested positive on January 5. Public health authorities issued advisories and are conducting follow-up investigations and exposure management to prevent further transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)

## **Regional Situation**

### **Dengue**

- **Indonesia**: Tanjung pinang City, Riau Islands Province, reported a sharp increase in dengue cases in 2025, with 478 cases compared to 277 in 2024 (Batam Pos, 2026). The highest numbers were in Batu 9 (127 cases) and Pinang Kencana (113 cases). Adults aged  $\geq 15$  years accounted for 48% of cases. As of early January 2026, 14 additional cases were reported. Health authorities implemented community education on 3M practices and routine fogging activities. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Viet Nam's** Ministry of Health reported over 181,000 dengue cases and 36 deaths in 2025 (Xinhua, 2026). Health authorities warned that transmission may continue into 2026 due to persistent risk factors. Local governments were urged to strengthen preparedness and implement sustained dengue prevention and control measures. [\[Full article\]](#)

### **Leptospirosis**

- **Indonesia**: Bantul District, Special Region of Yogyakarta Province, reported 237 leptospirosis cases and 13 deaths in 2025, with cases identified across all 17 subdistricts (Radar Jogja, 2026). The highest incidence was reported in Bantul, Sewon, and Kasihan subdistricts. Health authorities issued circulars to strengthen prevention, early detection, community awareness, and risk communication on environmental sanitation and rodent control. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **Philippines** reported 452 leptospirosis cases on Negros Island in 2025 (iFM Bacolod 943, 2026). Cases increased compared with the previous year, attributed to prolonged rainfall and recurrent. Public health measures include risk communication on avoiding floodwaters and the provision of free prophylactic medication to exposed individuals. [\[Full article\]](#)

## Rabies

- **Indonesia:** Karangasem District, Bali Province reported a rabies-related death on January 7, 2026, involving an 8-year-old child who died two months after a dog bite without post-exposure prophylaxis (Pos Bali, 2026). This follows three rabies deaths in Karangasem in 2025, with approximately 8,000 animal bite cases reported that year. Health authorities initiated contact tracing, strengthened surveillance, secured 1,000 rabies vaccine doses, and urged the public to seek immediate care after animal bites. [\[Full article\]](#)

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