

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

Chikungunya

- **Mauritius:** On February 18, 2026, the Ministry of Health reported 15 new chikungunya cases, raising the total to 93 since the start of the year, with three to seven new cases recorded daily (Defimedia, 2026). Transmission remains concentrated in RocheBrunes, Plaisance RoseHill, Stanley, Cité La Cure, and QuatreBornes. The public is urged to eliminate stagnant water, use repellents, and adopt protective measures to reduce risk. [\[Full article\]](#)

Malaria

- **Iran:** Hormozgan province has identified 196 malaria cases so far this year, according to local health authorities (Mehr News, 2026). Most patients are reported from high-risk coastal areas. Officials have emphasized intensified surveillance, rapid diagnosis, and vector-control measures to prevent further transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Russia:** A 53-year-old woman from Moscow region recovered from tropical malaria in the Domodedovo City Hospital (MK.ru, 2026). The patient returned from Namibia and presented with high fever, chills, and headache. She was diagnosed with a severe form of malaria, stabilized with medical intervention, and has since been discharged. [\[Full article\]](#)

Measles

- **Australia:** Western Australia reported two new measles cases in travelers returning from overseas, prompting a public health alert (Epoch Times, 2026). These infections mark the state's third measles cases of 2026, following a surge in cases the previous year. Health authorities urged residents to ensure they have received two doses of a measles-containing vaccine. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Japan:** Osaka Prefecture confirmed a measles infection in a teenage male, prompting authorities to publicly list the facilities he used before and after symptom onset and to issue a public advisory (NTV Japan, 2026). Health officials urged individuals who visited the same locations during the relevant exposure window to monitor their health and seek medical consultation if symptoms appear. [\[Full article\]](#)



A measles cluster at a high school in **Aichi Prefecture** expanded to seven cases after two additional male students tested positive on February 18 (NTV/Chukyo TV, 2026). All seven infected students have no history of overseas travel, and transmission is believed to have occurred within the school. Authorities urged vaccination and advised individuals with fever or rash to contact medical facilities before seeking care. [\[Full article\]](#)

- **Kazakhstan:** Between January 1 and February 13, 2026, the Ministry of Health reported 137 measles cases in Atyrau region, compared to only four during the same period last year (AZH.kz, 2026). Children under 14 account for 91% of cases, with 110 unvaccinated. Authorities emphasize immunization as the only preventive measure. [\[Full article\]](#)

Since early January, 134 measles cases have been confirmed in **Kostanay** (Tengrinews.kz, 2026). Nearly 90% in unvaccinated individuals, mostly affecting young children in Kostanay and Arkalyk. Health officials urged parents to keep children up to date with routine vaccinations. [\[Full article\]](#)

- **Russia:** Three adults in Lipetsk were hospitalized with severe measles: two men (48 and 51) and a 50-year-old woman (MK Lipetsk, 2026). The men were admitted in critical condition with high fever, cough, and rash, and were discharged on 16 February. The woman, also presenting with complications, remains under treatment. Health officials urged vaccination, which provides up to 97% protection. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United Kingdom** Health Security Agency (UKHSA) reported 50 confirmed measles cases in Enfield on February 16, 2026, with additional cases in Haringey (10) and Birmingham (23) (The Independent, 2026). Since January 1, England has recorded 130 laboratory-confirmed cases, 68% in London and 22% in the West Midlands, mostly among unvaccinated children under 10. Authorities stress urgent vaccination, coverage remains below 80% in London boroughs, far below the 95% herd immunity threshold. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United States (US):** As of February 17, 2026, Utah has reported 300 measles cases in an ongoing outbreak, with 32 in Salt Lake County, 41 in Utah County, and 194 in the Southwest Utah health district (CIDRAP, 2026). Of these, 58 cases were identified in the past three weeks, and 255 occurred in unvaccinated individuals. Meanwhile, North Carolina has confirmed 22 cases since December, mostly linked to outbreaks in South Carolina. Health authorities urge vaccination and symptom monitoring to limit spread. [\[Full article\]](#)

Illinois health authorities confirmed a second measles case in Madison County, Metro East region (IT-Boltwise, 2026). Both cases are epidemiologically linked, with possible exposures reported at public locations. The Illinois Department of Public Health urges exposed individuals to monitor for symptoms and seek medical care promptly, emphasizing vaccination as the key preventive measure. [\[Full article\]](#)

On February 19, 2026, **Los Angeles County** confirmed its fourth measles case this year in a resident who had recently traveled internationally (MyNewsLA, 2026). The patient arrived at LAX on February 9 and later visited multiple public locations in Montebello and Whittier. Nationwide, 910 measles cases have been reported as of February 12, the highest since elimination status in 2000. Health officials urge vaccination and monitoring for symptoms, noting most cases involve unvaccinated individuals. [\[Full article\]](#)



Shasta County confirmed a ninth measles case, prompting officials to investigate new potential exposure locations (KRCR, 2026). All nine patients are in isolation, and public health workers are tracing contacts. Early exposure sites identified four places including a school and a church. [[Full article](#)]

Oregon declared a measles outbreak after confirming five cases statewide, with wastewater surveillance showing broader low-level viral activity across multiple counties (Statesman Journal, 2026). State health officials noted that wastewater detections indicate infections beyond confirmed case counts, and urged residents to review MMR vaccination status as unvaccinated individuals account for most cases. [[Full article](#)]

Mpox

- **Pakistan:** Nishtar Hospital in Multan confirmed mpox infection in a woman from Shujaabad, raising the total confirmation in the facility to three so far this year (24NewsHD, 2026). Two patients are currently hospitalized, including a patient from Muzaffargarh who is co-infected with HIV/AIDS. Strict infection-control measures are in place to prevent further spread. [[Full article](#)]

Rabies

- **Russia:** Bashkiria has reported three human rabies cases so far in 2026, including one adult and two children, amid a tense epizootic situation with prior quarantines in 13 settlements (UfaTime.ru, 2026). The Ministry of Health emphasizes emergency vaccination after animal contact as the only effective prevention and stressing continued vigilance and prompt postexposure prophylaxis. [[Full article](#)]
- **Sri Lanka:** Health authorities issued renewed warnings over the continued threat of rabies after confirming 14 deaths so far this year (The Morning, 2026). Officials noted rising dog-bite cases, especially in Colombo and Gampaha, and emphasized that rabies remains 100% fatal but fully preventable with timely post-exposure treatment and proper vaccination of pets. [[Full article](#)]

Regional Situation

Dengue

- **Indonesia:** As of February 11, 2026, Nagekeo District, East Nusa Tenggara Province, reported 13 dengue cases including two patients under treatment at Aeramo General Hospital with no deaths reported (RRI, 2026). Local health authorities continue surveillance and urge community participation in environmental sanitation, routine mosquito-breeding site elimination, and preventive measures. [[Full article](#)]
- **Malaysia:** As of February 18, 2026, Selangor reported 3,875 cumulative dengue cases. Daily incidence remains elevated, with 71 cases on February 18 (drprevents, 2026). Health authorities urge early medical consultation, elimination of standing water, use of repellents, and vaccination where eligible. [[Full article](#)]



- **Viet Nam:** Between February 18–19, 2026, the Ministry of Health reported 197 dengue cases nationwide, with no deaths, an increase of 53 compared to the previous day (VietnamPlus, 2026). From 0:00 to 9:00 on February 19, a total of 63 cases were recorded across 12 provinces and cities, four more than February 18. No concentrated outbreaks were detected. [[Full article](#)]

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- **Viet Nam’s** Ministry of Health reported 195 HFMD cases nationwide form February 18–19, 2026, with no deaths, an increase of 61 compared to the previous day (VietnamPlus, 2026). From 0:00 to 9:00 on February 19, a total of 66 cases were recorded across 14 provinces and cities, a decrease of 15 compared to February 18. No concentrated outbreaks were detected, and overall epidemic activity remained stable under continued surveillance. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- **Viet Nam:** From February 18–19, 2026, the Ministry of Health reported 27 measles cases nationwide, with no deaths, an increase of 13 compared to the previous day (VietnamPlus, 2026). [[Full article](#)]

Melioidosis

- **Thailand:** From January 1 to February 15, 2026, the Department of Disease Control reported 291 melioidosis cases and seven deaths (Epidemiology Division, Department of Disease Control, 2026). This was below the fiveyear average and lower than the same period in 2025. Most cases aged 50 and older, particularly those with diabetes. The highest incidence in Ubon Ratchathani, Udon Thani, Songkhla, Buriram, and Sisaket. Authorities continue emphasize preventive measures. [[Full article](#)]

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