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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**

- **Malawi** has reported five new mpox cases within six days, bringing the total to 68 cases, mostly in Lilongwe, Blantyre, and Mangochi districts (The Nation, 2025). Of the patients, 41 were males and 27 females. Of those, 51 have recovered, while 14 remain under care. Health authorities have intensified case finding, contact tracing, and monitoring, and are urging preventive measures, including avoiding close contact, sharing personal items, and frequent handwashing. [Full article]
- **Spain** has reported over 8,800 confirmed cases of mpox since the 2022 global outbreak, with 85 in Aragón region (Heraldo de Aragón, 2025). The incidence peaked in 2022 with 74 cases, followed by five in 2023, none in 2024, and six so far in 2025. Most cases were men (97.7%) aged 30 to 49. The Aragonese Health Service has administered 568 vaccine doses since 2022, with 94 in 2025. Despite declining numbers, health authorities have reinforced surveillance to detect and respond to ongoing cases. [Full article]

## Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

 The United States (US) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported over 200,000 annual cases of HFMD, with infections peaking during summer, particularly in day care centres and camps (KNOE News, 2025). The illness causes rashes, oral ulcers, fever, and can lead to dehydration due to pain while eating or drinking. Health officials recommend frequent handwashing, avoiding face-touching, disinfecting surfaces, and limiting contact with infected individuals. [Full article]

#### Lassa Fever

• **Nigeria** has confirmed 836 cases of Lassa fever and 156 deaths as of 3 August 2025, corresponding to a case fatality rate of 18.7% (Daily Post, 2025). Most infections had been recorded in Ondo, Bauchi, Edo, Taraba, and Ebonyi States, with the majority among individuals aged 21-30 years. In response, the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (NCDC) has deployed ten rapid response teams, expanded training for healthcare workers, and intensified public health awareness campaigns across the affected regions. [Full article]



# Leptospirosis

- **China:** The Second Affiliated Hospital of Guangzhou Medical University confirmed two leptospirosis patients, a 56-year-old man and a 13-year-old boy, highlighting contact with contaminated water during summer leisure activities (China News, 2025). Authorities recommend using protective gear, maintaining environmental hygiene, and seeking medical attention for fever and muscle pain [Full article]
- Taiwan (Province of China): Taiwan's Centers for Disease Control has reported five new local leptospirosis cases in the past week, bringing this year's total to 24 (Radio Taiwan Internasional, 2025). The recent surge is linked to heavy rains from Typhoon Yangliu affecting central, southern, and eastern regions. Health authorities recommend wearing waterproof gloves, boots, and masks, boiling drinking water, and maintaining good home and environmental hygiene to reduce the risk of infection. [Full article]

# Malaria

- **France:** Mayotte has reported 12 locally acquired malaria cases so far in 2025, 10 of which occurred in July (Le Monde, 2025). Public Health France warns that the rise in imported cases increases the risk of local transmission, urging vigilance due to an ongoing outbreak in the Comoros. In total, 66 cases have been reported in the Indian Ocean archipelago with 26 hospitalizations, five intensive care admissions, and no deaths. [Full article]
- India: As of mid-August 2025, Ludhiana district has reported 32 malaria cases, closely approaching the 34 recorded in all of 2024 (The Times of India, 2025). Of these cases, 21 were from urban and 11 from rural areas and nearly half of the cases involved migrant workers. In response, authorities have deployed around 325 surveillance teams and 100 breeding inspectors, with intensified vector control through neighborhood spraying and public education on malaria prevention. [Full article]

#### Measles

- **Mongolia** confirmed 13,284 measles cases as of August 12, 2025, with 47 hospitalized, 24 under home care, and 10 fatalities (Asia News Network, 2025). The highest cases are among children aged 10-14 years (5,013 cases), followed by those aged 0–4 years (2,994) and 5–9 years (1,712). In response, health authorities traced 96,710 close contacts and urge the public to complete the two-dose vaccination schedule to prevent further transmission. [Full article]
- **South Korea:** Jinju City has issued a warning about the risk of measles transmission in group living settings, amid 65 cases reported so far this year, a 1.4 times higher than 2024 (OhmyNews, 2025). In response, authorities advise vigilance for symptoms like fever, rash, cough, and runny nose for measles and prolonged cough for pertussis. All cases reported were linked to overseas or imported sources. [Full article]
- The **United States (US):** As of August 13, 2025, New Mexico has reported 100 measles cases following three new infections among unvaccinated individuals (New Mexico Department of Health, 2025). In response, the New Mexico Department of Health is urging continued vaccination, heightened public awareness of symptoms, and early medical consultation to help shorten the outbreak and prevent further spread. Since early February, 48,620 residents have received the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. [Full article]



#### Melioidosis

Taiwan (Province of China): The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) announced five new local
melioidosis cases with one death from August 5 to 12, raising this year's total to 40 cases and
three deaths (Radio Taiwan Internasional, 2025). In response, the CDC urged the public to take
special precautions when cleaning up their homes, such as wearing waterproof gloves and
boots to avoid contact with sewage and mud, wearing masks, and boiling water before
drinking. [Full article]

### Pertussis

- **Japan** has reported 60,826 pertussis cases as of August 3, 2025, three times higher from reported in 2019 (Yomiuri Shimbun, 2025). Health experts warn that the spread may persist, especially among children lacking immunity, and urge strict hand hygiene to curb transmission. [Full article]
- **New Zealand** reported 58 pertussis cases in the week ending 1 August 2025, up from 32 the previous week, bringing this year's total to 1,730 (ReliefWeb, 2025). Since the epidemic began on 19 October 2024, a total of 2,757 confirmed, probable, or suspected cases have been recorded, including 241 hospitalizations (9.1%) and one death. Among 228 infected infants under one year of age, nearly half (49.1%) required hospitalization. [Full article]

#### **Rabies**

• India: Karnataka has reported 286,000 dog bites and 26 suspected rabies deaths between January and August 2025, according to the State Surveillance Unit (India Today, 2025). From August 4 to 10, the surveillance unit recorded 5,652 dog bite cases with no rabies-related deaths occurred. Health authorities are conducting surveillance, public awareness campaigns, and promoting vaccination and responsible pet ownership to curb rabies spread. The Supreme Court of India has ordered stray dog control measures. [Full article]

# **Regional Situation**

## **Dengue**

- Indonesia's Ministry of Health reported 95,018 dengue cases and 398 deaths as of July 28, 2025, reflecting a case fatality rate of 0.42% (Validnews, 2025). Most cases were concentrated in Java, Bali, and Jakarta with the highest deaths recorded in East Java (84), West Java (83), Central Java (53), and Riau and Lampung (21). Authorities attribute most deaths to delayed treatment and urge the public to recognize early symptoms and seek medical care, as dengue remains endemic year-round in Indonesia. [Full article]
- **Vietnam:** As of 3 August 2025, Southern Viet Nam has reported over 44,400 dengue cases and 11 related deaths, double the total recorded in 2024 (Asia News Network, 2025). The severe case rate stands at 2.3%, with a low fatality rate of 0.027% in adults and 0.021% in children. The DENV-2 serotype remains the predominant strain. [Full article]



# Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

• **Vietnam's** Southern Region has reported 36,141 cases of HFMD and 11 related deaths as of August 3, 2025, a 31.7% increase compared to the same period last year (Asia News Network, 2025). Health authorities warn that HFMD cases are expected to rise further with the start of the upcoming school year. [Full article]

# Leptospirosis

- **Indonesia's** Ministry of Health reported a rise in leptospirosis-related deaths between January and June 2025, with the highest in Central Java (73) and Banten (10) (Tribunnews, 2025). Most of deaths are attributed to delayed diagnosis and treatment. Public health advice includes wearing outdoor shoes, avoiding stagnant water, maintaining cleanliness, and seeking immediate medical care if symptoms occur in high-risk environments. [Full article]
- The **Philippines:** Central Visayas has reported 141 leptospirosis cases as of August 5, 2025, surpassing the 89 cases reported in all of 2024 (The Manila Times, 2025). The Department of Health attributes to heavy rains and flooding, particularly in urban areas like Cebu City and Mandaue. Most infections are linked to wading through contaminated floodwaters, with males being the majority. No deaths have been reported this year. Health authorities urge early diagnosis and antibiotic treatment to prevent severe complications. [Full article]

#### Malaria

• **Indonesia:** Yogyakarta Municipality, Yogyakarta Province recorded 39 malaria cases as of August 12, 2025, all imported from endemic regions (Radar Jogja, 2025). The city, declared malaria-free since 2014, is enhancing vigilance to prevent local transmission. Authorities are intensified control measures, including insect repellent use, environmental clean-up, and healthy living practices. Residents with malaria-like symptoms are urged to seek medical attention after travel to endemic areas. [Full article]

#### Measles

• **Indonesia:** Sumenep District in East Java Province has reported 1,534 measles cases across 30 community health centers and four referral hospitals, four deaths have been recorded, mainly among unvaccinated children aged one to four years (Kompas, 2025). In response, the health office has intensified prevention measures through the immunization campaign, established in each sub-district, and regular monitoring of immunization coverage in high-risk areas. [Full article]

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