

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

- **Indonesia:** As of the ninth week of 2026, Balikpapan Municipality in East Kalimantan Province recorded 326 dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF) cases across nearly all sub-districts (IniBalikpapan, 2026). Despite no deaths reported, health authorities have implemented prevention measures, including a dengue vaccination program targeting about 5,000 schoolchildren in high-risk areas. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Timor Leste** has reported 3,778 dengue cases and 24 deaths so far in 2026, including two deaths recorded in Baucau and Bobonaro last week (Executive Digest, 2026). Most cases have been reported in Dili, followed by Ermera, Liquiçá, and Baucau. Health authorities continue control measures, including fumigation, health education, and distribution of larvicide to prevent further outbreaks. [\[Full article\]](#)

Measles

- **Indonesia:** Health authorities in **Padang, west Sumatra Province**, have confirmed seven positive measles cases, raising concern about active virus circulation, with no deaths reported (Pt. Viva Media Baru, 2026). Health officials are urging parents to check children's immunization status and ensure MR (measles-rubella) vaccination, particularly for children aged 9–59 months. [\[Full article\]](#)

Rabies

- The **Philippines:** In Davao City, two rabies deaths involving children aged 2 and 4 from Marilog District were reported in 2026 (RMN.ph, 2026). Health officials noted that both victims were not vaccinated, emphasizing that rabies is 100% fatal but preventable through immediate vaccination after animal bites. Previous records showed three cases in 2024 and six cases in 2025 across several districts. [\[Full article\]](#)



Global Situation

Dengue

- **Taiwan (Province of China):** As of March 10, 2026, Taiwan reported 22 imported dengue cases, mainly linked to travel to Southeast Asia (Yam News, 2026). In response, Tainan City launched a dengue prevention campaign, including monitoring mosquito egg density, training 325 volunteers, and promoting community efforts to eliminate mosquito breeding sites. [[Full article](#)]

Hantavirus

- **Russia:** A resident of Volzhsk was infected with hemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome after cleaning a barn at home, likely through contact with rodents carrying hantavirus (MK-Mari, 2026). Health authorities warned that the disease is dangerous and requires hospital treatment, advising against self-treatment. [[Full article](#)]
- The **United States (US):** The New Mexico Department of Health confirmed the state's first hantavirus case of 2026 in a Santa Fe County resident who was hospitalized and later recovered (KOB 4, 2026). Authorities recommend ventilating closed spaces, disinfecting rodent nests, and maintaining clean surroundings to prevent infection. In 2025, New Mexico reported seven cases, including three deaths. [[Full article](#)]

Leptospirosis

- **Sri Lanka** reports about 1,800 cases of leptospirosis, with the highest number of cases in districts such as Ratnapura, Galle, Kegalle, Kalutara, Monaragala, and Matara (Daily Mirror, 2026). Health authorities are urging early medical attention and preventive measures, especially for people in high-risk agricultural areas. [[Full article](#)]

Mpox

- **Pakistan:** Health authorities in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa have placed all hospitals on high alert for mpox after 26 cases were detected in the past 12 months (The Express Tribune, 2026). The increase in cases, including additional detections in early 2026 and several patients without travel history, has raised concerns about possible community transmission, prompting strengthened surveillance, testing, and isolation measures. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- **Australia:** Sydney health authorities in New South Wales (NSW) have confirmed two new measles cases, including one with no known source, raising concerns about possible community transmission (Thomson, 2026). NSW Health urges residents to monitor symptoms, seek testing if symptoms develop, and ensure vaccination to prevent further spread. Since January, 26 measles cases have been reported in NSW. [[Full article](#)]



- **Japan:** In Tokyo, 27 measles cases have been reported in 2026, including 15 new cases confirmed between March 7 and 12, with no deaths reported (The Yomiuri Shimbun, 2026). The Tokyo Metropolitan Government is urging unvaccinated residents to get vaccinated and has warned of possible public exposure after an infected woman visited a job center in Shibuya Ward. [[Full article](#)]
- **Nepal:** In Dhorpatan Municipality, Baglung District, a measles outbreak has infected 18 children across four wards, marking the second outbreak in the area within six weeks, with no deaths reported (The Kathmandu Post, 2026). Health officials confirmed cases through laboratory testing, while more than 50 children have fallen ill in the past two weeks. [[Full article](#)]
- **Taiwan (Province of China):** As of March 4, 2026, Taiwan has reported four measles cases in individuals aged 1–40 years, including two domestic and two imported cases (Central News Agency (CNA), 2026). Health authorities warned that measles remains highly contagious and noted increasing cases in several Asian countries. [[Full article](#)]
- The **United States (US):** As of March 5, 2026, the United States reported 1,281 confirmed measles cases across 31 jurisdictions, with most infections linked to outbreaks and ongoing community transmission (Davidson, 2026). The largest outbreak is in South Carolina, where 993 cases have been recorded since October 2025, primarily among unvaccinated children and adolescents. Health authorities are strengthening vaccination campaigns and surveillance, warning that declining MMR coverage now around 92–93% is below the 95% level needed to prevent outbreaks. [[Full article](#)]

Florida reported 132 measles cases as of March 7, 2026, with most infections concentrated in Collier County (Pedersen, 2026). The Florida Department of Health also reported the first measles case of 2026 in Central Florida on March 6, involving a resident aged 25–29 in Osceola County. Health authorities warn that low vaccine coverage is contributing to the surge and urge residents to get vaccinated to prevent further spread. [[Full article](#)]

- **South Africa:** The City of Tshwane authorities have confirmed 16 cases of measles, including 10 reported in the past four weeks, with no deaths reported (Rekord, 2026). Nationwide, South Africa recorded 491 measles cases between December 29, 2025 and March 1, 2026. The National Institute for Communicable Diseases warned that ongoing community transmission and immunity gaps are contributing to the outbreak. [[Full article](#)]

Meningococcal Meningitis

- **Greece:** Two siblings aged 26 and 22 from the Municipality of Hersonissos, Heraklion, were hospitalized with meningococcal meningitis (Newspost, 2026). Both patients are receiving treatment in intensive care units at hospitals in Chania and Agios Nikolaos. The older sister is in critical condition while the younger is stable. The prescribed health protocol was implemented for the close environment of the two patients. [[Full article](#)]



Pertussis

- The **United States (US)**: In Wyoming, health officials have reported 26 confirmed cases of whooping cough (pertussis) in 2026, with no deaths reported (The Cowboy, 2026). About two-thirds of the cases are concentrated in Fremont County. The Wyoming Department of Health warned that the real number may be higher due to underreporting and urged residents to seek medical care if symptoms appear. [[Full article](#)]

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