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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

Dengue

- **Hong Kong (SAR)** reported one imported dengue case on January 15, 2026, detected during the incubation period after overseas exposure, bringing the total to three imported cases in 2026 (ON.CC, 2026). No locally acquired cases were reported. Regional transmission remained elevated in parts of Asia. Health authorities advised traveler vigilance and maintained enhanced surveillance to support early detection and prevent local transmission. [[Full article](#)]

Hantavirus

- **Russia:** From January 1–12, 2026, two cases of hemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome (HFRS) were reported in the Mari El Republic (MK-Mari, 2026). One case involved a Yoshkar-Ola resident infected in December during gardening, and the second case occurred in a Morkinsky District resident, reportedly infected at home. Authorities issued reminders on rodent control, environmental sanitation, hygiene, and personal protective measures to reduce HFRS risk. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- **Kazakhstan** reported 370 measles cases in the first weeks of 2026, with the highest burden in Zhambyl Region (Tengrinews, 2026). Approximately 85% of affected children were unvaccinated. In response, health authorities initiated additional unscheduled immunization activities targeting infants aged 9–10 months and children and adolescents aged 2–18 years to address immunity gaps and restore herd immunity. [[Full article](#)]
- The **United States (US):** On January 16, 2026, South Carolina reported nearly 250 new measles cases in the preceding week, bringing the cumulative total to 558 confirmed cases since October 2025 (Star Advertiser, 2026). At least 531 contacts were placed under quarantine, and 85 symptomatic individuals were isolated. Travel-associated cases were identified in North Carolina, Ohio, and Washington State. Authorities emphasized vaccination, isolation, and quarantine to prevent further transmission. [[Full article](#)]

Utah reported 210 confirmed measles cases in January 16, including 151 cases in southwest Utah (ABC4, 2026). The outbreak was epidemiologically linked to northern Arizona, which has reported 223 cases. Exposure events were identified in schools, churches, and other public



venues. Public health authorities implemented case isolation, contact quarantine and notification, and intensified vaccination efforts to restore herd immunity and limit further spread. [\[Full article\]](#)

Melioidosis

- **Hong Kong (SAR)** reported one case of melioidosis from January 9-15, 2026. The patient, a 58-year-old man from Kwai Tsing District with underlying conditions, is in critical condition in an intensive care unit (DimSum Daily, 2026). The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) advised enhanced personal and environmental hygiene and continues investigations to identify the source of infection. [\[Full article\]](#)

Regional Situation

Dengue

- **Indonesia:** From January 2-13, 2026, East Nusa Tenggara Province reported nine pediatric dengue hospitalizations. Patients originated from seven villages, and several remain hospitalized. An additional three cases were reported from Ile Boleng and Lewolema Public Health Centers. Authorities implemented case management, issued community alerts, conducted fogging, distributed larvicide, and reinforced 3M Plus mosquito control to limit further transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Malaysia:** Selangor reported a 61% decrease from 2024 to 2025 (The Star Malaysia, 2026). Authorities attributed the decline to coordinated multi-agency efforts and community participation. Public health measures include integrated vector management, expanded Wolbachia Aedes releases, community interventions, and increased funding to sustain dengue prevention and control. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **Philippines:** Negros Occidental reported a 22.9% decrease from 2024 to 2025 (Visayan Daily Star, 2026). Children aged 1–10 years accounted for most cases. All 31 local government units reported dengue activity, with Bago City recording the highest case count and Isabela City the highest deaths. Authorities advised sustained vector control, personal protection, and prompt healthcare seeking. [\[Full article\]](#)

Quezon City reported 218 dengue cases from January 1-15, 2026. Individuals aged ≤ 20 years the most affected age group accounted for 44 cases (Radyo Pilipinas, 2026). District 2 recorded the highest burden with 25 cases (40%). Number of cases were 71% lower than the same period in 2025. Local disease surveillance officers are conducting active case investigations and field monitoring in affected barangays to prevent further transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- The **Philippines:** Quezon City reported 17 HFMD cases from January 1-15, 2026, including 10 in children aged three years and below. District 2 reported the highest number of cases (seven), followed by District 6 (four) (Abante, 2026). Authorities advised enhanced hygiene practices, including regular handwashing, and urged parents and caregivers to seek prompt medical care for symptomatic children to prevent further transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)



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