

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*

- The **Ghana** Health Service (GHS) reports seven new cases of mpox with no deaths, bringing the total number of infections in the country to 170 as of July 6, 2025 (Graphic Online, 2025). All active cases are being managed outside healthcare facilities. The GHS emphasized continued adherence to safety protocols is being emphasized due to the disease's close contact transmission. Surveillance and response mechanisms are fully operational to manage emerging infections. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Guinea's** National Agency for Health Security (ANSS) announced that the country is grappling with seven active epidemics on July 10, 2025, with mpox identified as the most concerning (Radio Guinée, 2025). Since January, 112 confirmed mpox cases have been reported, mainly in Conakry and surrounding areas. Despite no deaths and 26 patient recoveries, ANSS has activated 15 screening points and conducted community awareness campaigns to curb the spread. Authorities emphasize the importance of early detection and public vigilance. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Kenya's** health authorities in Mombasa have confirmed 98 mpox cases and two deaths, with a 2% case fatality rate (People Daily Digital, 2025). The outbreak, part of a national emergency declared in July 2024, has resulted in 226 confirmed cases and four deaths across 21 counties. Mombasa's responses include patient isolation, surveillance, contact tracing, and community outreach. [\[Full article\]](#)

### *Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF)*

- **Spain:** On July 10, 2025, health authorities in Castile and León confirmed a case of CCHF in a 63-year-old man from Salamanca following a tick bite (Diario de León, 2025). The patient was treated at Salamanca University Healthcare Complex and later transferred to Gómez Ulla Hospital in Madrid. The regional health service is monitoring close contacts and has confirmed the diagnosis via the National Microbiology Center. Public health officials emphasize tick-bite prevention measures, including protective clothing and repellent. [\[Full article\]](#)



## *Nipah*

- **India:** Kerala reported a second suspected Nipah virus death on July 13, 2025, involving a 58-year-old man from Palakkad district (NewsDrum, 2025). The patient's sample had tested positive at Manjeri Medical College Hospital and the National Institute of Virology in Pune. Health authorities have stepped up contact tracing and surveillance in Palakkad and Malappuram districts. [[Full article](#)]

## *Rabies*

- **India:** On July 7, 2025, a four-year-old girl died in Khargone district, 20 days after being attacked by a rabid dog (The Times of India, 2025). Despite receiving three anti-rabies injections, she developed rabies symptoms and died. This year, authorities reported 1,677 dog bite cases in the district as of July 6. Control efforts have been initiated, including dog-catching campaigns and plans for a larger shelter. However, officials noted that vaccination and sterilization efforts continue to face significant challenges. [[Full article](#)]

## **Regional Situation**

### *COVID-19*

- **Thailand:** As of early July 2025, Thailand has confirmed 23 cases of the XFG variant, a recombinant sub-lineage of Omicron (The Nation Thailand, 2025). On June 25, 2025, the World Health Organization classified the XFG COVID-19 variant as a "variant under monitoring" due to its high transmissibility and immune evasion potential. The Department of Medical Sciences reports no current evidence of increased severity but notes additional mutations on the spike protein may enhance its spread. [[Full article](#)]

### *Dengue*

- The **Philippines:** Iloilo province has reported 2,680 dengue cases and 10 deaths as of July 5, 2025, a significant increase from 1,946 cases and five deaths during the same period last year (Panay News, 2025). The cases are clustering in 40 barangays, with the highest number in San Joaquin, Oton, and Dumangas. Health officials are intensifying control strategies, urging stronger community participation, and focusing on children, with over 1,500 cases among them. [[Full article](#)]
- **Viet Nam:** In the first 27 weeks of 2025, Ho Chi Minh City and surrounding areas reported 14,370 dengue cases, a 153.3% increase from the same period last year, with six deaths (DTI News, 2025). The surge is attributed to the ongoing rainy season. Health authorities are urging residents to eliminate mosquito breeding sites and seek medical care for fever symptoms. Mosquito control campaigns and chemical spraying are being intensified across the city. [[Full article](#)]



## Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- The **Philippines'** Department of Health (DOH) reported 1,363 cases of HFMD between June 1 and 14, 2025, a decrease from 1,964 in the previous two-week period (Daily Tribune, 2025). The DOH advises the public to maintain strict hygiene practices, including frequent handwashing, avoiding face touching, and disinfecting personal items. [[Full article](#)]

## Malaria

- **Indonesia:** The Batam City Health Office in Riau Islands Province reported 196 malaria cases from January to June 2025, a rise from 69 in 2024 (Antara News Kepri, 2025). The rise is attributed to imported infections from workers involved in resort construction, leading to local transmission. Health authorities have implemented vector control measures, including larviciding, fogging, environmental clean-ups, education, mosquito net distribution, and indoor residual spraying. Residents are urged to use mosquito repellents, wear protective clothing, and install mesh screens to prevent further spread. [[Full article](#)]

## Rabies

- **Malaysia:** Sarawak reported three confirmed rabies cases in animals between July 7–11, 2025, involving two stray dogs in Batu Kawah and Bintulu, and one pet dog in Batu Kawah (The Borneo Post, 2025). Authorities reminded pet owners of their legal obligation to vaccinate dogs. Mass anti-rabies vaccination campaigns will be held in Kuching on September 20 and October 4, aiming to bolster prevention and encourage public participation in free vaccination programs. [[Full article](#)]

## Zika virus

- **Thailand's** Health Region 9 reported seven Zika virus cases between January 7 and July 5, 2025, across Nakhon Ratchasima (2), Buriram (2), Chaiyaphum (2), and Surin (1), with no reported deaths (Naewna, 2025). The most affected age group was children aged 5-9 years. Health officials emphasize mosquito control measures, especially for pregnant women, to prevent fetal complications. The public is advised to use repellents, eliminate breeding sites, and avoid self-medication with NSAIDs. [[Full article](#)]

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