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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

Dengue

• Taiwan (Province of China): On December 11, 2025, Tainan City confirmed an imported dengue case in a man in his 30s from Yongkang District (Central News Agency, 2025). The patient had traveled to the Maldives from December 4–10 and developed fever and myalgia on December 9. He sought medical care immediately upon return, and no community exposure was identified. Health authorities implemented case management, vector control, and environmental inspections to prevent local transmission. [Full article]

Leptospirosis

• India: From January 1 to December 5, 2025, Kerala confirmed 3,259 leptospirosis cases and 209 deaths. Thiruvananthapuram recorded the highest number of cases (583), followed by Ernakulam (492) and Thrissur (340) (Metro Vaartha, 2025). In response, the National Centre for Disease Control implemented a prevention and control program for leptospirosis, focusing on strengthened surveillance, early diagnosis, and timely treatment to reduce morbidity and mortality. [Full article]

Marburg Virus Disease (MVD)

• **Ethiophia:** On December 13, 2025, Ethiopia reported one additional death from MVD, with no new confirmed cases identified (Outbreak News Today, 2025). Cumulative totals in the country's first Marburg outbreak, declared in late November, reached 14 confirmed cases, nine deaths (CFR=64%), four recoveries, and one patient under treatment, with 39 samples under investigation. The Ministry of Health, supported by WHO and CDC, continues contact tracing, laboratory testing, and infection prevention and control measures. [Full article]

Measles

• **France** reported 868 measles cases since January 2025, a resurgence following minimal transmission during 2020–2023 (Notiulti, 2025). Among reported cases, 35% were hospitalized and 14% developed complications. Four deaths were recorded, all in immunocompromised individuals. Transmission was reported in 72 departments, with high incidence in Aude. Health authorities emphasized strengthened surveillance, improved vaccination coverage, and post-exposure prophylaxis to limit further spread. [Full article]



• The **United States (US):** South Carolina reported 15 new measles cases in the Upstate region, increasing the statewide's total to 129 cases in 2025 (FOX Carolina, 2025). Most newly identified infections were linked to household exposure, with one neighborhood-associated case and one case under investigation. Public health authorities reported 303 individuals in quarantine and 13 in isolation, with exposures identified in two schools. [Full article]

Regional Situation

Dengue

- Indonesia: Ogan Komering Ulu (OKU) District, South Sumatra Province, reported 25 new dengue cases in November 2025, increasing the cumulative total to 161 cases from January–November 2025 with no deaths reported (ANTARA News Megapolitan, 2025). Cases occurred across all age groups, with several patients requiring hospitalization. Health authorities strengthened community-based prevention and distributed fogging equipment to all local health centers to reduce vector density and limit further transmission. [Full article]
- The **Philippines:** The Quezon City Epidemiology and Surveillance Division reported 10,740 dengue cases in the city from January 1 to December 11, 2025. A total of 46 dengue-related deaths were recorded during this period (Outbreak News Today, 2025). [Full article]

Leptospirosis

• The **Philippines:** Central Visayas reported 744 leptospirosis cases from November 1 to December 10, 2025, following widespread flooding caused by Typhoon Tino (Inquirer.net, 2025). Most patients presented with fever, chills, headache, and conjunctival redness after exposure to floodwater. As of the reporting date, 715 patients had recovered, and no deaths were recorded. The Department of Health (DOH) urged early medical consultation for symptomatic individuals, confirmed hospital readiness, and ensured adequate supplies of doxycycline for treatment and post-exposure prophylaxis. [Full article]

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