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Global Situation

COVID-19

- **Bangladesh** Health Department confirmed 26 new COVID-19 cases from 291 samples tested on June 14 to 15, raising the total death toll to 29,503 since the pandemic began (BSS News, 2025). Despite this, 20,019,410 individuals were recovered from the virus. Authorities continue monitoring and responding as new infections persist. [Full article]
- India recorded 10 new deaths of COVID-19 on June 15, the highest single-day toll in 2025, bringing the total death count since January to 97 (Patrika, 2025). Active cases have risen to 7,383, with Kerala, Gujarat, and West Bengal reporting the highest burdens. The Health Ministry confirmed four new variants, including LF.7, XFG, JN.1, and NB.1.8.1, but none are severe. In response, states are enforcing COVID-19 protocols, ensuring hospital preparedness, and mandating mask use in healthcare settings. [Full article]

Dengue

• **Bangladesh** is experiencing a year-round increase in dengue fever cases, with the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) reporting 169 new cases and one death on June 15, 2025 (Outbreak News Today, 2025). Dengue has spread to 58 districts, with Barisal, Chattogram, and Dhaka South City Corporation among the most affected areas. As of June, the country has recorded 1,394 cases, contributing to a total of 5,739 cases and 29 deaths in 2025. Health authorities warn of a continued rise in infections and urge hospitals to prepare for increased patient admissions. [Full article]

Measles

• **Canada:** Alberta is facing its most severe measles outbreak in five decades, with 879 confirmed cases from March to June 13, 2025 (The Economic Times, 2025). The outbreak primarily affects unvaccinated individuals, children under five, and school-age children. Seventy-five patients have required hospitalization, with 12 admitted to intensive care. Exposure advisories are in effect across urban and rural areas, with health authorities warning of undetected cases and urging vaccination amid low immunization rates. [Full article]





• **Germany:** Health authorities in Freyung-Grafenau, Bavaria reported a measles outbreak on June 4, 2025, linked to an international festival held in early May in Jandelsbrunn/Zielberg (ECDC, 2025). A total of 18 confirmed cases have been identified, including six in Germany and 12 in Czechia, Italy, Poland, and the United Kingdom. In response, authorities have initiated outbreak investigations, issued public advisories, and recommended post-exposure vaccination within 72 hours for unvaccinated individuals, with school-based contact tracing confirming vaccination. [Full article]

Pertussis

• **Russia** registered 15 new cases of pertussis in Dagestan since January 2025, prompting calls for 95% vaccination coverage (Pronedra, 2025). In 2024, there were 32,000 cases reported, involving children and linked to unvaccinated individuals. This increase is linked to reduced immunization rates, post-COVID disruptions, and unvaccinated foreign arrivals. [Full article]

Regional Situation

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• The **Philippines:** The City Health Office of Bacolod confirmed its first mpox case on June 15, 2025, authorities are enhancing border controls at Bredco Port and Bacolod-Silay Airport (Manila Bulletin, 2025). The patient is stable and receiving medical care. Officials urge the public to remain calm, follow health protocols, avoid stigma, and avoid spreading misinformation as the city intensifies preventive measures. [Full article]

Aurora province reported 17 mpox cases as of June 14, 2025, according to the Provincial Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (PESU) (Daily Tribune, 2025). This includes two confirmed cases and 15 suspected cases, with nine active cases. Authorities emphasize the disease's communicable nature and urge the public to follow safety measures and maintain proper hygiene. [Full article]

COVID-19

• **Singapore:** As of mid-June 2025, COVID-19 wave is easing, with weekly cases dropping to 15,300 from 26,400 in April (Yahoo News Singapore, 2025). Daily hospitalizations have decreased to 118, down from 174, and ICU cases remain low at two to three per day. The Ministry of Health attributed this to the healthcare system's resilience and decreased wastewater surveillance readings. Authorities are closely monitoring the situation for potential new variants and future waves. [Full article]

Avian Influenza (H5N1)

• **Cambodia's** Ministry of Health confirmed one case of avian influenza A(H5N1) on June 12, 2025 in a 65-year-old woman from Takeo Province (CDC Cambodia, 2025). The patient tested positive for avian influenza A(H5N1) and presenting fever, cough, fatigue, vomiting, and breathing difficulties. In response, national and local authorities initiated case investigations, distributed medicines to close contacts, and launched health education campaigns to prevent further spread, despite no poultry exposure reports in the area. [Full article]



Dengue

Indonesia: Boyolali District, Central Java Province reported 287 dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF) cases from January to June 15, 2025, including two cases of dengue shock syndrome (DSS) and three related deaths (Harian Jogja, 2025). The highest number was in January, but a decline was observed. Health authorities attributed the decrease to milder weather and increased community awareness. Health authorities also emphasized the need for mosquito breeding site elimination and public hygiene campaigns. [Full article]

Karangasem District, Bali Province reported a dengue fever surge in mid-2025, with 1,151 confirmed cases, compared with 1,078 cases recorded in the same period 2024 (Bali Post, 2025). The ten most affected villages, including Subagan and Karangasem, and Bunutan are focusing on vector control efforts. Authorities have launched comprehensive responses across 78 villages, including mosquito-habitat elimination campaigns, larvicide distribution, and promoting the public education initiative and a household-level larvae monitoring scheme. The multilevel strategy includes community mobilization, fogging, public awareness, and health funding. [Full article]

• Viet Nam reported 22,974 dengue cases and five deaths as of mid-2025 across Binh Duong, Binh Thuan, Ho Chi Minh City, Khanh Hoa, and Ninh Thuan (Tiền Phong, 2025). Health officials warn of rising risks due to overlapping surges of dengue, hand, foot and mouth disease, and COVID-19. In response, authorities are focusing on early detection, sustainable vector control, vaccination, and strengthening health systems to achieve WHO's goal of zero dengue deaths by 2030. Experts emphasize public awareness to prevent severe complications from delayed treatment. [Full article]

Leptospirosis

• The **Philippines** reported 223 leptospirosis cases in the Caraga Region from January to May 2025, with Surigao del Sur having the highest number at 76 cases, followed by Agusan del Sur (45) and Surigao del Norte (38) (Outbreak News Today, 2025). This is an alarming increase from the previous year, with 407% in Surigao del Sur, 125% in Agusan del Sur, and 680% in Surigao del Norte. Health officials urge residents, especially in flood-prone areas, to remain vigilant. [Full article]

Bacolod City Health Office reported two more probable leptospirosis deaths on June 15, 2025, bringing the total to five fatalities in 2025 (Digicast Negros, 2025). The cases involved a 43-year-old male from Barangays 21 and a 57- year-old female from Handumanan, both with floodwater wading history. Bacolod recorded 10 leptospirosis cases so far in 2025, a 25% increase from 2024. Health authorities emphasize the dangers of leptospirosis, a potentially fatal bacterial infection. [Full article]

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