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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

Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

The United States (US): On September 15, 2025, two cases of HFMD were confirmed at an educational institution in Oakland County, with no deaths reported (CBS News Detroit, 2025).
 In response, the school district-initiated sanitation measures, coordinated with local health authorities, and advised parents to keep symptomatic students at home for three to five days to prevent further transmission. [Full article]

Pennsylvania reported five cases of HFMD on September 15, 2025, at an elementary school in Monessen City, no deaths were reported (WTAE, 2025). In response, education authorities disinfected classrooms, common areas, restrooms, high-touch surfaces, and school buses, Parents are advised to remain vigilant and consult healthcare providers if symptoms appear. [Full article]

Мрох

- **Kenya:** Murang'a County health authorities confirmed a new mpox case, currently managed in isolation at a local public health facility, bringing the county's total to five cases (The Star Kenya, 2025). Eighteen samples were submitted to the National Public Health Laboratories, with one result pending. Contact tracing identified six individuals, five of whom remain under follow-up without symptoms. Authorities advised strict infection prevention and control measures and urged the public to maintain hand hygiene and avoid close contact with suspected cases. [Full article]
- **Pakistan**: On September 18, 2025, Lahore Health Department in Punjab Province confirmed the city's first case of mpox in a patient admitted to Lahore General Hospital (24 News HD, 2025). The patient is in isolation and receiving treatment under hospital supervision. No additional cases or deaths have been reported. [Full article]



Nipah Virus Infection (NiV)

• **Bangladesh** confirmed a Nipah virus case on August 22, 2025, involving a boy from Rajshahi Division who died on August 14 (WHO, 2025). This marks the fourth death from the disease this year. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, with WHO support, has strengthened surveillance and public health measures. Since the first outbreak in 2001, Bangladesh has recorded 347 cases with a 71.7% case fatality rate. WHO assessed the national and regional risk as moderate and the international spread risk as low. [Full article]

Rabies

• **Egypt:** A 10-year-old girl died in Giza Governorate in September 2025 due to rabies complications after being bitten by a stray dog two months earlier (Egypt Independent, 2025). She was admitted to hospital in critical condition with rabies symptoms and died of cardiac arrest. Investigations revealed she had not received prompt or medical care. [Full article]

Regional Situation

Dengue

- **Indonesia:** As of September 16, 2025, the Garut District Health Office in West Java Province reported 1,776 dengue cases, including eight deaths (Media Indonesia, 2025). Authorities are intensifying vector control measures and clean-living practices, urging communities, schools, and workplaces to maintain environmental hygiene to curb transmission. [Full article]
 - The **West Sulawesi** Provincial Health Office reported 831 dengue cases, including three deaths, as of September 2025, up from 718 cases recorded between January and July (Antara News Makassar, 2025). Authorities urged communities to strengthen mosquito control measures and emphasized the importance of collective cross-sector actions to protect the communities. [Full article]
- Malaysia: As of mid-September 2025, Melaka State reported about 800 dengue cases, representing a 52% decrease compared to more than 2,200 cases during the same period in 2024 (Bernama, 2025). The decline was attributed to active participation of community leaders working with the State Health Department on anti-Aedes breeding programmes and community clean-up activities. Authorities emphasized that sustained community engagement is essential to sustain dengue prevention efforts. [Full article]
- The **Philippines:** The Bacolod City Health Office (CHO) reported 811 new cases of dengue with six deaths from August 31 to September 6, 2025 (Panay News, 2025). This represents a 42.4% decrease in cases from 1,406 cases and three deaths recorded in the same period last year. Authorities urged residents to maintain environmental hygiene and seek immediate medical consultation if symptoms appear. [Full article]
- Viet Nam: Dong Nai Province reported nearly 900 dengue hospitalizations with three deaths
 in the 36th week of 2025 (mid-September), a 140% increase compared to the same period in
 2024 (VnEconomy, 2025). In response, authorities strengthened surveillance, vector control,
 and public awareness campaigns to eliminate mosquito breeding sites and encourage timely
 medical care. [Full article]

Khanh Hoa Province reported 5,901 dengue cases in September 2025, including two deaths (Tuổi Trẻ News, 2025). The highest case concentrations were recorded in North Nha Trang, South Nha Trang, and Hoa Tri Commune. In response, local health authorities intensified control measures, including insecticide spraying, mobilization of mosquito control teams, and public education campaigns. The Khanh Hoa CDC urged residents to maintain environmental hygiene, eliminate mosquito breeding sites, and seek prompt medical care if dengue is suspected. [Full article]

Hanoi reported a steady rise in dengue cases between August 22 and September 12, 2025, with weekly cases increasing from 150 to 190 and 14 new clusters detected across several districts (Vietnam Ministry of Health, 2025). From September 5 to 12, the city recorded 190 cases, an 18% increase compared to the previous week. The Hanoi CDC warned of high vector indices and ongoing community transmission risks, while intensifying surveillance, vector control, and public health campaigns. [Full article]

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- **Indonesia:** The Pati District Health Office, Central Java Province, has reported 38 cases of HFMD in 2025, with no surge in cases or deaths recorded (BeritaSatu, 2025). Health authorities noted that the disease primarily affects children and continue to monitor its progression in the district. [Full article]
- The Philippines: The Department of Health (DOH) Region 10 reported a rise in HFMD cases in Northern Mindanao between June and August 2025 (Philippine News Agency, 2025). On September 11, a local school in Barangay Macasandig confirmed eight cases, primarily among children under five. Health authorities and local officials urged strict adherence to hygiene measures and have intensified monitoring and preventive interventions to curb further transmission. [Full article]

Quezon City reported 640 hand, foot, and mouth disease (HFMD) cases between January 1 and September 15, 2025, an eight-fold increase compared to the same period in 2024; no deaths have been recorded (Manila Bulletin, 2025). Health authorities urged the public to maintain proper hygiene, including regular handwashing, to reduce transmission. The Quezon City Epidemiology and Surveillance Division (QCESD) continues to monitor the situation and has provided hotlines and online resources to support awareness and prevention. [Full article]

Measles

• Indonesia: Pamekasan District Health Office in East Java Province reported one suspected measles-related death in a child from Batumarmar on September 13, 2025, raising the total to six deaths (Kompas Surabaya, 2025). The child died at Regional Hospital, after referral from a local health center with laboratory confirmation pending. As of mid-September, 572 suspected cases and 178 confirmed cases have been recorded, including 51 patients under treatment and 515 recoveries. Authorities continue daily monitoring and require active reporting from all health facilities. [Full article]



Sumenep District, East Jawa Province, reported 22 measles-related deaths as of September 17, 2025, up from 20 on September 14 (Kompas Surabaya, 2025). The two additional deaths were identified through case tracing at referral hospitals in Sumenep and neighboring Pamekasan. Health authorities reported 2,815 recoveries, attributed to the ongoing Outbreak Response Immunization (ORI) campaign, which has been extended to curb transmission. Officials emphasized the need for careful verification of measles-related deaths to ensure accurate reporting. [Full article]

The **Tangerang District** Health Office, Banten Province, reported 35 measles cases from January to August 2025, with no deaths (Antara News Banten, 2025). Most cases occurred in Kosambi and Teluknaga sub-districts, primarily among children aged 3–5 years. In response, routine immunization campaigns are being intensified through 44 community health centers to identify and vaccinate unprotected children. [Full article]

Rabies

• **Viet Nam**'s Ministry of Health reported 58 rabies-related deaths in 2025 across 18 provinces and cities (Quân đội Nhân dân, 2025). The highest deaths were recorded in Dak Lak (7), Gia Lai (6), Lam Dong (5), Dong Nai (5), and Tay Ninh (5). Health authorities, working with veterinary services, called for stronger intersectoral collaboration to reinforce rabies prevention and control measures to protect public health. [Full article]

Tuberculosis

• Indonesia: As of September 10, 2025, the Serang District Health Office, Banten Province confirmed 4,014 new TB cases from 25,388 individuals screened, including 452 in children (Pikiran Rakyat Banten, 2025). Among them, 32 were drug-resistant TB. Preventive therapy has been started for 1,843 household and close contacts with latent infection. Authorities emphasized the need for a multisectoral response, as TB has affected health, social, and economic conditions across 29 sub-districts. [Full article]

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