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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

Mpox

- **Brazil** has confirmed its first case of clade 1b mpox in a 29-year-old woman from the São Paulo metropolitan region (Reuters, 2025). The patient had contact with a relative who traveled from the Democratic Republic of Congo, which is experiencing an outbreak. The São Paulo State Health Department (SES-SP) is monitoring the epidemiological situation and reported the case to Brazil's Health Emergency Operations Center for mpox. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Sweden** has reported 30 mpox cases since December 30, 2024, with 27 detected in Stockholm as of February 20, 2025 (Outbreak News Today, 2025). All cases are adults, mostly men, and genetic analysis confirms the virus strain matches the clade 2b, the variant in the international outbreak that began in 2022. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Tanzania** has confirmed its first two cases of mpox, with laboratory results on March 9, 2025, verifying the infections (The Citizen, 2025). One case involves a cargo driver who traveled from a neighboring country to Dar es Salaam. Health authorities were implementing control measures, and advising the public to avoid sharing personal items and refrain from physical contact with symptomatic individuals. [\[Full article\]](#)

Dengue

- The **United States (US)**: Hawai'i has confirmed that a new travel-related dengue case has been detected in Maui, bringing the state's total to 4 cases in 2025 (one on Maui, three on O'ahu) (Hawaii DOH, 2025). The Health Department has deployed teams for inspections and mosquito control measures to prevent local transmission and travelers returning from dengue-endemic areas are urged to take precautions. [\[Full article\]](#)

Measles

- The **United States (US)**: The measles outbreak in western Texas continues to spread, with 25 new cases confirmed over the past five days, bringing the total to 223 as of March 11, 2025 (Yahoo News, 2025). The majority of cases are attributed to children and teenagers aged 5-17 (98 cases), followed by children aged 4 and under (76 cases). The Texas Department of State Health Services reports that most cases are in unvaccinated individuals or those with unknown vaccination status, with at least 29 hospitalizations. Gaines County remains the hardest-hit area, with 156 cases. Health officials are urging unvaccinated individuals to get the MMR vaccine to prevent further spread. [\[Full article\]](#)



Oklahoma has confirmed two measles cases amid ongoing outbreaks in Texas and New Mexico (Oklahoma State Department of Health, 2025). The individuals took the proper precautions by immediately isolating themselves during their contagious period, preventing further spread. [[Full article](#)]

Pertussis

- The **United States (US)**: Pennsylvania recorded a sharp increase in pertussis cases, with 2,735 cases reported statewide in 2024, up from 402 in 2023 (CBS News Pittsburgh, 2025). So far this year, 153 cases have been reported across the state, including 18 in Allegheny County. Health officials emphasize vaccination for pregnant women to protect newborns, and urging children to follow immunization schedules. The Pennsylvania Health Department still continues to monitor the situation as case numbers remain provisional. [[Full article](#)]

Typhoid

- **India**: Ahmedabad has reported a sharp rise in waterborne diseases at the start of summer, with 115 typhoid cases recorded in 9 days and a total of 622 cases in three months (TV9 Gujarati, 2025). Health authorities are actively monitoring the situation and the Rajkot Municipal Corporation has issued an alert on rising temperatures, urging residents to take precautions, including avoiding outdoor activities during peak heat hours and wearing protective clothing. [[Full article](#)]

Regional Situation

Dengue

- **Indonesia**: Bintan District, Riau Islands Province, has recorded seven cases of dengue fever in the first 10 days of March 2025, with one case in the village of Kijang Kota and six cases in Teluk Sasah (RRI, 2025). Previously, four cases were reported in January and six in February across multiple subdistricts. Health authorities are urging residents to maintain environmental hygiene and preventive methods: draining water storage, covering containers, and recycling waste. [[Full article](#)]
- The **Philippines** has recorded 62,313 dengue cases in the first two months of 2025, a 73% rise compared to the same period in 2024 (Outbreak News Today, 2025). The most affected regions are Calabarzon with 12,735 cases, the National Capital Region with 11,291 cases, and Central Luzon with 10,185 cases. However, the CFR has dropped to 0.35% from 0.42% in 2024. [[Full article](#)]

The Ilocos Region has reported a surge in dengue cases, reaching 1,064 as of February 22, 2025, an increase of 114% from the same period in 2024 (GMA Regional TV, 2025). Pangasinan recorded 529 cases, with 6 dengue-related deaths reported across the region. Health officials have activated dengue fast lanes in hospitals to ensure prompt medical attention and urge the public to eliminate mosquito breeding grounds. [[Full article](#)]

Cebu City recorded 223 dengue cases as of February 10, 2025, marking a 123% rise compared to the same period in 2024 (SunStar Cebu, 2025). Despite the surge, public health



emergencies are unnecessary, because current cases remain lower than the peak months of 2024. The city has already implemented interventions to address the situation. [Full article]

Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- The **Philippines** has reported a significant rise in HFMD cases in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR), with 438 cases recorded as of March 1, 2025, an increase of 183% from 155 cases in the same period last year (Baguio Herald Express, 2025). Benguet has the highest number at 154 cases, followed by the Mountain Province with 123 cases and Baguio City with 81 cases. Health authorities are closely monitoring the situation and urging the public to practice preventive measures to curb the spread of the virus. [Full article]

Measles

- **Viet Nam** reported two children, aged 8 and 10, died after a week of high fever and rash, in Nam Tra My district, Quang Nam last week, with measles suspected as the cause (VnExpress, 2025). A total of 255 suspected measles cases have been recorded so far this year, with 19 confirmed positives of measles. Health authorities, including the Quang Nam CDC and the Pasteur Institute of Nha Trang, are implementing preventive measures and monitoring the outbreak in the mountainous district. Further cases are expected due to difficult travel conditions and local health practices. [Full article]

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