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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

Malaria

- **South Africa:** Free State reported three laboratory confirmed malaria cases in one household on a farm in Luckhoff, Xhariep District, a non-endemic area (MedicalBrief, 2025). One patient, a 53-year-old man, died, while two others remain stable under treatment. Investigations point to Odyssean malaria as the likely source. The Free State Health Department has implemented enhanced surveillance, targeted vector control, and rapid diagnostic and treatment measures to prevent further transmission. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- **Canada:** As of 8 October 2025, Manitoba reported nine new measles cases, bringing the total to 225 confirmed and 18 probable cases in 2025 (CBC News, 2025). Multiple potential exposure sites were identified in Portage la Prairie, Stonewall, and Winnipeg. The public is urged to monitor symptoms and verify immunization status. [[Full article](#)]

Mpox

- **Taiwan (Province of China):** On October 7, 2025, Taichung City confirmed a new locally acquired mpox case linked to unsafe sexual contact (SETN Health, 2025). Health authorities conducted an epidemiological investigation and contact tracing, with all identified contacts remaining asymptomatic. The Ministry of Health and Welfare reported 38 cumulative cases, including six imported. High-risk groups are advised to vaccinate, avoid unsafe sexual practices, and seek medical care promptly. [[Full article](#)]

Rabies

- **India:** A three-year-old boy from Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, Maharashtra, died of rabies nearly ten days after a stray dog bite (OpIndia, 2025). Initially asymptomatic, he later developed hydrophobia and severe agitation. Following the incident, the family urged local authorities to take immediate action to control the stray dog population in the area. [[Full article](#)]



Rift Valley Fever (RVF)

- **Senegal** has reported 119 cases of RVF as of early October 2025, including 17 deaths, primarily in northern livestock producing regions (Associated Press, 2025). Since the outbreak declaration on September 21, authorities have intensified surveillance and response measures, with the Ministry of Health coordinating interventions in affected areas. [[Full article](#)]

West Nile Virus (WNV)

- The **United States (US)**: As of early October 2025, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services reported a surge in West Nile virus cases, including 15 hospitalizations and three deaths (FOX 2 Now, 2025). Several cases were confirmed and are under investigation in the St. Louis area. Residents are urged to use repellents, wear protective clothing, and eliminate standing water. [[Full article](#)]

Regional Situation

Dengue

- **Cambodia** reported over 44,000 dengue cases and 55 deaths as of the first week of October 2025 (Kampuchea Thmey, 2025). New infections have declined since August, averaging around 40 per day, following intensified prevention efforts and strong public cooperation. Health authorities continue to urge sanitation maintenance, mosquito breeding site elimination, and prompt medical consultation for suspected cases to prevent severe illness and fatalities. [[Full article](#)]
- **Indonesia**: The Kaur District Health Office (DHO) in Bengkulu Province reported 60 dengue cases from January to September 2025, a decline from the same period last year (RRI, 2025). The highest number of cases were recorded in the Linau Health Center area (20 cases). Health officials attributed the decrease to improved public awareness and mosquito control activities. Authorities continue to emphasize environmental cleanliness to prevent mosquito breeding and transmission. [[Full article](#)]
- The **Philippines**: Quezon City recorded 993 dengue cases from September 10 to October 7, 2025, a 30% increase compared to the previous two weeks (Inquirer.net, 2025). Most cases occurred among males (57%) and school-age children (59%), with four deaths reported among children aged 4–14. Health authorities remain on high alert and urge residents to seek prompt medical attention for suspected symptoms to prevent severe complications. [[Full article](#)]



As of October 2025, the **Negros Oriental** Provincial Health Office (PHO) reported 1,574 dengue cases and two deaths, a sharp decline from 5,677 cases and ten deaths in 2024 (Philippine News Agency, 2025). The highest case numbers were recorded in Siaton (219), Mabinay (178), and Dumaguete City (141). Authorities attributed the decrease to improved public awareness and intensified prevention measures, including mosquito breeding site elimination and the distribution of insecticide-treated nets. [\[Full article\]](#)

- **Viet Nam:** As of October 6, 2025, Lang Son Province reported 106 dengue cases from 10 areas, including two deaths, a ninefold increase from the same period in 2024 (Tiền Phong, 2025). In response, local health authorities have intensified mosquito control, environmental sanitation, and health education, urging residents to seek prompt medical care and avoid self-treatment. [\[Full article\]](#)

Ho Chi Minh City recorded 2,141 dengue cases from September 29 to October 5, 2025, a 3.1% increase compared to the previous four-week average (HCDC, 2025). Since the beginning of 2025, a total of 40,694 cases have been reported. The highest case numbers were recorded in Di An, Tan Hiep, and Binh Hung Hoa communes. [\[Full article\]](#)

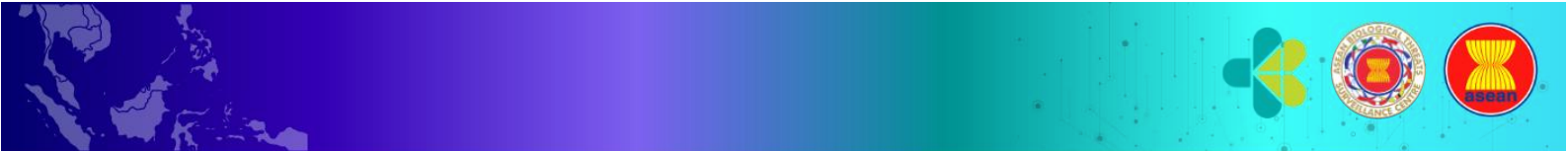
On October 9, the **Dak Lak Provincial** Center for Disease Control (CDC) reported a dengue-related death in Ea Ning Commune, marking the province's second fatality in 2025 (VTV, 2025). The patient, a 65-year-old resident, developed severe dengue shock with multi-organ failure. Health authorities have initiated an epidemiological investigation and intensified community education on sanitation and mosquito control, urging residents to seek prompt medical care for suspected dengue symptoms and avoid self-medication. [\[Full article\]](#)

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- **Viet Nam:** In epidemiological week 40, Ho Chi Minh City recorded 896 HFMD cases, marking a 63.4% increase from the previous four-week average (HCDC, 2025). This brings this year's total to 23,411. Health authorities emphasized preventive measures, environmental hygiene, early detection of symptoms, and prompt medical consultation to curb further spread. [\[Full article\]](#)

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