

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

Leptospirosis

- **India:** Eight students at a private engineering college in Tirunelveli have been diagnosed with leptospirosis and are receiving treatment at a local hospital (News Today, 2025). An investigation indicated that contaminated water in the college hostel was the likely source. Health authorities have organized medical camps and distributed preventive medication to students and staff to prevent further transmission. The college has been temporarily closed for sanitation and disinfection, with reopening planned once safety measures are completed. [\[Full article\]](#)

Kottayam reported a 15-year-old tenth-grade student died from leptospirosis on October 11, 2025. (Asianet News, 2025). He Died while undergoing treatment at Kottayam Medical College Hospital due to fever. [\[Full article\]](#)

Melioidosis

- **Hong Kong (SAR):** The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) reported three new melioidosis cases between October 3 and 9, 2025, all in patients with underlying illnesses (Hong Kong Government, 2025). The cases involved an 81-year-old man and a 73-year-old woman from Sham Shui Po, both in stable condition, and a 44-year-old man from Tung Chung who died on October 1 due to pneumonia and sepsis. All tested positive for *Burkholderia pseudomallei*, with no epidemiological linkage. The CHP advised the public, particularly high-risk groups, to maintain personal and environmental hygiene and avoid contact with muddy water after storms to prevent infection. [\[Full article\]](#)

Mpox

- **Germany:** The State Office for Health and Social Affairs (Lageso) reported nine new mpox cases in Berlin last week, an increase compared to previous weeks (Mitteldeutsche Zeitung, 2025). The cases involved men aged 20–60 years, including five vaccinated individuals. Health authorities recommend vaccination for high-risk groups. [\[Full article\]](#)



- **Malawi:** On October 6, the Public Health Institute confirmed two new mpox cases in Lilongwe, involving two girls aged 9 and 11 years-old, identified through routine health screening (MENAFN, 2025). Both cases indicate ongoing community transmission, as there was no history of international travel. Health authorities continue surveillance and response activities to contain the spread of the disease. [[Full article](#)]
- **Spain:** The General Directorate of Public Health of the Community of Madrid confirmed the first locally transmitted mpox case of clade 1b (El Español, 2025). The case involved a 49-year-old man who is in stable condition and under home isolation. His exposure was linked to sexual contact with local residents, and contact tracing is ongoing. The infection has been confirmed through lesion samples and reported to the National Center for Microbiology and the Ministry of Health for coordination. [[Full article](#)]
- **The United States (US):** The Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) reported 100 mpox cases between July 12 and September 30, 2025, including two hospitalizations and 55 cases confirmed in September alone (WGN-TV, 2025). All infections occurred among adults aged 18–64, primarily men. In collaboration with the CDC, the CDPH continues monitoring the outbreak and conducting vaccination campaigns, urging individuals with known or suspected exposure to get vaccinated to prevent further transmission. [[Full article](#)]

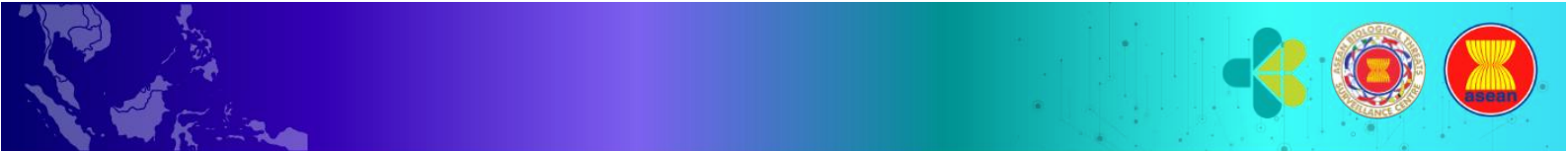
Rabies

- **India:** A 48-year-old man from Tiruvannamalai died of rabies after being bitten by a stray dog several months earlier and delaying medical care (DT Next, 2025). He was admitted to Tiruvannamalai Hospital on October 8, where tests confirmed the infection. The district has recorded 10,479 dog bite incidents and three rabies deaths so far this year. Health authorities urged residents to seek immediate medical attention after animal bites to prevent fatal outcomes. [[Full article](#)]

Regional Situation

Dengue

- **Indonesia:** Samarinda, East Kalimantan Province, has reported 554 dengue cases in 2025 as of early October, including one death in July (Kutai Raya, 2025). In response, authorities emphasized community participation in dengue prevention campaigns, maintaining personal immunity, and ensuring environmental hygiene. NS1 rapid tests have been made available at 26 health centers to support early detection. [[Full article](#)]
- **Viet Nam:** Hanoi reported 334 dengue cases from October 3–10, 2025, with no fatalities, bringing the year-to-date total to 2,901, a 30% decrease from the same period in 2024 (Thương Hiệu & Công Luận, 2025). Currently, 32 active clusters have been identified, with elevated mosquito indices. The Hanoi Center for Disease Control (CDC) continues vector control, environmental inspections, and high-risk area monitoring, urging community participation preventing the disease. [[Full article](#)]



Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- The **Philippines** reported 5,405 cases of HFMD across the MIMAROPA region so far this year as of early October, fifteen-fold higher than 321 cases in the same period in 2024 (Palawan News, 2025). Palawan accounted for nearly half of the total (2,421), followed by Oriental Mindoro (1,079), Romblon (957), Marinduque (713), and Occidental Mindoro (235). The authorities stress preventive measures, including handwashing, maintaining hygiene, consuming nutritious food, and avoiding crowded areas to reduce transmission. [Full article]

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- Indonesia:** The Parigi Moutong District Health Office (DHO) in Central Sulawesi reported 641 dog bite incidents and three rabies-related deaths as of September 2025 (Metro Sulawesi, 2025). All fatalities involved individuals who had not receive medical care or post-exposure vaccination. In response, the Provincial Health Office deployed field teams for surveillance, community education, and mass vaccination of dogs and high-risk residents. Authorities urged the public to avoid traditional treatments and seek prompt medical care after animal bites to prevent further transmission. [Full article]

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