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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

- **Germany:** Berlin has reported 74 mpox cases in 2025, surpassing the 67 cases recorded in all of 2024 (t-online, 2025). All cases involve men, with 55 linked to sexual contact. Of the 66 patients with known vaccine status, 30 received at least one dose of the vaccine. Vaccinations are available at HIV-focused clinics, from general practitioners, and at designated centers such as Checkpoint BLN and the Center for Sexual Health. Authorities promote free vaccination access for uninsured individuals. [[Full article](#)]
- **Sierra Leone** has reported 2,045 mpox cases and 11 fatalities as of mid-May 2025 (TRT Afrika, 2025). On May 11, 2025, 165 new cases were reported. Four treatment centers were established in Freetown in February, and the disease has seen a significant spike in May, particularly in urban and rural areas of the western region. In response, the Ministry of Health requested 100,000 vaccine doses from India. [[Full article](#)]

Chikungunya

- **France** reported over 47,500 chikungunya cases and 12 deaths in La Réunion and Mayotte as of May 4, 2025, a significant outbreak (WHO, 2025). In response, both islands have activated the level 3 of the *Organisation de la Réponse de Sécurité Civile* (ORSEC) arboviruses plan, with La Réunion escalating to Level 4 due to ongoing high transmission. Public health measures include enhanced vector control, vaccination efforts, hospital surge capacity, and public awareness campaigns. The WHO has been supporting these efforts through technical assistance and clinical training. [[Full article](#)]

Dengue

- **India:** Kerala reported 321 dengue cases in the past two weeks, a threefold increase from last year's summer season (Kerala Kaumudi, 2025). The Health Department confirmed two related deaths in Thiruvananthapuram and noted that 1,300 individuals are currently under treatment. The surge coincides with the monsoon, which accelerates mosquito breeding in stagnant water inside homes. Authorities warn that without effective pre-monsoon cleaning, the risk of dengue and other vector-borne diseases will continue to rise. [[Full article](#)]



Measles

- The **United States (US)**: Texas has reported 717 measles cases as of May 13, 2025, including 405 in Gaines County, marking one of the largest outbreaks in the US since the disease was declared eradicated (Reuters, 2025). Meanwhile, New Mexico has reported 71 cases, primarily in Lea County, adjacent to Gaines County in Texas.. [\[Full article\]](#)

MERS-CoV

- **Saudi Arabia**: The Ministry of Health (MoH) of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) reported nine MERS-CoV cases, including two deaths between March 1 and April 21, 2025 (WHO, 2025). A cluster of seven cases occurred in Riyadh, involving six healthcare workers infected while caring for one patient. Four of the healthcare workers were asymptomatic. Authorities implemented infection prevention and control (IPC) measures, conducted rigorous contact tracing and surveillance, and launched public awareness campaigns. The overall global and regional risk remains moderate, and the WHO recommends continued targeted IPC efforts to prevent healthcare-associated transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)

Pertussis

- The **United States (US)**: California recorded 590 pertussis cases as of April 26, 2025, a 35% increase from April 2024 and signaling a return to pre-pandemic levels, according to CDC data (The Sacramento Bee, 2025). Health experts attribute the rise to the relaxation of preventive measures adopted during COVID-19. California is identified as a national hotspot. [\[Full article\]](#)

Regional Situation

COVID-19

- **Singapore** estimated 14,200 new COVID-19 cases from April 27 to May 3, 2025, an increase from 11,100 the previous week (The Straits Times, 2025). Of those, 133 cases were hospitalized. The Ministry of Health anticipates periodic COVID-19 waves due to the endemic nature of the disease. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Thailand** reported 16,607 new COVID-19 cases and six deaths between May 4 and 10, 2025, a rise from the previous week (Bangkok Post, 2025). Although symptoms are mild, health experts warn of increased transmission due to fast-spreading subvariants. Despite the high number of cases, no quarantine is mandated. Vaccine procurement has decreased due to immune tolerance, which limits the vaccines' effectiveness against newer strains. [\[Full article\]](#)

Dengue

- **Indonesia**: Tulungagung District, East Java Province reported 328 dengue fever cases including four deaths between January and May 2025, a notable decline since February (Tribunnews Surabaya, 2025). The peak was in January with 144 cases and three fatalities, to one case in May. Despite this, officials urged public awareness and mosquito nest eradication efforts. [\[Full article\]](#)



Malang City, East Java Province reported 389 dengue cases as of May 2025, with 3 deaths (Jatim Times, 2025). Health authorities emphasized early intervention, prevention measures, and community campaigns. Public awareness of early symptoms and mosquito repellents are being emphasized. [[Full article](#)]

- **Malaysia:** Johor reported a decline in dengue cases to 147 during epidemiological week 19 (May 3–9, 2025), down from 171 the previous week, bringing the total cases this year to 2,446, with four deaths (The Star, 2025). Johor Baru recorded the highest case count, while some districts like Kulai and Muar showed slight increases. Authorities issued over 2,500 compound notices totaling RM1.25 million this year to reinforce dengue prevention measures. [[Full article](#)]
- **Viet Nam:** Dong Nai Province has reported over 2,300 dengue cases since early 2025, three times higher than 2024 (Nguyễn Tuấn, 2025). Of these cases, Bien Hoa City recorded the most, followed by the districts of Long Thanh, Nhon Trach, and Trang Bom. The surge is attributed to early unseasonal rains, poor sanitation, and insufficient public awareness. In response, local CDC teams are intensifying outbreak monitoring, chemical spraying, community communication, and vaccination promotion. Authorities urge residents to eliminate mosquito breeding sites, use protective measures, and seek medical care. [[Full article](#)]

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- **Malaysia** reported 99,601 cases of HFMD as of May 2025 with no deaths reported, a 266% increase from the same period in 2024 (Free Malaysia Today, 2025). Selangor reported the highest cases followed by Johor, Perak, Kelantan, Kuala Lumpur, and Putrajaya. In response, authorities have intensified control measures by inspecting 38,285 premises including childcare centres, kindergartens, nurseries, and homes and ordering the closure of 1,140 sites under the Infectious Diseases Act. The Health Ministry urges strict hygiene practices to limit transmission. [[Full article](#)]

Johor reported a significant increase in HFMD cases in 2025, with a total of 13,415 cases (The Star, 2025). In Epidemiological Week 19 (May 3–9), the number of cases rose by 16.4% from the previous week, with children under six made up the majority. Additionally, 86 HFMD clusters were reported, including in kindergartens and childcare centers. Authorities emphasized the importance of high hygiene standards and immediate reporting of cases in educational institutions. [[Full article](#)]

Sabah reported 6,919 cases of HFMD from January to May 10, 2025 (Sabah Media, 2025). Despite the increase in cases, Sabah Health Department assured that the situation is under control. [[Full article](#)]

- **Viet Nam:** Hanoi reported 204 HFMD cases between May 2 and 9, 2025, a decrease of 109 from the previous week (Đại Đoàn Kết, 2025). This brings the cumulative cases to 2,023, with 35 hotspots, including two active in Nam Tu Liem and Thanh Xuan. The Hanoi CDC is urging closer coordination between health and education sectors to monitor, prevent, and manage the situation. [[Full article](#)]



Measles

- **Viet Nam:** The Hanoi Center for Disease Control (HCDC) reported 189 measles cases in 28 districts from May 2 to May 9, 2025, bringing the total to 2,454 cases and 1 death in 2025, a rise compared to the same period last year (Đại Đoàn Kết, 2025). The Hanoi CDC recommends strengthening coordination between the health and education sectors in monitoring, preventing, and handling cases of measles in schools and coordinating the implementation of vaccination in schools. [[Full article](#)]

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