# ASEAN Biological Threats Surveillance Centre Media Monitoring for Infectious and Emerging Diseases GLOBAL & ASEAN REGION

August 30 - September 1, 2025



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**

### **Mpox**

The **Ghana** Health Service (GHS) has confirmed 22 new mpox cases as of August 25, 2025, bringing the total to 446 (Pulse Ghana, 2025). No new deaths or hospitalizations have been reported, and the cumulative fatality count remains at one. The public is urged to practice strict hygiene and seek immediate medical care for early symptoms. [Full article]

## Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF)

• **Iraq:** Duhok Province confirmed a new case of CCHF on August 28, 2025, in a displaced butcher from Sinjar district (Shafaq News, 2025). The province has recorded four cases, including one death, contributing to a national total of 230 cases with 36 fatalities. In response, the veterinary department launched extensive spraying campaigns targeting livestock and sheep areas to curb transmission. [Full article]

## Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

The United States (US): On August 28, 2025, a local high school in Summit County, Ohio, announced the cancellation of a scheduled football game after two student-athletes were confirmed with HFMD (Cleveland.com, 2025). This marks the second game cancellation in the county within two weeks, following another school's withdrawal due to HFMD earlier in August. School officials are working to reschedule events. [Full article]

#### Malaria

• **Nepal:** In fiscal year 2024/2025, Banke District reported 246 malaria cases, up from 160 the previous fiscal year (The Rising Nepal, 2025). Narainapur Rural Municipality had the highest number at 185 cases. Authorities have launched blood testing campaigns, mobilized health workers across all wards, and are promoting the use of mosquito nets and community awareness activities. [Full article]



## Melioidosis

• Taiwan (Province of China): The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported nine new local cases of melioidosis, including one fatality, between late June and mid-August 2025, bringing the total to 50 cases with five deaths this year (Outbreak News Today, 2025). Eight patients were hospitalized, while four were in intensive care. Authorities urged the public to use protective equipment, practice safe hygiene, water treatment, and seek early medical consultation to reduce risks. [Full article]

# **Poliomyelitis**

Pakistan: On August 29, 2025, Federal Minister for National Health Services announced that a nationwide polio vaccination campaign will begin on September 1 in three provinces due to 26 reported polio cases this year (The News, 2025). Polio virus also detected in sewage samples from 127 districts, including all of Karachi. Authorities are conducting synchronized vaccination drives with Afghanistan, supported by door-to-door campaigns, religious leaders, and enhanced community engagement to curb transmission. [Full article]

#### **Rabies**

• India: On August 30, 2025, a three-year-old boy in Thungur, Beerpur died of rabies two months after being bitten by a stray dog and not receiving post-exposure prophylaxis (Deccan Chronicle, 2025). He experienced frothing at the mouth and hydrophobia. The diagnosis was confirmed at a local government hospital. Health experts emphasize that rabies is preventable through immediate wound washing, vaccination, and timely follow-up care. [Full article]

**Delhi** has reported 49 rabies deaths in August 2025, compared to 62 in 2024 (The Patriot, 2025). Over 35,000 doses of Anti-Rabies Vaccine (ARV) and 18,700 vials of Anti-Rabies Serum (ARS) were administered in the past month, but shortages were noted in hospitals. Authorities were instructed to sterilize, vaccinate, deworm, and release healthy dogs. [Full article]

#### West Nile Virus (WNV)

• Italy's National Institute of Health reported 430 confirmed human cases of WNV in late August 2025, including 193 neuroinvasive cases and 27 deaths, up from 351 the previous week (Outbreak News Today, 2025). The virus was spread across 57 provinces in 15 regions, with Lazio and Campania having the highest fatalities. The current trend and proportion of neuroinvasive cases are consistent with previous seasons, indicating ongoing transmission in endemic northern Italy. [Full article]



# **Regional Situation**

# Dengue

- **Indonesia:** As of August 31, 2025, Malang City Health Office in East Java Province reported 549 dengue cases, including four deaths, with Sukun and Kedungkandang Sub-districts being most affected (RRI, 2025). Most cases were aged 15-44, followed by children aged 5-14. Health authorities are urging communities to strengthen preventive measures, larval surveillance, and early health-seeking behavior for suspected cases. [Full article]
  - The **Lubuklinggau** Health Office in **South Sumatera Province** reported 266 dengue cases as of August 29, 2025, including one death in April involving a student from North Lubuklinggau I (Detik News, 2025). Monthly cases ranged from 24 to 44 between January and August, with Simpang Periuk Health Center in Selatan II recording the highest number (63). Preventive measures include community education, promoting the vector control campaign, and targeted fogging in high-incidence areas. [Full article]
- The **Philippines:** As of August 27, 2025, Quezon City reported 7,201 dengue cases since January, representing a 56% increase from the same period last year; 23 deaths were reported so far (Inquirer.net, 2025). Most cases were among children aged 1–10 years, including 68 infections identified in schools since June. Authorities are providing free consultations, medications, and rapid dengue testing in health centers, while urging continued community vigilance against mosquito breeding during the rainy season. [Full article]

## Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

• The **Philippines** Department of Health (DOH) reported 2,525 new HFMD cases between August 9-16, 2025, raising this year's total to 39,893 with no death reported (Philippine News Agency, 2025). Half of the infections occurred in children aged 1-3 years. In response, health authorities are coordinating with local government units to strengthen monitoring, convening discussions on prevention and management in schools, and advising parents to keep affected children at home for 7–10 days. Authorities also continue to emphasize proper hand hygiene to curb transmission. [Full article]

#### Measles

• **Indonesia:** On August 29, 2025, the Jember District in East Java Province announced preparations of 11,000 measles vaccine doses in response to 148 suspected cases, including 36 confirmed (Radar Jember, 2025). No deaths have been reported, and patients are receiving appropriate treatment. Authorities plan to deploy 11,000 health workers starting September 1 to accelerate immunization, improve access in schools, villages, and households, and strengthen community engagement to address vaccine hesitancy. [Full article]



#### **Rabies**

• Indonesia: On August 21, 2025, nine residents of Pekanbaru, Riau Province, were bitten by a rabid dog, with laboratory tests confirming the animal positive for rabies (Tribun Pekanbaru, 2025). All victims have received prompt medical treatment. As of Auguts 21, 2025, Riau has confirmed 10 rabies cases across four districts, with no fatalities. In response, provincial authorities are conducting free mass animal vaccination campaigns, urging pet owners to confine and care for their animals, and emphasizing immediate reporting of animal bites to prevent further transmission. [Full article]

# References

- Cleveland.com (2025) Revere vs. Akron Garfield football game canceled for Friday night after confirmed cases of hand, foot and mouth disease. Cleveland.com. Available at: <a href="https://www.cleveland.com/highschoolsports/2025/08/revere-vs-akron-garfield-football-game-canceled-for-friday-night-after-confirmed-cases-of-hand-foot-and-mouth-disease.html">https://www.cleveland.com/highschoolsports/2025/08/revere-vs-akron-garfield-football-game-canceled-for-friday-night-after-confirmed-cases-of-hand-foot-and-mouth-disease.html</a>
- Deccan Chronicle (2025) *Telangana: 3-year-old dies of rabies after dog bite. Deccan Chronicle.* Available at: <a href="https://www.deccanchronicle.com/southern-states/telangana/telangana-3-year-old-dies-of-rabies-after-dog-bite-1900759">https://www.deccanchronicle.com/southern-states/telangana/telangana-3-year-old-dies-of-rabies-after-dog-bite-1900759</a> (Accessed: 1 September 2025)
- Detik News (2025) *DBD di Lubuklinggau tercatat 266 kasus, 1 orang meninggal. Detik News.* Available at: <a href="https://www.detik.com/sumbagsel/berita/d-8086202/dbd-di-lubuklinggau-tercatat-266-kasus-1-orang-meninggal">https://www.detik.com/sumbagsel/berita/d-8086202/dbd-di-lubuklinggau-tercatat-266-kasus-1-orang-meninggal</a> (Accessed: 1 September 2025)
- Inquirer.net (2025) *Quezon City logs 56% hike in dengue cases*. Inquirer.net. Available at: <a href="https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/2102037/fwd-quezon-city-logs-56-hike-in-dengue-cases">https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/2102037/fwd-quezon-city-logs-56-hike-in-dengue-cases</a> (Accessed: 1 September 2025)
- Outbreak News Today (2025a) *Taiwan reports 9 additional melioidosis cases. Outbreak News Today.* Available at: <a href="https://outbreaknewstoday.substack.com/p/taiwan-reports-9-additional-melioidosis">https://outbreaknewstoday.substack.com/p/taiwan-reports-9-additional-melioidosis</a> (Accessed: 1 September 2025)
- Outbreak News Today (2025b) *Italy West Nile virus cases top 400. Outbreak News Today.* Available at: <a href="https://outbreaknewstoday.substack.com/p/italy-west-nile-virus-cases-top-400">https://outbreaknewstoday.substack.com/p/italy-west-nile-virus-cases-top-400</a> (Accessed: 1 September 2025)
- Philippine News Agency (PNA) (2025) *DOH intensifies monitoring amid rise in HFMD cases*. Philippine News Agency (PNA). Available at: <a href="https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1257647">https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1257647</a>
- Pulse Ghana (2025) *Ghana confirms 22 new Mpox cases; total infections hit 446.* Pulse Ghana. Available at: <a href="https://www.pulse.com.gh/articles/news/ghana-confirms-22-new-mpox-cases-total-infections-hit-446-2025083008461889325">https://www.pulse.com.gh/articles/news/ghana-confirms-22-new-mpox-cases-total-infections-hit-446-2025083008461889325</a>
- Radar Jember (2025) *Antisipasi 148 suspek campak, Pemkab Jember siapkan 11 ribu dosis vaksin untuk anak mulai pekan depan.* Radar Jember. Available at: <a href="https://radarjember.jawapos.com/jember/796501356/antisipasi-148-suspek-campak-pemkab-jember-siapkan-11-ribu-dosis-vaksin-untuk-anak-mulai-pekan-depan">https://radarjember.jawapos.com/jember/796501356/antisipasi-148-suspek-campak-pemkab-jember-siapkan-11-ribu-dosis-vaksin-untuk-anak-mulai-pekan-depan</a>
- RRI (2025) *DBD 549 kasus, Dinkes ingatkan fogging bukan solusi. RRI.* Available at: <a href="https://rri.co.id/kesehatan/1807267/dbd-549-kasus-dinkes-ingatkan-fogging-bukan-solusi">https://rri.co.id/kesehatan/1807267/dbd-549-kasus-dinkes-ingatkan-fogging-bukan-solusi</a> (Accessed: 1 September 2025)
- Shafaq News (2025) *Duhok reports new CCHF case*. Shafaq News. Available at: <a href="https://shafaq.com/en/society/Duhok-reports-new-CCHF-case">https://shafaq.com/en/society/Duhok-reports-new-CCHF-case</a>
- The News (2025) *Nationwide anti-polio drive to begin in three provinces on Sept 1: Mustafa Kamal*. The News. Available at: <a href="https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/1340072-nationwide-anti-polio-drive-to-begin-in-three-provinces-on-sept-1-mustafa-kamal">https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/1340072-nationwide-anti-polio-drive-to-begin-in-three-provinces-on-sept-1-mustafa-kamal</a>
- The Patriot (2025) *Delhi: 6 city residents among 49 rabies deaths in 2025. The Patriot.* Available at: <a href="https://thepatriot.in/delhi-ncr/delhi-6-city-residents-among-49-rabies-deaths-in-2025-75110">https://thepatriot.in/delhi-ncr/delhi-6-city-residents-among-49-rabies-deaths-in-2025-75110</a> (Accessed: 1 September 2025)
- The Rising Nepal (2025) *Malaria cases increase in Banke*. The Rising Nepal. Available at <a href="https://risingnepaldaily.com/news/67515">https://risingnepaldaily.com/news/67515</a>
- Tribun Pekanbaru (2025) *Setelah Pekanbaru, kabupaten ini paling banyak kasus rabies di Riau*. Tribun Pekanbaru. Available at: <a href="https://pekanbaru.tribunnews.com/riau-region/1085654/setelah-pekanbaru-kabupaten-ini-paling-banyak-kasus-rabies-di-riau">https://pekanbaru.tribunnews.com/riau-region/1085654/setelah-pekanbaru-kabupaten-ini-paling-banyak-kasus-rabies-di-riau</a>