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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

- **Africa** reported a resurgence of mpox, with over 39,840 cases in 2025, surpassing half of the total in 2024 (Xinhua, 2025). In the past week, 2,768 new cases and 13 deaths were reported, with 94% of confirmed cases in Uganda, Burundi, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Since 2024, there have been 117,678 cases and 1,700 deaths reported across 22 African countries, with the DRC accounting for 90,406 cases. [[Full article](#)]
- **Kenya** received 10,700 doses of the mpox vaccine on April 10, 2025, to combat the ongoing outbreak of the disease, which has led to 67 confirmed cases and one death since July 2024 (African News Agency, 2025). The vaccination effort is part of a broader strategy supported by Africa CDC, WHO, UNICEF, and Gavi. [[Full article](#)]

Invasive Meningococcal Disease (IMD)

- **Saudi Arabia** reported 11 cases of IMD as of March 13, 2025 to WHO, with six additional cases involving recent Umrah pilgrims reported between 11 February and 18 March 2025. Health authorities implemented screening, issued updated guidelines, and maintained electronic surveillance systems. WHO urges all prospective pilgrims to receive meningococcal vaccination at least 10 days before travel to prevent disease transmission. [[Full article](#)]

Leptospirosis

- **France:** As of the week of April 7, a total of 59 leptospirosis cases have been reported in Reunion since January 1, including 17 cases recorded in that week alone (La 1ère, 2025). The southern region being the most affected (43%), particularly in Le Tampon and Saint-Louis. The Regional Health Agency urges public vigilance due to the seasonal surge and emphasizes the need for precautionary measures during the ongoing rainy season. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- **Canada:** Alberta Province reported four new measles cases in the Central Zone on April 11, 2025, bringing this year's total to 58 cases (Red Deer Advocate, 2025). Health officials are closely monitoring the situation and conducting public exposure notifications, including alerts for potential exposure at Red Deer Regional Hospital. Authorities urge the public to ensure up-to-date measles immunization, especially for children under two, and to stay home and seek medical guidance if symptoms develop. [[Full article](#)]



- **Mongolia:** The National Center for Communicable Diseases (NCCD) confirmed 11 new measles cases on April 13, 2025, bringing the total to 506 (Xinhua News Agency, 2025). Over half of the cases were among school-age children who had received only one dose of the measles vaccine. The NCCD urged parents to ensure their children receive two doses to prevent severe illness. [\[Full article\]](#)

Regional Situation

Dengue

- The **Philippines** reported 580 dengue cases Zamboanga City from January 1 to April 5, 2025, across 98 villages, with Tetuan, Kasanyangan, Talon-Talon, and Mercedes being the most affected (SunStar Zamboanga , 2025). Two deaths of dengue cases were reported, including a three-year-old boy from Tictabon and a 40-year-old woman from La Paz. [\[Full article\]](#)

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- The **Philippines** reported 44 cases of HFMD in Iloilo City as of April 9, 2025, more than double the 20 cases recorded in 2024 (Panay News, 2025). Health authorities strengthened surveillance and response activities, with the City Health Office, barangays, and educational institutions deploying health personnel to monitor cases, promote hygiene practices, and conduct public awareness campaigns. [\[Full article\]](#)

Zamboanga City reported 210 cases of HFMD between January 1 to April 5, 2025, mainly affecting school children aged 10 and below across 15 villages (SunStar Zamboanga , 2025). Putik village had the highest number of cases, followed by Baluno, Tetuan, and Mampang. [\[Full article\]](#)

HIV/AIDS

- **Indonesia:** The Mapurujaya Health Center, Mimika District, Jaya Pura Province reported three new HIV-AIDS cases in March 2025, raising the total to 28, from 25 in 2024 (Salam Papua, 2025). Health authorities are promoting healthy living, routine health checks, and community outreach, including health education through Integrated Service Post activities, to curb the rise in cases. [\[Full article\]](#)

Measles

- **Viet Nam:** Hanoi has reported 1,665 new measles cases in 2025, including 212 new cases from April 4 to 11, 2025, predominantly in children aged 6-years and older (Đời Sống & Pháp Luật, 2025). The majority of cases were unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated. The CDC is intensifying surveillance, conducting epidemiological investigations, promoting environmental sanitation, and coordinating mass vaccination campaigns. Collaboration between health and education sectors to prevent and manage outbreaks in schools and the community. [\[Full article\]](#)



- The **Philippines** recorded 135 measles cases in Quezon City as of April 7, 2025, a 300 percent increase compared to the same period in 2024 (The Philippine Star, 2025). The majority of the cases were children under the age of 10, with about 60 percent unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated. Authorities are urging parents to get free MMR vaccines at local health centers and emphasize early consultation and avoiding close contact with symptomatic individuals to prevent further transmission. [[Full article](#)]

Rabies

- **Viet Nam:** Binh Thuan Province has reported a rabies-related death in Thanh Linh District, the third death in early 2025 (Báo Tin Tức, 2025). More than 1,000 individuals have received post-exposure prophylaxis, underscoring the critical importance of timely rabies vaccination following animal bites or scratches. Health authorities are urging the public to vaccinate pets, and increasing public awareness on rabies prevention. [[Full article](#)]

Tuberculosis

- **Indonesia:** Pacitan District Health Office (DHO), East Java Province, has reported a significant number of tuberculosis (TB) cases with 88 identified among 1,025 individuals screened, including detainees (Radar Madiun, 2025). This has raised concerns at Class IIB Detention Center in Pacitan following the death of a 26-year-old inmate on March 28, 2025 while undergoing TB treatment prior to his passing. Health authorities scheduled follow-up screening activities this month to ensure timely detection for additional cases. [[Full article](#)]

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