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Global Situation

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• The **Ghana** Health Service (GHS) confirmed six new cases of mpox, bringing the total to 91 (Ghana News Agency, 2025). Two patients were hospitalized, and no deaths have been reported. Surveillance is ongoing across all 16 regions, and social behavioral change campaigns are being implemented to curb transmission. Authorities are urging handwashing, mask use, and public vigilance, while coordinating with the Ghana Education Service and media. [Full article]

Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF)

• **Russia:** As of June 16, the Volgograd region has reported two cases of CCHF and five cases of tick-borne borreliosis (Bloknot-Volgograd, 2025). The region has recorded 120 tick bite consultations in the past week. Authorities are advising vigilance during the peak season for tick activity and reminding residents that ticks live in grass and bushes. Health officials urge individuals to test any removed ticks and to seek medical care if they experience symptoms within 14 days of being bitten. [Full article]

Lassa Fever

 Nigeria: The Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) has confirmed 11 new cases of Lassa fever, so far this year, a total of 143 deaths have been recorded (Guardian Nigeria, 2025). The current case fatality rate is 18.9%, up from 17.8% in 2024. To manage the outbreak, the NCDC has activated a multi-partner Incident Management System, including enhanced surveillance, clinician training, and integration of risk communication into public health strategies. [Full article]

Measles

• **Canada:** Alberta has seen a surge in measles cases, with 53 more confirmed over the weekend, bringing the province's total to 932 (Global News, 2025). Over two-thirds of the cases have been detected in Alberta's south health region, including Taber, Medicine Hat, and Lethbridge. The provincial case count, including 697 cases in children under 18, is the highest in over 40 years. Four people are currently hospitalized with the virus. [Full article]



Regional Situation

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• The **Philippines:** Tarlac Governor confirmed a case of mpox, the first detected in the province (Politiko Central Luzon, 2025). The Department of Health (DOH) conducted contact tracing to prevent further transmission. Local government units are collaborating closely to contain the situation, and public health officials advise maintaining hygiene, wearing masks, avoiding contact with rashes or wounds, and seeking immediate consultation. [Full article]

The **Sarangani** Provincial Health Office confirmed mpox cases in three women in Alabel, 21 suspected cases are under investigation, and 19 samples were collected (GMA Regional TV, 2025). Authorities have initiated contact tracing and emphasized the importance of hygiene, early testing, and avoiding skin-to-skin contact. Face masks are no longer required, but public vigilance is advised. [Full article]

The Municipality of **Sogod, Province of Southern Leyte** confirmed an active mpox case in the town (GMA Regional TV, 2025). The mayor urged the public not to panic but to cooperate with local healthcare workers. A task force was immediately created to manage the spread. [Full article]

COVID-19

- Indonesia: As of the 24th week of 2025, Indonesia has reported 179 COVID-19 cases, based on 10,057 specimens tested (*KOMPAS.com*, 2025). The figure includes laboratory reports and sentinel surveillance from ILI (Influenza-Like Illness) and SARI (Severe Acute Respiratory Infections) sites. As of week 23, sentinel sites recorded 75 positive cases from 2,352 tested specimens. [Full article]
- **Myanmar:** The Ministry of Health detected 52 new cases of COVID-19 from 2,285 samples tested from June 8 to 15, 2025 (Ministry of Health Myanmar, 2025). Although there were no new casualties, the ministry emphasized the importance of maintaining personal hygiene and prioritizing vaccines for high-risk groups. [Full article]
- **Thailand** reported 76,161 new COVID-19 cases from June 8-14, 2025, bringing the national total to 476,584 cases since January 2025 (The Nation Thailand, 2025). Among these, 72,166 were hospitalized, and 3,995 were treated as outpatients. Forty new COVID-related deaths were recorded, raising the cumulative death toll to 154. The provinces with the highest case numbers are Bangkok, Chonburi, and Nakhon Ratchasima. [Full article]

Dengue

• Indonesia reported 56,269 dengue fever cases and 250 deaths in 123 districts as of May 16, 2025 (CNN Indonesia, 2025). Health experts urge comprehensive prevention efforts, including vaccination, especially for high-risk groups like children. National strategies focus on vector control campaigns and household-level larvae monitoring, alongside vaccination initiatives, aiming to achieve the global target of zero dengue deaths by 2030. Last year, 257,455 cases and 1,461 fatalities were recorded, marking the highest mortality since 2016. [Full article]

- Malaysia: Johor reported 159 dengue cases in epidemiological week 24 of 2025, up from 120 the previous week, with Johor Baru accounting for 73% of cases (The Star, 2025). Although weekly numbers increased, cumulative cases this year declined significantly to 3,157 compared to 7,577 during the same period in 2024. Authorities identified 46 locality cases and issued 3,263 notices, with 68% of offenders settling fines. [Full article]
- The Philippines' Department of Health (DOH) reported a 12% decrease in dengue cases over ten consecutive weeks as of June 17, 2025, with 5,900 cases recorded from May 4 to 17, compared to the previous fortnight (Manilla Bulletin, 2025). Despite this, the DOH warns that dengue infections may rise during the rainy season and emphasizes vector control through campaigns to eliminate mosquito breeding sites. Dengue Serotype 3 remains the most prevalent strain, accounting for 33% of cases. Authorities urge the public to maintain preventive measures and seek early medical care, while the Philippine Medical Association has called for expedited approval of an advanced dengue vaccine. [Full article]

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- **Malaysia:** In epidemiological week 24, Johor reported 591 new HFMD cases, a 4.6% increase from the previous week, bringing the total to 18,750 in 2025 (The Star, 2025). Children under six are the most affected group, accounting for 78.4% of cases. No new clusters were reported. So far, 101 clusters have occurred across various childcare facilities and one residential area. Authorities have issued precautionary notices and urged parents and childcare operators to reinforce preventive measures. [Full article]
- The Philippines reported 680 HFMD cases in Cordillera region from January 1 to May 31, 2025, a 175% increase compared to the same period last year (Philippine Information Agency, 2025). All six provinces, including Baguio City, experienced higher cases, with clusters in Apayao and Mountain Province affecting children aged one month old. In anticipation of the rainy season, the DOH emphasized preventive measures, including strict hygiene practices, dengue campaign, and community efforts to eliminate mosquito breeding sites. [Full article]

Malaria

• **Myanmar:** From May to June, 11 cases of malaria requiring hospitalization were treated in Wae Zinn, with some patients concurrently infected with dengue (Burma News International, 2025). Surge of cases have been reported in the Ye Chaung Phayar region and the Ye Phyu and Kya-in Seikgyi townships. The Mon National Health Committee (MNHC) continues to operate hospitals and is implementing prevention and treatment programs against dengue and malaria. [Full article]

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