

# Media Monitoring for Infectious and Emerging Diseases

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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

#### Measles

- **Pakistan:** A measles outbreak was reported in Naushahro Feroze District, Sindh Province, resulting in three deaths among toddlers within a 24-hour period (PPI News Agency, 2026). The fatalities involved children aged 1–2 years. The increase in cases coincided with a severe cold wave and rising respiratory infections in Naushahro Feroze and Khairpur districts. Community representatives have appealed for urgent intervention and a strengthened public health response to prevent further child deaths. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United States (US):** On January 9, 2026, one confirmed measles case was reported in Rutherford County, North Carolina. Two child contacts were identified and placed under quarantine (WLOS, 2026). No deaths were reported. The index case had received one dose of the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine, and the source of exposure remains under investigation. Public health authorities conducted contact tracing and urged unvaccinated or partially vaccinated residents to complete measles immunization. [\[Full article\]](#)

As of January 13, 2026, **South Carolina** reported 434 confirmed measles cases linked to an outbreak in the Upstate region, including 124 cases reported between 9 and 13 January (WBTV, 2026). Approximately 409 contacts were under quarantine, and 17 cases were in isolation. A public exposure occurred at the South Carolina State Museum on 2 January. Public health authorities are conducting contact tracing and deploying mobile units to provide free MMR and influenza vaccinations in affected communities. [\[Full article\]](#)

#### Mpox

- **France:** On January 8, 2026, Mayotte reported its first confirmed imported mpox case (Le Journal de Mayotte, 2026). The patient was isolated and is receiving care at a local referral hospital. No deaths or secondary cases have been reported. There is no evidence of local transmission, and viral clade identification is pending. Public health measures include isolation, contact tracing, targeted vaccination of high-risk contacts, enhanced border surveillance, traveler advisories, and regional coordination. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Taiwan (Province in China)** reported its first locally acquired mpox case of 2026 in Taichung City on January 13, involving a man in his 30s who developed rash, fever, sore throat, and headache in late December 2025 (UDN, 2026). The infection was linked to unprotected high-

risk sexual contact. All identified contacts are under 21-day monitoring, with no symptoms reported to date. Health authorities initiated case investigation, contact tracing, public risk communication, and reinforced vaccination recommendations, with publicly funded mpox vaccination available for high-risk groups. [\[Full article\]](#)

### ***Nipah Virus Infection (NVI)***

- **India** reported two suspected NVI among healthcare workers in West Bengal on January 11–12, 2026 at a tertiary care facility in Kalyani (The Hindu, 2026). Both patients are in isolation and receiving treatment. Cases were linked to recent travel in North 24 Parganas, Nadia, and Purba Bardhaman districts, with no deaths. Authorities initiated contact tracing, public advisories, and helplines, while the central government deployed a national outbreak response team and provided technical support. [\[Full article\]](#)

### ***Poliomyelitis***

- **Pakistan** reported its 31st wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) case of 2025 on January 13, 2026, following laboratory confirmation from North Waziristan District, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Dunya News, 2026). The case involved a four-month-old girl from Union Council Spinwam-2, with symptom onset in December 2025, marking the district's fifth WPV1 case this year. Authorities noted continued virus circulation in high-risk areas despite an overall decline compared with 2024, and additional samples remain under laboratory analysis. [\[Full article\]](#)

### ***Typhoid***

- **India:** An ongoing typhoid outbreak linked to contaminated water was reported in Gandhinagar, with 218 cumulative cases to date, including six new cases in the past 24 hours (Sandesh, 2026). Forty-one patients remain hospitalized, 22 have recovered, and no deaths have been reported. Municipal authorities identified 58 water leakages and 136 failed samples among 6,066 tested. Public health measures include intensified surveillance, water chlorination, deployment of additional medical staff, and advisories to boil drinking water. [\[Full article\]](#)

### ***Zika***

- **Macau (Special Administrative Region/SAR)** reported its first imported Zika fever case of the year on January 13, 2026, involving a 53-year-old resident from Areia Preta with recent traveled abroad between December 20 and early January (Macau Post Daily, 2026). Symptoms developed after return, and laboratory testing confirmed Zika virus infection. The patient's condition is stable. Health authorities initiated mosquito surveillance and vector control measures, assessing the risk of local transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)

## **Regional Situation**

### ***Dengue***

- **Malaysia:** As of January 12, 2026, an additional 106 dengue cases were recorded. Kota Kinabalu was identified as the primary hotspot, with two active outbreak areas and nine areas under controlled outbreak status, followed by Tawau, Sandakan, Binglampang, and Papar.

Health authorities have intensified surveillance, fogging, community education, and enforcement against mosquito breeding to reduce transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)

- **Singapore** reported 4,036 dengue cases in 2025, the lowest annual total since 2018, as announced on January 13, 2026 (Heidoh, 2026). The decline was attributed to the absence of major outbreaks, a global reduction in dengue cases, and sustained vector control efforts, including Project Wolbachia. Authorities plan to expand Wolbachia mosquito releases to cover approximately 50% of households by the end of 2026, alongside continued mosquito control measures and community engagement to reduce transmission risk. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Viet Nam:** During the first week of 2026 (Januari 2-9, 2026), Hanoi reported a total of 42 dengue cases were recorded during the period, a decrease of 49 cases compared with the previous week. Health authorities strengthened surveillance at ward and commune levels, enhanced monitoring through health information systems, and intensified prevention measures. [\[Full article\]](#)

### ***Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)***

- **Viet Nam:** From January 2-9, 2026, Hanoi reported 67 HFMD cases, a decrease of two cases compared with the previous week (An Ninh Thủ Đô, 2026). No deaths were reported. Health authorities directed ward- and commune-level health stations to strengthen surveillance and case detection at health facilities, through digital reporting systems, and within communities. [\[Full article\]](#)

### ***HIV/AIDS***

- **Indonesia:** Tarakan City, North Kalimantan Province reported 99 HIV/AIDS cases in 2025, the highest in the province (RRI, 2026). Most infections occurred among men, including 30 cases among men who have sex with men. Health authorities noted challenges in case management due to loss to follow-up and are focusing on strengthening health education, reducing stigma, and improving continuity of care and treatment monitoring. [\[Full article\]](#)

### ***Malaria***

- **Indonesia:** From January 2-10, 2026, 44 new malaria cases were detected in the Sinaboi Health Center catchment area, Sinaboi Subdistrict, Rokan Hilir District, Riau Province (Riau Pos, 2026). Cases were identified through rapid diagnostic tests (RDT) and blood smears and are undergoing further verification. Local health authorities are monitoring antimalarial drug supplies, replenishing stocks as needed, and advising communities on preventive measures, particularly for high-risk groups such as fishermen and farmers. [\[Full article\]](#)

### ***Measles***

- The **Philippines:** Health authorities in Northern Mindanao plan a Measles–Rubella Supplemental Immunization Activity from January 19 to February 12, 2026, targeting nearly 500,000 children aged 6–59 months. Measles cases increased by 10%, from 371 in 2024 to 412 in 2025, with about half occurring among unvaccinated children and pneumonia as the most common complication (GMA Network, 2026). [\[Full article\]](#)

## Rabies

- **Indonesia:** On January 9, 2026, one rabies-related death was reported in Sangir Subdistrict, South Solok District, West Sumatera Province (Pos Metro Padang, 2026). The patient developed symptoms on January 7 after being bitten about five months earlier by an unvaccinated dog and did not receive post-exposure prophylaxis. Local authorities emphasized mass rabies vaccination, strengthened public education, and improved coordination for the control of owned and stray animals to prevent further cases. [\[Full article\]](#)

## Tuberculosis (TB)

- **Indonesia:** As of January 13, 2026, South Sulawesi Province was identified as one of eight provinces with the highest TB burden nationwide, prompting intensified control measures (Kompas, 2026). Makassar City recorded 9,885 TB cases and was designated a priority area for enhanced screening. National health authorities plan to deploy 20 free portable X-ray units, each screening up to 3,000 people, alongside expanded family health examinations, focusing on early detection to reduce transmission and improve timely diagnosis. [\[Full article\]](#)

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