

# ASEAN Biological Threats Surveillance Centre

## 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

### *Mpox*

- **Taiwan (Province of China):** The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) announced four new mpox cases on July 15, 2025, including three local and one imported case (Radio Taiwan International, 2025). All infections, involved unvaccinated men in their 30s, belong to Clade IIb. In response, the CDC continues its vaccination campaign, urging at-risk populations to complete two doses for optimal protection and reinforcing public advisories on symptom awareness and prompt medical consultation. The CDC warns of a seasonal increase in transmission, with 473 confirmed cases since 2022. [[Full article](#)]

### *Malaria*

- **South Korea** has reported 240 malaria cases as of July 2025, causing health authorities to issue warnings for Paju City, Goyang City, and Yeoncheon County (UDN, 2025). Malaria transmission typically peaks between July and September due to heatwave conditions favoring mosquito activity. The CDC advises travelers to endemic areas, especially near the North Korean border, to adopt strict mosquito prevention measures and consult travel clinics for possible prophylactic medication. [[Full article](#)]

### *Melioidosis*

- **Australia:** As of mid-July 2025, Queensland has reported 237 cases of melioidosis, including 35 deaths (ABC News Australia, 2025). Over half of the cases are concentrated in Cairns and Hinterland, followed by Townsville with a recent new case and a death occurred in the Cairns and Hinterland region last week. Queensland health authorities are monitoring the situation. [[Full article](#)]

### *Pertussis*

- **Japan's** National Institute of Infectious Diseases reported 3,578 new whooping cough cases between June 30 and July 6, bringing the cumulative total for 2025 to 43,728 (Sankei, 2025). This marks the third consecutive week of record-breaking numbers since 2018. The infection, particularly prevalent among children aged 10 and under, is spreading rapidly in schools. [[Full article](#)]



## **Rabies**

- **Switzerland:** The Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) advised travellers to avoid contact with dogs, cats, monkeys, and bats and seek immediate medical care following the death of a female Swiss tourist in Morocco due to rabies (Basler Zeitung, 2025). [[Full article](#)]

## **Regional Situation**

### **Dengue**

- **Indonesia** has reported 82,975 dengue cases and 375 deaths as of July 7, 2025 (CNBC Indonesia, 2025). Over 60% of deaths occurred in children aged 14 and under due to delayed medical care and low public awareness of early symptoms. The Ministry of Health warns of continued transmission despite unpredictable weather during the dry season. Authorities urge mass mosquito-nest eradication through weekly larval monitoring to prevent further transmission and fatalities. [[Full article](#)]
- **Viet Nam:** Hanoi reported 34 dengue cases across 16 communes and wards from July 4-11, 2025, an increase of 13 cases from the previous week (VietnamPlus, 2025). Since 2025, the city has reported 365 cases with no deaths, a decline from 1,166 during the same period in 2024. Four active hotspots have been identified in Tay Ho, Phu Xuyen, and Song Mon. The Hanoi Center for Disease Control (CDC) is intensifying epidemiological surveillance, monitoring affected areas, enforcing quarantine at Noi Bai International Airport, and promoting public awareness to prevent further spread. [[Full article](#)]

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

- The **Philippines** has reported 917 cases of HFMD in Iloilo Province between January 1 and July 5, 2025, a 190% increase from 316 cases during the same period in 2024 (Panay News, 2025). The majority occurred in children aged one to nine years, with the highest numbers in Carles, Barotac Nuevo, and Concepcion. In response, the Provincial Health Office has intensified monitoring and issued public health advisories, urging parents to practice strict hygiene, and keep symptomatic children at home. [[Full article](#)]
- **Viet Nam:** From January to June 2025, a total of 700 cases of HFMD were reported in 45 communes and wards in the former Binh Thuan area of Lam Dong Province, an 80.4% increase from the same period in 2024 (VOV, 2025). A significant spike occurred in May and June, with 470 cases accounting for 67.1% of the total. Laboratory analysis identified Coxsackievirus A6 as the predominant strain, with Enterovirus A71 emerging. The Department of Infectious Disease Prevention and Control has warned of seasonal increases and is monitoring virus circulation to inform control strategies. [[Full article](#)]



## Leptospirosis

- **Indonesia:** As of the second week of July 2025, Yogyakarta Province has reported 282 cases of leptospirosis, resulting in 24 deaths (Republika, 2025). Bantul District had the highest number of cases, followed by Sleman, Kulon Progo, Yogyakarta City, and Gunungkidul. Health authorities attribute transmission to poor environmental sanitation and high-risk activities, especially in urban waste management and rural agriculture. In response, the Provincial Health Office emphasized early detection, cross-sector collaboration, protective measures, and public awareness to prevent delayed treatment and reduce mortality. [[Full article](#)]

## Rabies

- **Viet Nam:** On July 14, 2025, the Dak Lak Provincial Center for Disease Control confirmed the sixth suspected rabies-related death in the province this year, involving a 13-year-old child in Ea Khāl commune (Tuổi Trẻ, 2025). The child developed classic rabies symptoms, including hydrophobia and aerophobia, after being bitten by multiple dogs. The child did not receive anti-rabies vaccines and passed away on July 12. Authorities have launched an epidemiological investigation, coordinated control measures, and increased public education on rabies prevention. [[Full article](#)]

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