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Global Situation

Ebola

• The **Democratic Republic of the Congo's** Ministry of Health reported 42 Ebola cases in Kasai province, including five confirmed and 15 deaths as of September 6, 2025 (CIDRAP, 2025). Nine patients remain in care, and 157 contacts have been identified. Response efforts face challenges, including unsafe burials, patient transport, and population movement. The World Health Organization (WHO) noted that the outbreak is in a remote area but has connections to the provincial capital, raising concerns about potential spread. [Full article]

Melioidosis

 India: Health authorities in Andhra Pradesh State have confirmed four new cases of melioidosis from September 2 to 7, 2025 (ETV Bharat, 2025). In response, authorities have deployed multiple rapid response and medical teams, conducted door-to-door screenings, collected blood samples, and initiated extensive health profiling and environmental testing (water and soil) to determine the source and contain further spread. [Full article]

Pertussis

 Taiwan (Province of China): On September 9, 2025, the Centers for Disease and Prevention confirmed a pertussis cluster in northern Taiwan involving three family members (NextApple, 2025). The index case, a one-month-old infant, developed symptoms in mid-August, followed by diagnoses in the mother and sibling. Health authorities have arranged testing and preventive medication for close contacts and will continue follow-up monitoring until 21 September. [Full article]

Regional Situation

Dengue

• **Indonesia:** Bengkayang District in West Kalimantan Province recorded 75 dengue cases from January to September 2025, including six in September (BeritaSatu – Suara Kalbar, 2025). No deaths were reported this year, compared to two deaths in 2023 and 2024.



- Despite the decline, health authorities urged continued vigilance against dengue transmission. [Full article]
- Malaysia: Johor reported 4,468 cumulative dengue cases as of epidemiological week 36 of 2025, representing a 58% decline compared with 10,650 cases during the same period in 2024 (The Star, 2025). No new deaths were recorded, with the cumulative toll remaining at eight, down from 17 last year. Local health authorities identified hotspots in Johor Baru and Batu Pahat, with ongoing monitoring and control measures ongoing. [Full article]

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

• The **Philippines:** The Provincial Health Office (PHO) of Ilocos Norte reported 622 HFMD cases as of September 5, 2025, a sharp increase from 45 cases during the same period in 2024 (The Chronicle Philippines, 2025). Solsona town recorded the highest number with 155 cases, followed by Laoag (86), Dingras (53), and Batac (48). Local health authorities held an emergency meeting, suspended classes, and imposed quarantine and curfew to curb transmission. [Full article]

HIV/AIDS

• Indonesia: As of early September 2025, Samarinda Municipality, East Kalimantan Province, has detected 223 new HIV cases through screenings of approximately 20,000 residents; 220 patients are receiving treatment (RRI, 2025). Health authorities attributed the high case numbers to Samarinda's large population and ongoing routine screenings, emphasizing the importance of early detection to prevent AIDS progression and reduce fatalities. HIV testing and treatment services are available at public health centers, hospitals, and private clinics. Cumulatively, 63 HIV/AIDS-related deaths have been reported this year. [Full article]

Measles

• Indonesia: Jakarta Province reported 218 confirmed measles cases and 63 rubella cases as of early September 2025, with no deaths (Liputan6, 2025). The largest cluster was identified in Kapuk, Cengkareng District, with 38 measles cases. Health authorities have launched an Outbreak Response Immunization (ORI) campaign targeting approximaly 9,000 children to curb further transmission and strengthen child immunity through scheduled measles-rubella vaccinations. [Full article]

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