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## **Global Situation**

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- **Brazil:** The Health Department of Sete Lagoas, Minas Gerais reported two suspected cases of mpox cases in children on June 6, 2025 (CBN, 2025). The children are under home quarantine, and diagnostic samples have been sent to the Ezequiel Dias Foundation for confirmation. Health authorities are closely monitoring the cases and providing guidance to families and schools. There is no evidence of community transmission. There is no isolation recommendation for asymptomatic individuals. [Full article]
- **Sierra Leone's** Ministry of Health and National Public Health Agency reported 45 new mpox cases on June 7, 2025, bringing the total confirmed cases to 3,782 since the outbreak began in January (Sierraloaded, 2025). The Western Area, including Freetown and Rural, remains the epicenter with nearly 80% of cases and 20 deaths. Authorities have intensified their response by securing vaccines from the United Arab Emirates (UAE), deploying surveillance teams, opening treatment centers, and launching public awareness campaigns. [Full article]

## Dengue

- India: As the monsoon season begins, India has reported 41 confirmed dengue cases in the South Dinajpur district, with no fatalities (Millennium Post, 2025). Health officials are on alert due to the presence of the severe DENV-2 variant in nearby districts. In response, the Health Department has initiated awareness campaigns, trained healthcare staff, and improved testing and treatment facilities. Stagnant water and blocked drains have been identified as breeding grounds. [Full article]
- **Sri Lanka** reported 24,361 dengue cases in 2025, with 25% affecting school-aged children (News First, 2025). Surveys show mosquito breeding sites in nearly half of schools, with 14% showing dengue-carrying larvae. In response, the Ministry of Education launched a school zoning and cleaning initiative, assigning teachers to monitor mosquito control efforts. The Dengue Control Unit is urging students, parents, and educators to take collective action. [Full article]



#### Measles

- Canada: Ontario confirmed that a premature infant in southwestern Ontario died after contracting measles from an unvaccinated mother (CTV News, 2025). As of June 5, 2025, Ontario had recorded 2,009 measles cases, 140 hospitalizations, and 101 children infected. There were also 39 infections reported in pregnant women and six in newborns within their first 10 days. Health authorities are focusing on targeted public education and early MMR vaccination. [Full article]
- The **United Kingdom (UK):** England reported 420 measles cases from January to May 2025, mainly affecting unvaccinated children under 10-years-old (UK Government, 2025). London accounts for 39% of cases this year, and outbreaks persist in the North West and West Midlands. The UK Health Security Agency warned of heightened risk linked to international travel and urged full MMR vaccination. Authorities are strengthening catch-up vaccination campaigns to curb further spread. [Full article]
- The **United States (US):** As of June 6, 2025, Texas has reported no new measles cases since February, maintaining a total of 742 confirmed cases (Yahoo News, 2025). Health officials noted a decline in daily new cases and hospitalizations for over two weeks, indicating improved control. Nationwide, the measles tally has risen to 1,168 cases across 34 jurisdictions, with 17 active hotspots and three confirmed deaths. The CDC continues to emphasize the importance of the two-dose measles vaccine, which is 97% effective in preventing infection. [Full article]

## **Rabies**

- **Spain:** A 44-year-old man in Valencia died of rabies on June 4, 2025, after a dog bite while visiting Ethiopia (Diario Veterinario, 2025). The man had not received the rabies vaccine and did not seek post-exposure treatment. Health authorities emphasize the need for post-exposure prophylaxis and continued pet vaccination to prevent transmission. This marks an exceptional case, as rabies is no longer endemic in the country. [Full article]
- **Ukraine:** Seven cases of rabies were confirmed in Vinnytsia region in May, health authorities warn of a fatal threat without timely treatment (20minut.ua, 2025). During the period, the region reported 364 individuals seeking medical care for animal bites, a 20% decrease from 455 cases in April. Despite the decline, health authorities warn that rabies remains a fatal threat without timely intervention. They also advise avoiding contact with wild and stray animals, seeking immediate medical care, and keeping pets updated on vaccinations, especially during summer months. [Full article]

## **Regional Situation**

## COVID-19

Cambodia reported five new COVID-19 cases on June 5, 2025, bringing the total to 139,484, with no new deaths, keeping the death toll at 3,056 (Fresh News Asia, 2025). A total of 136,360 patients have recovered. The Ministry of Health has administered over 15.3 million vaccine doses, reaching 95.73% of the population. Authorities are accelerating the rollout of sixth-dose boosters in response to the circulation of Omicron BA.4, BA.5, and JN.1 variants. [Full article]



- **Myanmar** confirmed 17 new COVID-19 cases between May 25 and June 1, 2025, all detected in the Yangon Region (One News TV Channel, 2025). The cases emerged from 1,778 tests, reflecting a 0.96% positivity rate. Despite a rise in cases linked to Omicron variants XBB and JN.1, the Ministry of Health emphasized that these variants do not cause more severe illness and current vaccines remain effective. [Full article]
- The **Philippines** reported 6,352 new COVID-19 cases and 11 deaths on June 3, 2025, bringing the total confirmed infections to 112,593 with 2,115 deaths (ABS-CBN News, 2025). The majority of cases were concentrated in the National Capital Region, Region 4A, and Region 3. In response, authorities extended stricter quarantine measures in Metro Manila and surrounding provinces until August 18. [Full article]
- **Thailand** reported 20,726 new COVID-19 cases and three deaths, bringing the 2025 total to 351,214 cases and 76 deaths (The Nation Thailand, 2025). The majority of new infections were reported in Bangkok and surrounding provinces. Adults aged 30–39 and individuals over 60 remain the most affected groups. Authorities urge the public to wear masks, practice hand hygiene, and avoid close contact with vulnerable populations. [Full article]

## Dengue

- Indonesia: Klaten District, Central Java Province reported 329 dengue cases and three deaths as of 22nd week 2025, a decrease from 724 cases and 28 deaths in 2024 (Media Indonesia, 2025). The Health Office attributes this decrease to increased community awareness and mosquito nest eradication efforts. Authorities are intensifying public education and encouraging active participation of mosquito larvae monitoring volunteers. Residents are urged to remain alert, especially during the transitional seasons, by optimizing larval surveillance. [Full article]
- The **Philippines** reported 390 dengue cases in Baguio City between January and June 2025, a 19% decrease from the previous year (Bombo Radyo Baguio, 2025). However, three dengue-related deaths were reported in the first quarter. Health officials are urging caution amid the rainy season, implementing clean-up drives, Oplan Taob initiatives, and vector surveillance. [Full article]

**Iloilo Province** reported 1,959 dengue cases and nine deaths, a 78% increase from the 1,102 cases and four deaths during the same period in 2024 (Panay News, 2025). The Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council is intensifying prevention campaigns, including weekly cleanup drives and school-based mosquito control efforts to mitigate the spread of the disease. [Full article]

**Quezon City** reported 5,161 dengue cases and 13 deaths from January 1 to June 5, 2025, with District 2 having the highest number (1,460 cases) (Manila Standard, 2025). The Philippines recorded over 110,000 cases and 437 deaths of dengue from January to May, mainly among children. In response, the Department of Health and local officials are intensifying awareness campaigns, emphasizing control measures to curb mosquito breeding and reduce transmission. [Full article]

• **Singapore** recorded 2,219 dengue cases from January to June 2025, a quarter of the 10,000 cases in the first six months of 2024 (The Straits Times, 2025). The decline is attributed to

initiatives like Project Wolbachia, which releases lab-grown male mosquitoes infected with *Wolbachia* bacteria. However, experts warn that short-term trends are premature due to cyclical dengue patterns and low population immunity. The National Environment Agency (NEA) urges public vigilance during the May to October transmission peak. [Full article]

• **Thailand** reported 12,144 cases of dengue fever and 16 deaths as of May 31, 2025 (The Nation Thailand, 2025). Bangkok recorded 787 infections and one fatality, with an infection rate of 14.43 per 100,000 population. In response, the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration is urging public participation in the dengue prevention campaign to reduce mosquito breeding and control the spread of the disease. [Full article]

## Leptospirosis

• **Indonesia:** The Balangan District Health Office in South Kalimantan Province confirmed a fatal case of leptospirosis in Halong sub-District, on June 8, 2025 (Tribunnews Banjarmasin, 2025). Health officials have launched public education campaigns and advised residents, particularly those in high-risk environments, to wear protective gear. Despite initial rodent testing showing no bacteria presence, authorities are monitoring and promoting early detection and medical consultation to prevent further fatalities. [Full article]

## Measles

• Viet Nam: Da Nang City recorded 5,582 suspected measles cases from January to May 2025, a 328-fold increase compared to 17 cases in the same period in 2024 (Tiền Phong, 2025). Of these, 1,589 cases were confirmed, an increase of 1,589 times compared to only 1 case recorded in the same period last year. The highest number of suspected measles rash fever cases occurred in weeks 14-16. In response, local health authorities launched a free vaccination campaign to improve immunity and prevent further transmission. [Full article]

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