

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 **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**: Kinshasa has confirmed its first two cases of mpox clade IIb on August 8, 2025 (Africa News DZ, 2025). Health authorities, supported by WHO have implemented strict isolation, contact tracing, and vaccination of 23 identified contacts, along with infection control measures and psychosocial support. The government urges vigilance and hygiene compliance. [[Full article](#)]
- The **Ghana** Health Service (GHS) reported 18 new mpox cases as of August 7, 2025, bringing the total to 346 confirmed infections, with the death toll remaining at one (Graphic Online, 2025). The disease continues to spread mainly through close contact, prompting authorities to advise hand hygiene, mask use when caring for the sick, and avoiding contact with infected animals. Health officials are working with regional directorates to conduct contact tracing, intensify public education, and manage the outbreak. [[Full article](#)]

COVID-19

- **Nepal's** Epidemiology and Disease Control Division reported 432 COVID-19 positive cases and three deaths since January (The Kathmandu Post, 2025). Infections were detected in 49 districts by early August 2025. [[Full article](#)]

Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever (CCHF)

- **Greece** confirmed two locally acquired CCHF cases in Thessaly during August 2–8, 2025, the first since 2008 (ECDC, 2025). The primary case was linked to a tick bite, while the secondary case involved a healthcare professional treating the patient. Authorities advise individuals at risk of tick exposure to adopt personal protective measures, as *Hyalomma spp.* ticks are present in parts of southern and eastern Europe. [[Full article](#)]
- **Spain** reported one locally acquired case of CCHF in Toledo province during August 2–8, 2025 (ECDC, 2025). From 2016–2024, 16 cases were reported, mainly in Salamanca and Toledo due to high *Hyalomma* tick prevalence. Authorities urge tick-exposed groups (e.g., hunters, forestry workers, hikers) to use personal protection [[Full article](#)]



Hantavirus

- **Russia:** In July 2025, six cases of hemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome (HFRS) were reported in Mari El, with three cases occurring during agricultural work, two in forest settings, and one in an industrial environment (MK Mari El, 2025). Authorities warn that early symptoms resemble a cold. Without timely medical intervention, the illness may lead to kidney complications or death. [[Full article](#)]

West Nile Virus

- The **United States (US):** The Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District in Louisiana has confirmed the first human case of West Nile virus in western Hammond (AN17, 2025). Of 1,310 mosquito samples tested this season, 125 were positive. In response, authorities increased control measures and advise residents to remove standing water, use repellents with $\geq 20\%$ DEET or picaridin, and limit outdoor activity during peak season. [[Full article](#)]

Louisiana health authorities have confirmed the first human case of West Nile virus in Orleans Parish, involving a severe neuroinvasive form (AOL, 2025). The Louisiana Department of Health and New Orleans Mosquito, Termite, and Rodent Control Board advise residents to maintain screens on windows and doors, apply repellents, avoid outdoor activities, and remove standing water to limit mosquito breeding. [[Full article](#)]

The **New Mexico** Department of Health confirmed its first 2025 human West Nile virus case in a Valencia County resident who was hospitalized and now discharged (Yahoo News, 2025). Health authorities advised residents to protect themselves from mosquito bites, as cases typically peak in July and August, using insect repellent, protective clothing, and eliminating standing water around homes. Earlier this year, the virus was detected in three horses in Lea and Eddy counties. [[Full article](#)]

Regional Situation

Dengue

- The **Philippines:** The Iloilo Provincial Health Office reported 13 dengue-related deaths as of July 26, 2025, with a total of 3,462 cases, an 8.5% decrease from the same period in 2024 (The Manila Times, 2025). Oton recorded the highest number of new weekly cases (24) and cumulative cases since January (251). Authorities urged residents to maintain cleaning, and all deaths are under review to confirm causes and identify prevention gaps. [[Full article](#)]

HIV/AIDS

- The **Philippines** Department of Health reported 4,979 new human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) cases from April to June 2025 (55 daily average), slightly lower than the 5,101 cases (57 daily averages) in the first quarter (SunStar, 2025). Sexual contact accounted for 96% of cases: 3,544 male-to-male, 641 bisexual, and 571 male-to-female. Other modes of transmission included sharing infected needles and mother-to-child transmission. In 191 cases, transmission route was unrecorded. [[Full article](#)]



Leptospirosis

- **Indonesia:** The Klaten District Health Office in Central Java Province reported 97 leptospirosis cases with 18 deaths, exceeding 2024's totals of 37 cases and 9 deaths (Tribun News, 2025). The highest number was reported at Wedi Community Health Center (CHC), mostly adult males in farming areas. Authorities have implemented early detection, rapid diagnostic testing, sentinel surveillance, health worker training, and public awareness campaigns. [[Full article](#)]
- The **Philippines:** From June 8 to August 7, 2025, the Department of Health reported 2,396 leptospirosis cases nationwide, including 54 deaths in public hospitals in Manila and Quezon City (Manila Standard, 2025). Public hospitals expanded admissions and urged residents to avoid floodwaters or take free prophylaxis if exposed. The Philippine Red Cross is on standby to support hospitals and emphasize early treatment to prevent severe complications. [[Full article](#)]

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