



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

Anthrax

- **Afghanistan** reported three human anthrax cases on October 4, 2025, in Rustaq district, Takhar province, involving a woman, a man, and a child who consumed meat from a contaminated sheep (RSOE-EDIS, 2025). At least one death has been reported, with additional suspected cases in the Kokcha region. Limited public awareness and poor veterinary oversight have hindered control efforts. Residents have urged local authorities to take urgent preventive measures. [\[Full article\]](#)

Chikungunya

- **China:** Between October 5–11, 2025, Dongguan City reported 37 new mild chikungunya fever cases across multiple towns and streets, with no deaths reported (News0769, 2025). Local authorities have intensified vector control, breeding site elimination, surveillance, and public education. Officials warn of increased transmission risks for both chikungunya and dengue and urge public participation in prevention measures, as October marks the peak activity period for *Aedes albopictus*. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Hong Kong (SAR):** On October 15, 2025, the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) confirmed two new imported chikungunya cases, involving a 28-year-old and a 47-year-old male resided in Kowloon City who had recently traveled to Guangdong Province, China (Government of Hong Kong, 2025). Both patients are in stable condition and were admitted to hospitals with mosquito-free isolation arrangements. This brings Hong Kong's total chikungunya cases in 2025 to 35, all imported. Household contacts of the patients are under medical surveillance. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United States (US):** The New York Department of Health confirmed the state's first locally acquired chikungunya case in Nassau County, involving a patient who developed illness in late August without recent travel history (CBS News2025). This marks the first locally transmitted case reported in the US since 2019. Health officials advised residents to continue taking preventive measures against mosquito bites. [\[Full article\]](#)



Malaria

- **India:** On October 15, 2025, a 7-year-old boy from Manoharpur, reportedly died from suspected malaria after five days of illness (Live Hindustan, 2025). The child received treatment from a private practitioner but died while being transported to the Community Health Center. Laboratory confirmation was pending at the time of reporting, and no formal investigation had yet been initiated by local health authorities. [[Full article](#)]

Mpox

- **Hong Kong (SAR):** On October 15, 2025, the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) reported a confirmed mpox case, involving a 41-year-old male with recent travel to Taiwan. The patient is in a stable condition and isolation at the hospital (Government of Hong Kong, 2025). This brings the total number of mpox cases in Hong Kong since 2022 to 80, including 12 in 2025. Health authorities conducted epidemiological investigations and urged high-risk groups to receive vaccinations, promote hygiene, early symptom reporting, and safe sexual practices. [[Full article](#)]
- The **United States (US):** Long Beach health officials confirmed the city's first case of clade I mpox, marking the seventh known case in the US and the first without recent international travel (LB Post2025). The patient was hospitalized and isolated at home. Authorities are investigating the source and tracing of close contacts, while public health alerts urge awareness of symptoms and early medical consultation. [[Full article](#)]

Tuberculosis (TB)

- **France:** Since June 2025, five TB cases have been reported in Nîmes (Gard), including two contagious imported cases (France 3 Régions, 2025). The cluster was first detected by a foreign student, prompting mass and targeted screening at the Emmanuel d'Alzon Institute. Around 980 students and staff are undergoing screening through chest X-rays and symptom questionnaires. Health authorities have deployed a mobile radiology unit and emphasized early detection, treatment adherence, and ongoing surveillance to prevent further transmission. [[Full article](#)]

Regional Situation

Avian Influenza

- **Cambodia's** Ministry of Health confirmed one case of avian influenza A(H5N1) on September 15, 2025, in a 3-year-old girl from Svay Parset District, Kampong Speu Province (CDC Cambodia, 2025). The patient experienced fever, diarrhea, cough, and abdominal pain, and is receiving intensive treatment. Poultry deaths were reported in the area prior to illness onset. In response, national and local authorities have initiated case investigations, distributed medicines to close contacts, and launched health education campaigns to prevent further spread. [[Full article](#)]



COVID-19

- **Indonesia:** As of mid-October 2025, the Ministry of Health reported a rise in respiratory infections, including influenza, pneumonia, and COVID-19 (CNBC Indonesia 2025). During the 40th epi-week, 425 confirmed cases of COVID-19 with no new deaths were recorded. Pneumonia cases were highest in West Java (104,614), Central Java (82,874), and East Java (73,211). Additionally, influenza positivity reached 38% in epidemiological week 38, dominated by Influenza A (H3). Health authorities emphasize hygiene practices, vaccination, and continued surveillance to prevent further spread. [[Full article](#)]

Dengue

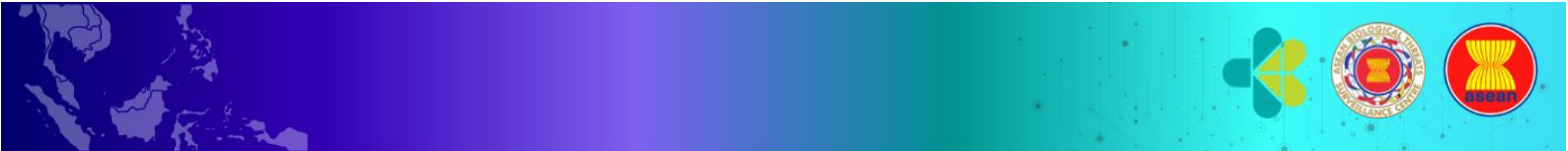
- **Indonesia:** Kulonprogo District in Yogyakarta Province reported 1,524 dengue cases so far this year as of early October, including 267 dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF) or dengue shock syndrome (DSS) cases, with three associated deaths (Harian Jogja 2025). Health authorities have conducted 11 fogging operations and issued circulars to strengthen mosquito control through the mosquito nets eradication program. Residents are urged to remain vigilant following a cluster of 12 cases in a hamlet, with surveillance and community education efforts ongoing. [[Full article](#)]
- **Viet Nam:** By epidemiological week 41 of 2025, Thanh Hoa Province reported 187 suspected dengue hemorrhagic fever cases, a 1.1-fold increase compared to the same period in 2024 (Thanh Tra, 2025). Cases were detected across 86 communes, with no severe cases or deaths recorded. Health authorities conducted epidemiological and entomological surveillance, identified high Breteau Index (BI) areas, and implemented vector control measures including insecticide spraying and environmental sanitation. Continued technical support and training have been requested to enhance outbreak response capacity. [[Full article](#)]

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- **Viet Nam:** Vinh Long Province reported 2,158 HFMD cases in the first nine months of 2025, a 11.6% increase compared to the same period in 2024 (Doanh Nghiệp & Cuộc Sống 2025). A sharp rise was recorded between September 16 and 30, with 287 cases and five school-based outbreaks. Authorities have strengthened surveillance and school disinfection measures, enhanced outbreak response capacity in health facilities, and intensified public communication to reduce transmission. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- **Indonesia:** As of mid-October 2025, Malang Municipality, East Java Province, had confirmed five cases of measles in children (RRI, 2025). In response, local health authorities launched the simultaneous supplemental immunization program from October 6–18, targeting 2,600 children aged 9 months to 7 years. Follow-up actions are planned to reach children who missed vaccinations. [[Full article](#)]



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