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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

Ebola

• **Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC):** As of September 14, 2025, the Ministry of Health confirmed 20 new Ebola virus disease (EVD) cases in Bulape Health Zone, with nine deaths among 37 reported cases (Outbreak News Today, 2025). This brings the cumulative total to 65 cases (25 confirmed) and 24 deaths. A rapid response team has been deployed to investigate and contain the outbreak. [Full article]

Mpox

• **Japan:** On September 16, 2025, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare and Kobe City confirmed the country's first case of mpox Clade Ib in a woman in her 20s who developed rash and fever after returning from Africa (NHK, 2025). Currently, the patient is in stable condition. Authorities stressed the availability of testing, treatment, and vaccination systems, urging the public to follow infection control measures and seek medical care if symptoms arise. As of September 12, Japan has reported 255 mpox cases, including one death. [Full article]

Poliomyelitis

Pakistan: The Regional Reference Laboratory for Polio Eradication confirmed two new cases of
poliovirus in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, bringing the total to 26 cases in 2025 (Geo News, 2025). The
cases involved a 19-month-old girl from North Waziristan and an 11-month-old girl from Lakki
Marwat. Environmental surveillance in August detected poliovirus in 51 out of 126 samples,
emphasizing the need for sustained immunization activities. [Full article]

Rabies

• **India:** A 47-year-old man in Chennai died of probable rabies encephalitis at Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital on September 13, 2025, after being bitten by a stray dog in July, despite receiving post-exposure vaccination (The New Indian Express, 2025). He was the 22nd rabies fatality reported in the state this year. In response, the Greater Chennai Corporation announced plans for an anti-rabies vaccination drive for dogs in the affected area. [Full article]



West Nile Virus (WNV)

• **Canada:** On September 16, 2025, Grand Erie Public Health confirmed a case of WNV in Brant County, the first reported since 2020 (CTV News, 2025). Tu curb further transmission, health authorities advised residents to take precautions against mosquito exposure. [Full article]

On September 15, 2025, **Ontario** reported five human cases of HNW in Halton Region, marking the first reported cases in the region this year (CTV News, 2025). One case was also confirmed in Huron Perth, marking the region's first locally acquired case of 2025. Health officials urged residents to use insect repellent, wear protective clothing, and take other precautions against mosquito bites, especially at dawn and dusk. [Full article]

Regional Situation

Dengue

• Indonesia: The Batang Hari District Health Office, Jambi Province, reported 94 dengue cases between January and August 2025, with most infections occurring among individuals aged 15–44 years. The cases were distributed across eight sub-districts, with the highest numbers reported in areas served by Muara Bulian, Muara Tembesi, Jembatan Mas, and Mersam health centers. Authorities are promoting preventive measures through the "3M Plus" program to reduce mosquito breeding and transmission risk. [Full article]

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

• **Cambodia:** On September 16, 2025, the Ministry of Health announced an increase in HFMD cases, primarily among children under five years of age (Cambodia CDC, 2025). Authorities advised parents and caregivers to practice strict hygiene, keep sick children at home, avoid crowded places, and seek early medical consultation to prevent complications. The Ministry continues to provide updates via official channels and reminds the public of its toll-free emergency hotline for further information. [Full article]

Measles

• **Indonesia:** Health authorities In West Jakarta, Jakarta Province have confirmed 38 measles cases in Kapuk and Cengkareng. Parents are urged to ensure their children receive measles vaccines and adopt healthy living behaviors, prompting intensified measures including additional immunization and monitoring of close contacts. Enhanced surveillance and specimen testing are underway in Kapuk, with other areas awaiting confirmation. [Full article]

The **Malang City** Health Office in East Java Province confirmed nine measles cases from 146 suspected cases since August 2025 (Antara News Jatim, 2025). In response, epidemiological investigation was conducted to assess immunization status, and follow-up vaccinations were provided. Preventive measures, including community education and immunization campaigns, are ongoing in affected areas. [Full article]



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