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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

Mpox

- The **Ghana** Health Service (GHS) has confirmed 37 new mpox cases, raising the national total to 409 as of August 14, 2025, with two patients currently hospitalized (3News, 2025). Health authorities are monitoring the outbreak, conducting contact tracing, and intensifying public education campaigns. Preventive measures include handwashing, avoiding close contact with symptomatic individuals, and wearing masks. [[Full article](#)]

Anthrax

- **Kazakhstan** confirmed seven anthrax cases in July 2025; five in the Akmola Region, one in Karaganda Region, and one in Shymkent linked to an outbreak in Turkestan Region (Tengrinews, 2025). In response, health authorities continue to monitor outbreaks across affected regions. [[Full article](#)]

Dengue

- **Pakistan:** The Rawalpindi Division has recorded 311 confirmed dengue cases so far in 2025 with 15 patients currently hospitalized (MM News, 2025). In response, health officials have intensified control measures. Meanwhile, schools would reopen after a shortened summer break, coinciding with the peak dengue season. [[Full article](#)]

Pertussis

- **Japan:** Fukushima reported 48 new cases of pertussis between August 4 and 10, a 33% decrease from the previous week (NTV Japan, 2025). Since the beginning of the year, 873 cases have been confirmed, the highest number recorded under the current surveillance system. Health authorities continue to call for vigilance as the outbreak persists. Officials urged residents to use the emergency consultation hotline for guidance during the holiday period. [[Full article](#)]



Regional Situation

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- The **Philippines:** The Iloilo Provincial Health Office reported 1,685 cases of HFMD as of August 9, 2025, a 383% increase from the same period last year (Manila Times, 2025). Most cases are affecting children aged one to five years, with some severe cases in infants under one year old. Health officials recommend frequent handwashing, proper hygiene, and avoiding school attendance for symptomatic children to contain the spread. Parents should seek medical consultation if symptoms worsen or persist beyond 10 days. [[Full article](#)]

Leptospirosis

- The **Philippines** Department of Health (DOH) reported a decline in leptospirosis cases, with 10 cases recorded daily from 10 to 14 August compared to nearly 200 per day the previous week (Tribune Philippines, 2025). Since the onset of the rainy season in June, a total of 3,752 cases has been recorded nationwide. To strengthen the response, the DoH expanded its leptospirosis fast lanes from 27 to 49 facilities, ensuring faster diagnosis, treatment, and medical care for affected patients. Health authorities emphasized continued vigilance due to flooding-related risks. [[Full article](#)]

Manila has reported 137 leptospirosis cases as of August 15, 2025, a slight decrease from 141 cases in the previous week (Philstar, 2025). Manila has reported 137 leptospirosis cases as of August 15, 2025, a slight decrease from 141 cases in the previous week (Philstar, 2025). Of these, 52 were confirmed, and 29 died. Health authorities are advising floodwater-exposed residents to seek treatment and take prophylactic antibiotics, while also advising community cleanliness to reduce infection risk. [[Full article](#)]

Malaria

- **Indonesia:** Yogyakarta City's Health Office reported 39 malaria cases from January to August 2025, all identified as imported (Kompas, 2025). Cases involved residents infected in endemic areas such as military or police personnel returning from duty, and students from endemic regions. Preventive messaging includes maintaining malaria-free status, educating the public on symptoms, and promoting preventive efforts. [[Full article](#)]

Rabies

- **Indonesia:** As of August 2025, East Nusa Tenggara has recorded 16,999 animal bite cases, resulting in 20 deaths (Media Indonesia, 2025). In response, the provincial government ordered district heads and mayors to confine pet dogs from September to October 2025 to prevent further transmission. Local governments were also instructed to ensure sufficient vaccine supplies. Residents were urged to stay vigilant, seek immediate medical care after dog bites, and vaccinate their pets. [[Full article](#)]



- The **Philippines** recorded 211 rabies cases from January 1 to August 2, 2025, a 21% decrease from 266 cases in the same period last year (Manila Bulletin, 2025). More than half of the infections (57%) were linked to animals with unknown vaccination status, including both pets and strays. Health authorities stressed that rabies remains fatal and urged responsible pet ownership, mass vaccination, and prompt wound care. They reiterated that rabies is preventable through timely post-exposure prophylaxis and vaccination of domestic animals. [[Full article](#)]

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