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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

- Mozambique's National Directorate of Public Health reported 38 confirmed mpox cases between July 10 and August 10, 2025, with no deaths (AIM News, 2025). Most cases (87%) were in Niassa Province, particularly Lago District, where 44% of patients were foreign nationals linked to cross-border movement, illegal mining, and sex work. Some cases were reported in the province of Manica (2) and Maputo (3). Twenty individuals already recovered and discharged. [Full article]
- Nigeria: The Ondo State Primary Healthcare Development Agency has confirmed 12 mpox cases in eight local government areas and launched a targeted vaccination campaign in Akure from 11-21 August 2025 (Leadership, 2025). The campaign will administer two doses of the injectable vaccine to confirmed patients, their close contacts, and health workers, focusing on individuals aged 18 and above. Health officials urge public sanitation and stakeholders to encourage vaccination. [Full article]

Leptospirosis

• India: Chekanmari village in Jalpaiguri, West Bengal, has confirmed nine cases of leptospirosis and six cases of hepatitis A (Millennium Post, 2025). On August 11, 2025, a joint investigation was launched by the Animal Resources Development, Public Health Engineering, and Health departments to trace the source. Residents are advised to stop using tubewell water and undergo door-to-door surveys, screenings, and blood testing. [Full article]

Malaria

- **India:** In the past 40 days, Chhattisgarh's Darbha block, Bastar district, reported 100 malaria cases and one child death of the disease (ETV Bharat, 2025). Health officials are urging residents to use mosquito nets, wear protective clothing, and seek medical testing for malaria symptoms. [Full article]
- **South Korea** has recorded 401 malaria cases as of August 12, 2025, accounting for 86% of the 466 cases in the same period in 2024 (Yonhap News Agency, 2025). Gyeonggi Province,



Seoul, and Incheon all reported fewer infections compared to 2024, with the annual total projected to remain around 600. The decline is attributed to hot weather reducing mosquito habitats and intensified vector control measures in high-incidence areas. [Full article]

Pertussis

- **Japan** reported 3,599 whooping cough cases in the week ending 3 August 2025, bringing the total since January to 60,826 (NTV News Japan, 2025). While slightly below the late July peak, cases remain high nationwide. The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare urges continued vaccination and preventive measures, especially for infants. [Full article]
- The **United States (US):** The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has recorded over 550 cases of whooping cough in 2025, the highest in over 70 years (WECT News, 2025). Health officials stated that over half of current cases occurring in unvaccinated individuals. In response, they urge the public, including pregnant women, to receive pertussis vaccination to protect themselves and infants. [Full article]

West Nile

• The **United States (US):** On August 12, 2025, the Chicago Department of Public Health has confirmed its first three human cases of West Nile virus, involving patients aged 40-80 (CBS News Chicago, 2025). Residents are advised to use EPA-registered insect repellent, wear loose clothing, avoid peak mosquito feeding-times, and eliminate standing water to reduce breeding sites. [Full article]

Regional Situation

Dengue

• The **Philippines'** Department of Health reported a decrease in dengue cases from 12,166 between June 22 and July 5 to 8,171 from July 6-9, 2025 (SMNI News Channel, 2025). Despite the decline, caution against complacency, warning that dengue remains a threat in both dry and rainy conditions. [Full article]

Benguet province recorded 1,300 dengue cases from January 1 to August 9, 2025, a 74% drop from 4,803 in the same period last year, with deaths decreasing from seven to one (Philippine News Agency, 2025). The highest cases were reported in Itogon, La Trinidad, and Tublay. Health officials attribute the decline to heightened public awareness and sustained mosquito control but warn against complacency. [Full article]

Diphtheria

• Indonesia: Malang District in East Java Province has recorded 19 diphtheria cases in 2025, primarily among unimmunized children (Radar Malang, 2025). The government's vaccination campaign in August targets 125,957 primary school children across Malang Raya, including 73,194 in the district. Local authorities emphasize the importance of immunization to prevent vaccine-preventable diseases. [Full article]



Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

• The **Philippines:** As of July 12, 2025, the Bicol Department of Health has reported 23 cases of HFMD in children under five years old (Department of Health – Bicol, 2025). Health officials urge public to follow minimum public health standards, including mask-wearing, frequent handwashing, surface disinfection, and home isolation. Although mild cases are self-limiting, medical consultation is advised if symptoms persist beyond 10 days or severe signs develop.[Full article]

Leptospirosis

- The **Philippines:** A regional end-referral hospital of the Pampanga Department of Health have warned residents, especially farmers, against eating rice field rats due to a surge in leptospirosis cases following recent flooding (The Philippine Star, 2025). The cases have increased from 16 in July to 54 as of August 10, with seven fatalities reported. The hospital has also monitored 73 cases this year and advise against consumption of meat from rice field rats. [Full article]
- Leptospirosis cases have risen in Pampanga, from 16 in July to 54 as of August 10, with seven fatalities reported, according to a regional hospital of the Pampanga Department of Health (The Philippine Star, 2025). The hospital has monitored 73 cases so far this year and warns residents—especially farmers—against eating rice field rats, advising avoidance of meat from these animals amid the surge following recent floodin

Measles

• Indonesia: Malang District, East Java Province recorded 140 measles-rubella cases, primarily in children with incomplete immunization (Radar Malang, 2025). In response, vaccination campaigns are conducted in August in three regions, targeting 125,957 primary school students, including 73,194 in Malang District. Health authorities also emphasise the importance of full immunisation coverage to prevent vaccine-preventable diseases. [Full article]

Pertussis

Indonesia: Malang District in East Java Province reported 14 pertussis cases in 2025, including infants who had not received vaccines (Radar Malang, 2025). To prevent further spread, three local governments are intensifying vaccination efforts targetting 73,194 primary school students in Malang District, emphasizing the importance of timely immunization. [Full article]

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