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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

Human Metapneumovirus (hMPV)

- **Pakistan:** Two cases of human metapneumovirus (hMPV) have been reported in Wah Cantt, with both patients recovering from mild symptoms and no deaths recorded (Jang News, 2025). Federal health authorities confirmed the cases through testing at the National Institute of Health, Islamabad, and emphasized that there is no major outbreak in the region. Preventive measures, including precautions against colds, are advised to limit the virus's spread. [[Full article](#)]

Malaria

- **Australia:** A malaria case in Lakeland has been confirmed by the Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service (TCHHS), but the patient was acquired overseas (Cape York Weekly, 2025). Acting public health medical officer stated that malaria is treatable and there is no cause for community alarm, as it is a mosquito-borne disease. Individuals exhibit any of high fever, headache, backache, nausea, vomiting, and muscle and joint pains are advised to seek advice and support from a healthcare professional. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- **Austria** has reported 18 confirmed measles cases, including four in Styria, with the number expected to rise in the coming weeks (ORF.at, 2025). Health experts warn of the high infection risk, as one measles patient can infect up to 18 unvaccinated individuals, especially in schools and crowded areas. Authorities are urging parents to check children's vaccination records, and older individuals are advised to undergo blood tests to confirm immunity. [[Full article](#)]

Pertussis

- **New Zealand:** A recent infant death from whooping cough in New Zealand has emphasized the need for vaccination, particularly for pregnant women and vulnerable infants (SunLive, 2025). The ongoing epidemic has led to 1,232 reported cases and 101 hospitalizations since October 2024. Experts emphasize the critical importance of immunization for at-risk groups, particularly babies under 6 weeks old. The vaccine is available free of charge to pregnant women and is best given from 16 weeks of pregnancy, and a free booster is available for adults aged 45 and over. [[Full article](#)]



Regional Situation

Dengue

- **Indonesia:** Dengue fever cases in North Lampung District, Lampung Province, have reached 176, health office is urged to take swift action (Sunaryo & Nofitra, 2025). The Regent urged all stakeholders to work together to control transmission by cleaning the environment and controlling mosquito larvae. [[Full article](#)]
- **Philippines:** Dengue cases in Bacolod City increased by 355.9% from January to December 2024, according to the City Health Office (Pedrosa, 2025). The city recorded 2,617 cases and seven deaths in 2024, with Barangay Taculing having the highest number of cases. Other affected areas included Barangays Estefania, Bata, Villamonte, Tangub, Alijis, Mandalagan, and Cabug. [[Full article](#)]
- **Viet Nam:** The Hanoi Center for Disease Control (CDC) recorded 67 cases of dengue fever in 23 districts last week, an increase of 12 cases compared to the previous week (Tur, 2025). As of January 16, the city has recorded 9.288 cases of dengue fever, a decrease of 77% compared to 2023. [[Full article](#)]

Tuberculosis

- **Indonesia:** The Aceh Health Office, Aceh Province, recorded a total of 12,656 cases of tuberculosis in 2024, and various efforts have been made to prevent, detect and treat cases in the region (Safria, 2025). Head of Disease Prevention and Control emphasized the importance of screening in health centres, hospitals and at-risk populations. The Health Office is also working to improve access to TB diagnostic services and ensure drug logistics at health facilities. [[Full article](#)]

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