

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.

Regional Situation

Avian Influenza

- **Cambodia's** Ministry of Health reported a 45-year-old woman from Banteay Meanchey Province was confirmed with H5N1 avian influenza on March 15, 2026, the country's second human case this year (Xinhua, 2026). She had direct contact with sick and dead poultry before symptom onset. Authorities are investigating the source and monitoring contacts. The first case, reported in mid-February, has recovered. [[Full article](#)]

Dengue

- **Malaysia:** During epi-week 10 of 2026, Terengganu reported seven dengue cases: five in Kuala Terengganu, one in Hulu Terengganu, and one in Besut (abatan Kesihatan Negeri Terengganu, 2026). Cumulative cases reached 44, down from 49 during the same period in 2025. Authorities emphasize early medical care, elimination of Aedes breeding sites, and public awareness to reduce transmission and prevent severe outcomes. [[Full article](#)]

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- The **Philippines:** From January 1 to March 12, 2026, Quezon City recorded 58 cases of HFMD, with children aged six and below accounting for 72% (42 cases), and District 2 reporting the highest number with 16 cases (Quezon City Epidemiology & Surveillance Division, 2026). Health authorities emphasize that HFMD is highly contagious and urge strict hand hygiene, including washing hands after toilet use, before and after meals, after coughing or sneezing, and after outdoor play, to help protect children and prevent further spread. [[Full article](#)]

Leptospirosis

- The **Philippines:** From January 1 to March 12, 2026, Quezon City recorded 29 leptospirosis cases, with four associated deaths (Quezon City Epidemiology & Surveillance Division, 2026). This prompted health officials to urge the public to avoid contact with floodwaters, use protective gear such as boots and gloves, maintain clean surroundings to deter rodents, and seek immediate medical care for preventive doxycycline after accidental exposure. [[Full article](#)]



Measles

- **Indonesia:** As of March 2026, Pati District, East Java Province has confirmed six measles cases; most patients are children under 10 years old, and investigations found that many had not received measles immunization (Kompas.com, 2026). Health authorities urge early medical consultation for suspected symptoms and emphasize MR/MMR vaccination to reduce transmission risk. [\[Full article\]](#)

As of March 2026, **Makassar Municipality**, South Sulawesi Province, reported 187 suspected measles cases, including two laboratory-confirmed (Media Indonesia, 2026). Children aged 6 months to 5 years, particularly those without complete immunization, are most affected. Authorities have strengthened surveillance and prepared Outbreak Response Immunization (ORI) while emphasizing routine MR vaccination and public education. [\[Full article\]](#)

Between January and February 2026, **Madiun Municipality**, East Java Province, reported 13 measles cases, nearly half of 27 cases reported throughout 2025 (Antara Jatim, 2026). Most patients were children; many incompletely immunized. The Health Office is promoting catch-up vaccination for infants aged 9–19 months, aiming for 97% coverage. Authorities urge early medical consultation, reinforce hygiene practices, and emphasize MR/MMR vaccination to prevent severe complications. [\[Full article\]](#)

- The **Philippines:** As of March 13, 2026, Quezon City reported 100 measles cases, mostly in children under 10 years; no deaths were recorded (Tribune, 2026). District 2 had the highest concentration (47 cases), while Barangay Tatalon, Batasan Hills, and Holy Spirit reported 16, 13, and 10 cases, respectively. Authorities are conducting intensified surveillance, outbreak response immunization, and health education, supported by the national “Ligtas Tigdas” vaccination campaign. [\[Full article\]](#)

Global Situation

Dengue

- **Bangladesh:** The Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) reported 24 new dengue cases within 24 hours, ending 8 am on March 15, bringing the total to 1,654 cases and four deaths this year (BSS, 2026). The new cases were reported across Dhaka, Barishal, Chattogram, and Rajshahi divisions. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Hong Kong (SAR):** From March 6 to 12, 2026, the Centre for Health Protection confirmed one imported dengue fever case in a traveler returning from aboard (HKCD, 2026). This brings the total to 10 dengue cases recorded in Hong Kong this year, all imported. Authorities warn that rising temperatures and humidity favor mosquito breeding and urge residents and travelers to adopt preventive measures. [\[Full article\]](#)



Hantavirus

- The **United States (US)**: On March 12, 2026, the New Mexico Department of Health reported the state's first hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (HPS) case of the year in a Santa Fe County resident, who was hospitalized and has recovered (New Mexico Health, 2026). Authorities urge preventive measures during spring cleaning, including ventilation, disinfection, rodent control, and vigilance for early symptoms. In 2025, New Mexico recorded seven cases, with three of them fatal. [\[Full article\]](#)

Leptospirosis

- **France**: As of 13 March 2026, Santé Publique France reported 75 leptospirosis cases and one death in since January, with most cases in the south (39 cases) and east (26 cases) (Imaz Press, 2026). Authorities emphasize personal protection, environmental hygiene, and vaccination for high-risk groups, with free campaigns continuing in 2026. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Mauritius**: As of March 13, 2026, health authorities reported 12 leptospirosis cases, including three deaths (Defimedia.info, 2026). A multisectoral meeting emphasized the outbreak's seriousness and the need for coordinated response. Authorities urge residents, gardeners, and the private sector to adopt preventive practices and avoid indiscriminate waste disposal to reduce transmission risk. [\[Full article\]](#)

Measles

- **Australia**: As of March 13, 2026, New South Wales (NSW) confirmed 27 measles cases and 84 exposure sites, with the latest case acquired locally in Sydney (Yahoo News Australia, 2026). Health authorities warn of likely community transmission, partly linked to overseas travel, and urge vigilance for symptoms. NSW Health has launched vaccination awareness campaigns and continues to promote timely immunization, early testing, and treatment. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Canada**: As of early March 2026, Durham Region, Ontario, reported two new measles cases in unvaccinated children (InSauga, 2026). This brings the total to five cases, including three in one household. Durham Health is conducting contact tracing and urges residents to verify MMR vaccination, monitor for symptoms, and follow isolation and reporting protocols to prevent further transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Nepal**: As of March 15, 2026, a measles outbreak has been reported in Dhorpatan Municipality, Baglung District, with 104 suspected cases, including seven confirmed cases (The Himalayan Times, 2026). Health authorities have intensified response measures, including active case search, risk communication, treatment, and a vaccination campaign targeting individuals aged 10–19 years. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Russia**: As of mid-March 2026, Tyumen Region reported 10 confirmed measles cases. Authorities attribute the spread to high transmissibility, particularly among unvaccinated individuals (Tumen Daily, 2026). Sanitary services are conducting door-to-door checks, distributing vaccines, and reinforcing hygiene measures. Public health officials emphasize mandatory immunization and accurate information dissemination to address vaccine refusal and reduce epidemic risk. [\[Full article\]](#)



- **Spain** is seeing a renewed measles risk in early 2026, prompting health authorities to reinforce surveillance and immunization (El Mundo, 2026). In 2026, a total of 227 cases has been reported so far, of which 86 have been confirmed. Experts warn that pockets of under-vaccinated populations continue to pose a risk for wider outbreaks, underscoring the need to maintain high vaccination uptake to prevent sustained spread. [[Full article](#)]
- The **United Kingdom (UK)**: As of mid-March 2026, measles outbreaks were reported in Enfield, north London (80 cases), Haringey (15 cases), and Birmingham (43 cases) (RIA Novosti, 2026). Nationally, 235 cases have been recorded since January, with 71% in children under 10 years. Authorities have deployed temporary vaccination sites, provided information to parents, and continue urging immunization to prevent further spread. [[Full article](#)]
- The **United States (US)**: On March 13, 2026, DeKalb County, Illinois, reported its first confirmed measles case of the year (WGN TV, 2026). Potential exposure sites included a Walmart and a post office. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has recorded 1,362 measles cases nationwide in 31 jurisdictions in 2026. Authorities are conducting contact tracing, urging residents to verify MMR vaccination, and advising vigilance for symptoms. [[Full article](#)]

Meningococcal Meningitis

- The **United Kingdom (UK)**: As of mid-March 2026, the University of Kent reported 13 cases of invasive meningococcal disease, a combination of meningitis and septicaemia among students, including two deaths and 11 hospitalizations (The Guardian, 2026). The United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has provided antibiotics to students and is tracing contacts to prevent further spread. [[Full article](#)]

Mpox

- The **United States (US)**: On March 13, 2026, the New York City (NYC) Health Department confirmed a clade I mpox case in a traveler returning from Europe, the first in NYC and twelfth nationally (NYC Health, 2026). The patient is recovering under isolation, with no evidence of community spread. Authorities emphasize vigilance, testing, and JYNNEOS vaccination, noting that clade I may be more severe than clade II. [[Full article](#)]

Rabies

- **India**: On March 13, 2026, Mirzapur District, Uttar Pradesh, reported a rabies case in a 14-year-old boy who developed severe symptoms four months after a dog bite (LatestLY, 2026). He has not received timely post-exposure prophylaxis and is receiving treatment. Authorities advise immediate wound washing and prompt anti-rabies vaccination after animal bites to prevent fatal outcomes. [[Full article](#)]

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