

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 Palawan province have reached 643 with seven deaths after more than 80 new cases, and one additional death was reported in the past week (Abante News, 2026). The most cases were recorded in Puerto Princesa City, followed by Narra, Bataraza, and Roxas. Despite the recent increase, total cases are 48% lower than the 1,239 cases reported during the same period in 2025. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Timor Leste** has reported 3,501 dengue cases and 22 deaths since January (EIOS, 2026). Dili was the hardest hit (2,041 cases and 12 deaths), followed by Ermera (296), Liquiçá (205), Baucau (166), Viqueque (161), Covalima (119), Manatuto (109), and Aileu (107) (Journal de Angole, 2026). This prompted the Prime Minister to call for stronger coordination among local authorities to meet community needs and prepares for decentralized municipal governance. [\[Full article\]](#)

Measles

- **Indonesia**: The Yogyakarta Municipality Health Office, Yogyakarta Province, reported six confirmed measles cases out of 45 suspected cases recorded since January 2026, with no deaths reported (Antara News, 2026). Most cases occurred in school-age children, while one case involved a 28-year-old adult. Authorities are conducting epidemiological investigations, including contact tracing and reviewing patients' travel and symptom history to identify the infection source. [\[Full article\]](#)

Balangan Municipality in South Kalimantan Province has confirmed 15 measles cases, spread across four sub-districts; all have since been treated and discharged (Banjarmasin Tribun News, 2026). Most patients were children who had not received measles immunization. Local health officials warned that measles is highly contagious, urging parents to ensure children receive MR vaccination. [\[Full article\]](#)



In **Tulungagung District**, East Java Province, the Health Office recorded 38 suspected measles cases among children in early 2026, an increase from 12 cases in the same period of 2025 (Jatim Tribun News, 2026). One child tested positive for measles and is recovering. Authorities are maintaining measles alert status, encouraging complete immunization for children, and monitoring cases as part of regional surveillance. [[Full article](#)]

Prambanan Sub-district, **Klaten District**, Central Java Province, reported two cases of measles in children aged 5 and 6, prompting local health authorities to prepare a large-scale vaccination response (Harian Jogja, 2026). Both children are in good condition and did not require hospitalization, while officials urged parents to ensure complete immunization and maintain hygiene practices to reduce spread. [[Full article](#)]

The **Garut District** Health Office reported 34 laboratory-confirmed measles cases in children between January and February 2026 (Media Indonesia, 2026). All patients have recovered after receiving treatment, and no deaths have been reported. Authorities say the situation remains under control due to a prompt response, including vaccination campaigns targeting young children. [[Full article](#)]

- **Viet Nam:** Since early 2026, the National Hospital for Tropical Diseases has reported nearly 30 confirmed and suspected measles cases (Vietnam.vn, 2026). Although cases decreased from 16 in January to 11 in February, positive tests indicate ongoing virus circulation. Experts warn that immunity gaps, humid weather, and vaccination coverage below 95% continue to pose a risk of measles outbreaks in 2026. [[Full article](#)]

Rabies

- **Viet Nam:** Quang Tri Province, reported a death of rabies, involving a 6-year-old child died after being bitten on the hand by a dog in December 2025 and not receiving wound treatment or rabies vaccination (Bao Phap Luat, 2026). The child developed symptoms on March 9, 2026, including vomiting, agitation, and hydrophobia, and later died despite emergency treatment. [[Full article](#)]

Global Situation

Chikungunya

- **India:** Between January and March 7, 2026, Maharashtra reported 234 chikungunya cases across the state (Free Press Journal, 2026). Health authorities continue to monitor the situation as chikungunya, a mosquito-borne disease, remains a public health concern in areas with conditions that support mosquito breeding. [[Full article](#)]



Dengue

- **India:** Between January and March 7, 2026, Maharashtra reported 823 dengue cases across the state (Free Press Journal, 2026). Mumbai recorded 182 dengue cases, making it one of the most affected cities during this period. Health authorities continue monitoring the situation as dengue remains a key mosquito-borne disease in urban areas, where dense populations and favorable breeding conditions for mosquitoes can increase the risk of transmission. [[Full article](#)]
- The **United States (US):** In Oahu, Hawaii (USA), the Department of Health reported a new travel-related dengue case, bringing the total to three cases in 2026 (two in Oahu and one in Maui) (Star Advertiser, 2026). No deaths were reported, and all cases were linked to exposure while traveling in dengue-endemic regions. [[Full article](#)]

Malaria

- **India:** Between January and March 7, 2026, Maharashtra recorded 1,335 malaria cases, including 918 cases in Mumbai (Free Press Journal, 2026). Of these, 222 were caused by the more severe *Plasmodium falciparum* strain, and 104 cases were identified as imported infections. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- **Australia:** New South Wales has reported 23 cases of measles in 2026, including a Western Sydney case with no known source, suggesting community transmission (ReliefWeb, 2026). Queensland has recorded 11 cases as of March 2, with six imported and five locally acquired, most linked to a single overseas case while one remains under investigation. Health authorities continue issuing exposure alerts and stressing vaccination and early detection. [[Full article](#)]
- **Canada** has reported 339 measles cases so far in 2026, including 314 confirmed and 25 probable, with 75 new cases confirmed in epidemiological week 7, primarily in Alberta, Manitoba, and Ontario (Canada.ca, 2026). These cases span seven jurisdictions, and 296 identified across 19 health units, underscoring substantial ongoing transmission. Residents are advised to review travel health notices due to international outbreaks. [[Full article](#)]

In **Alberta**, measles cases are increasing, with 36 new cases reported since March 6, 2026, and 24 cases recorded during the week of February 22 (Radio-Canada, 2026). Although numbers remain lower than last year's outbreak, experts state the trend is still concerning. [[Full article](#)]

- **Japan:** Kagoshima Prefecture confirmed two new measles cases on March 9, 2026, a teenage boy and a woman, bringing this year's total to three cases (Minami-Nippon Shimbun, 2026). The boy, close contact of the first case, visited multiple public facilities between February 28 and March 6. The woman had recent overseas travel and entered the prefecture by private car on March 7. Health authorities urged residents to seek medical advice if symptoms appear and to ensure vaccination to prevent further spread. [[Full article](#)]

- **Kazakhstan:** Since the beginning of 2026, Kazakhstan has reported 4,184 measles cases, with 83.8% occurring in children under 14 (BAQ.KZ, 2026). The incidence rate rose 1.3-fold in the past week, and 77% of cases are among unvaccinated individuals, largely due to parental refusal. Authorities continue vaccination and monitoring efforts as declining herd immunity contributes to ongoing transmission in 2026. [[Full article](#)]
- The **United States (US):** A measles case has been reported in Blaine County, Montana by the Fort Belknap Tribal Health Department (NBC Montana, 2026). The patient, who is not a Montana resident, contracted the virus while traveling out of state and is currently isolating at home. Household members are advised to get tested. Since April 2025, 36 measles cases have been reported. [[Full article](#)]

South Carolina's measles outbreak, centered in Spartanburg County, is still growing but now slowing, with officials reporting two new cases as totals near 1,000 infections statewide (Greenville News, 2026). Health authorities continue to warn that measles spreads easily in under vaccinated communities. [[Full article](#)]

Meningococcal Meningitis

- **Italy:** In Rimini, a 17-year-old student was hospitalized with bacterial meningococcal meningitis after returning from a school trip (Il Resto del Carlino, 2026). The patient spent one day in intensive care and was later transferred to the infectious diseases ward. Local health authorities have begun antibiotic prophylaxis for around 50 close contacts, including family members, classmates, and teachers, to prevent further spread. [[Full article](#)]

Mpox

- **Canada:** Toronto Public Health has confirmed Ontario's first two cases of mpox clade Ib, both travel-related, marking the first detection of this variant in the province (City of Toronto, 2026). Public health officials stated the overall risk to the public remains low. Eligible residents were encouraged to start or complete vaccination. [[Full article](#)]

Pertussis

- **New Zealand:** Pertussis activity in New Zealand continues to decline gradually, with weekly case notifications trending downward, despite persisting nationwide transmission (ReliefWeb, 2026). For the week ending 27 February 2026, 28 cases were reported, down from 40 the previous week, bringing the year-to-date total to 406 cases. [[Full article](#)]

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