

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.

Regional Situation

Dengue

- The **Philippines**: Dengue cases in Quezon City have continued to rise, reaching 1,388 cases from January to the first week of March 2026 (NBP, 2026). In response, the Quezon City Epidemiology and Surveillance Division has intensified dengue investigations and prevention campaigns across various barangays. [[Full article](#)]
- **Viet Nam**: Tay Ninh Province has reported 45 severe cases of dengue so far this year, an increase of 36 cases compared to the same period in 2025 (Doanh Nghiep Cuocsong, 2026). The Tay Ninh Health Department predicts that the number of cases may continue to increase in the coming period, and there is a risk of a widespread outbreak if drastic preventive and control measures are not implemented. [[Full article](#)]

HIV/AIDS

- **Indonesia**: Ambon Municipality, Maluku Province, reported more than 62 new HIV/AIDS cases during the first two months of 2026, with most infections occurring among local residents (Halirat, 2026). In response, the government and health authorities are urging the public to strengthen prevention efforts through healthy lifestyles, faithful partnerships, and increased health education to reduce transmission. [[Full article](#)]

Leptospirosis

- **Indonesia**: Gunungkidul District, Yogyakarta Province, reported increasing fatality rate of leptospirosis in early 2026, with three deaths reported from 13 cases as of early March (23.1%), up from one death from 30 cases in 2025 (3.3%) (Harian Jogja, 2026). Health authorities emphasize prevention through environmental cleanliness and early detection, as the disease, can cause severe complications such as kidney failure. [[Full article](#)]
- **The Philippines**: From January 1 to February 21, 2026, Iloilo province recorded 14 leptospirosis cases across 13 municipalities (Panay News, 2026). Health authorities warned residents, especially farmers and laborers, to avoid contact with floodwaters and muddy fields that may be contaminated with animal urine. Officials also advised washing immediately after exposure and seeking medical consultation if wounds come into contact with contaminated water to prevent infection. [[Full article](#)]



Measles

- **Indonesia:** Bantul District, Yogyakarta Province, recorded 14 measles cases in 2026, affecting both children and adults (Tribun Jogja, 2026). Authorities have implemented isolation recommendations for confirmed and suspected cases, provided vitamin A for pediatric suspects, and continued catch-up MR immunization for children aged 9–59 months who are missing doses. Residents are advised to seek care promptly for fever with sudden rash, cough, or runny nose. [[Full article](#)]

Meningococcal Meningitis

- **Viet Nam:** A 47-year-old woman in Can Tho developed meningococcal meningitis caused by *Neisseria meningitidis* serogroup B, progressing rapidly to septic shock, multiorgan failure, and coagulopathy (VNExpress, 2026). She was immediately isolated, intubated, and treated with targeted antibiotics, vasopressors, blood products, and continuous dialysis. After 12 days of intensive care, her condition stabilized. Physicians underscore the need for early recognition, urgent treatment, and vaccination. [[Full article](#)]

Rabies

- **The Philippines:** The Department of Health reported 17 human rabies cases from January 4 to February 21, 2026, a 65% decrease from 49 cases during the same period in 2025 (Manila Times, 2026). Despite the decline, officials urged continued vigilance, noting that 76% of cases involved unvaccinated animals. The DOH emphasized the need for annual pet vaccination, prompt wound washing after bites, and immediate consultation at certified animal bite centers, especially as March marks Rabies Awareness Month. [[Full article](#)]
- **Viet Nam:** Eight people died from rabies nationwide in the first two months of 2026, according to health authorities (Thảo, 2026). Most fatalities occurred in rural areas, and all involved individuals who did not seek timely post-exposure vaccination after being bitten by dogs. Officials warn that rabies risk is increasing due to low pet-vaccination coverage, uncontrolled free-roaming dogs, and delayed medical care. The Ministry of Health urges immediate wound washing, rapid post-exposure prophylaxis, and strict adherence to annual vaccination of dogs and cats to prevent further deaths. [[Full article](#)]

Global Situation

Leptospirosis

- **Reunion:** Authorities have reported 60 leptospirosis cases and one death since January 2026, with infections peaking in January (20) and February (38), above recent seasonal averages (Imaz Press, 2026). Most cases occurred in the South (31) and East (22). The surge is linked to austral-summer conditions that favor *Leptospira* survival in freshwater and muddy environments. Officials urge early diagnosis and protective measures when working or recreating in wet, rodent-contaminated areas. [[Full article](#)]



Measles

- **Canada:** Manitoba confirmed 33 new measles cases, bringing the provincial total to 248 cases in the first two months of 2026 (CBC, 2026). An additional 36 cases remain under investigation as probable. Since February 2025, 31 patients have been hospitalized, including 3 ICU admissions; 30 of the hospitalized cases were unvaccinated or had unknown vaccination status, and 19 were children under 10. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Hong Kong (SAR):** A 32-year-old unvaccinated domestic worker was confirmed as the city's first local measles case of 2026 (RTHK, 2026). She developed fever, respiratory symptoms, and rash beginning February 28 and tested positive after hospital referral. She had no travel history. Eight close contacts are vaccinated and asymptomatic. Health officials are arranging MMR vaccination for non-immune contacts and warn of rising global measles activity. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Japan:** Aichi Prefecture confirmed two new measles cases, a female high-school student from Toyokawa City and a man in his 30s from Chiryu City (Nippon Television, 2026). The student is linked to an East Mikawa prefectural high school where 15 students had already been infected, while the man has no known exposure or travel history. Aichi has now recorded 23 measles cases this year. Health officials urge anyone with fever, rash, or other measles-like symptoms to contact medical providers before seeking care to prevent further transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)

The **Nagano City** Public Health Center announced on March 8, 2026, that one case of measles has been confirmed in the city, involving an unvaccinated girl under 10-years-old (The Shinano Mainichi Shimbun, 2026). The route of infection has not been identified, but she has a history of traveling abroad during the period in which she may have been infected. According to the city's health center, the girl developed a fever and cough on February 1, followed by a rash. The diagnosis was confirmed on February 7. [\[Full article\]](#)

- **Russia:** In early 2026, Khabarovsk Krai reported 54 measles cases, largely among individuals who were unvaccinated or improperly vaccinated, with most cases occurring in children (TASS website editors, 2026). Health authorities linked the rise in infections to vaccine refusal and introduced preventive measures, including a mask mandate at Pacific National University to limit further spread. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United Kingdom (UK):** In Grampian, Scotland, a second measles case has been confirmed, just over a week after the first case in the region; authorities say it is not classified as an outbreak, and no deaths have been reported (Saracevic, 2026). NHS Grampian is urging residents to ensure they are up to date with measles vaccinations and advising those unsure of their immunization status to contact health services for vaccination and guidance. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United States (US):** A measles outbreak in Utah, United States, has reached 358 cases as of March 6, spreading from southern Utah to other areas including Salt Lake City, with no deaths reported (Edwards, 2026). The outbreak has resulted in over 120 emergency visits and 31 hospitalizations, mostly among unvaccinated individuals. Health authorities are urging vaccination and raising public awareness about the severity of measles to prevent further transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)



A measles outbreak centered along **the Arizona-Utah** border continues to expand, with Arizona reporting 56 cases in 2026 (KTBS/The Center Square, 2026). Most infections occur in Mohave County, and 97% of cases are unvaccinated, predominantly children under 18. Officials warn measles spreads rapidly in under-vaccinated communities and emphasize that the MMR vaccine is highly effective (93% with one dose, 97% with two). National CDC data show 1,281 cases so far this year and no measles deaths to date. [\[Full article\]](#)

North Dakota has reported 23 measles cases so far in 2026, including two new cases confirmed in Traill and Pembina counties, with no deaths reported (Ratanpal, 2026). State health authorities warn that declining MMR vaccination coverage and possible cross-border transmission from Manitoba, Canada, may contribute to the outbreak, and they are urging residents to stay up to date with vaccinations and monitor potential exposure sites. [\[Full article\]](#)

A measles outbreak in **South Carolina** has reached 991 cases, with 52 people in quarantine and three in isolation, mostly affecting unvaccinated children (Staff, 2026). Health authorities report that most cases involve individuals who were not vaccinated and continue to monitor and implement containment measures to control the spread of the virus. [\[Full article\]](#)

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