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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**

• **Sweden** reported 61 confirmed mpox cases between December 2024 and May 2025, the largest outbreak of mpox cases since 2022-2023 (Outbreak News Today, 2025). The majority were men aged 21-63 years. Health authorities continue to advise caution during travel and new sexual contacts due to ongoing international mpox transmission. Since epidemiological week 22 of 2025, no new cases were confirmed. [Full article]

# Cholera

• India: As of June 18, 2025, Jajpur health authorities have confirmed 16 cholera-positive cases from 37 stool samples out of 49 collected (OMMCOM News, 2025). Additionally, 22 water samples were taken, of which 17 have been tested with negative results. Health authorities advised strict hygiene practices, including drinking boiled water and avoiding unsafe food. Officials warned of heightened risk during the monsoon season, with preventive efforts through the 'Stop-Diarrhoea' campaign, mobile announcements, and household health monitoring. [Full article]

In **the Chhunabhati area of Byasanagar, Jajpur district, Odisha**, two more cholerarelated deaths were reported involving a one-year-old girl and a 25-year-old woman, bringing the total death toll to 10 (OMMCOM News, 2025). Currently, 196 diarrhea patients are undergoing treatment across the district. Authorities conducted an investigation into the recent fatalities and have urged the public to maintain strict hygiene and consume only boiled water. [Full article]

# Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF)

- Pakistan has reported its first death of CCHF in Karachi, involving a 42-year-old man (PTV World, 2025). The patient, admitted to Indus Hospital on June 16, had no recent travel history, indicating local transmission. Health authorities emphasize preventive measures, namely wearing protective clothing, using insect repellents, and avoiding direct contact with animals. [Full article]
- **Turkey** has reported two additional deaths from CCHF, involving a 67-year-old woman in Sivas and a 36-year-old woman in Kayseri, both of whom succumbed to complications



following tick bites (Haber3, 2025). These bring the total death toll to eight in Sivas and four in Kayseri. Health authorities emphasize vigilance for early symptoms such as fever, muscle pain, and bleeding. Residents are warned of elevated risks associated with outdoor activities in tick-endemic areas. [Full article]

# **Hantavirus**

• **Kazakhstan** has reported 12 confirmed cases of Hemorrhagic Fever with Renal Syndrome in the West Kazakhstan Region in the first five months of 2025, mainly in Baiterek, Burlin, and Uralsk districts (MGorod.kz, 2025). This disease is caused by hantaviruses and is transmitted through contact with rodents. The increase in infections is attributed to spring floods and a tenfold increase in rodent populations between 2020 and 2024. To prevent further cases, local officials recommend using respirators, avoiding contaminated products, and conducting timely deratization efforts. [Full article]

# Legionellosis

 Australia: Sydney health authorities are investigating a potential Legionnaires' disease outbreak in Potts Point after three residents, aged 40-70, were hospitalized with severe lung infections (The Age, 2025). The NSW Health has inspected cooling towers and urged local businesses to disinfect water systems to prevent further spread. [Full article]

# Measles

• **South Africa** reported 181 confirmed measles cases in Gauteng Province since January 2025, with outbreaks reported in Mamelodi and Winterveld (The Statesman, 2025). Although the provincial health department has vaccinated over 18,000 students, the outbreak remains a public health concern, particularly among children under 14 due to low vaccination coverage. Authorities are urging communities to increase immunization rates. [Full article]

### Rabies

- Kazakhstan has confirmed its first rabies-related death since 2020, following a local
  woman's death from a domestic cat bite (Tsargrad TV, 2025). The woman did not seek
  medical attention or receive post-exposure vaccination, leading to the fatal outcome.
  Experts underscore the importance of treatment after bites to prevent fatalities. [Full
  article]
- The **United Kingdom** Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has confirmed a rabies-related death
  in the region of Yorkshire and the Humber, following contact with a stray dog during a visit
  to Morocco (UK Government, 2025). While there is no risk to the wider public, The UKHSA
  is assessing health workers and close contacts and offering post-exposure vaccination.
  Travelers are advised to avoid animal contact. [Full article]



• **Timor Leste:** As of June 18, 2025, six human rabies cases, including five fatalities, have been reported in Timor-Leste between April 2024 and June 15, 2025, with deaths occurring in Oecusse (3), Ermera (1), and Bobonaro (1) municipalities (Vax-Before-Travel, 2025). Of 1,445 reported dog bite incidents, only 18% received rabies immunoglobulin, and most victims have not completed post-exposure vaccination. In response, the Ministry of Health has launched a national rabies prevention campaign, focusing on expanding vaccination coverage and enhancing surveillance in both human and animal populations. [Full article]

# **Regional Situation**

# **Mpox**

• The **Philippines:** The Provincial Health Office of Agusan del Sur confirmed its first mpox case on June 18, 2025, involving a male patient who had traveled to Davao Clty and later developed a pimple-like rash (Philstar, 2025). The diagnosis was confirmed by the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM), and the patient is currently in isolation. Health authorities have quarantined and monitored close contacts. Health authorities are also urging adherence to hygiene protocols and avoidance of skin-to-skin contact to prevent transmission. [Full article]

# COVID-19

- **Cambodia** has reported nine new COVID-19 cases on June 19, 2025, bringing the total to 139,550 (Fresh News Asia, 2025). No new deaths reported as fatalities remain at 3,056. A total of 136,461 patients have recovered to date. The Ministry of Health confirmed Omicron BA.4, BA.5, and JN.1 variants' circulation. Authorities are accelerating the rollout of sixth-dose vaccinations, with over 15.3 million doses administered, covering 95.73% of the population. [Full article]
- Malaysia reported its first COVID-19 death in 2025 during Epidemiological Week 24 (June 8-15), involving an individual with serious comorbidities who had not received a second booster vaccine (The Star, 2025). This marks the first death since May 26, 2024. The Ministry of Health reported a total of 21,738 cases to date, with a 68% increase in cases during Week 24 compared to the previous week. Despite this rise, the situation remains under control, with ICU admissions managed effectively. Authorities are closely monitoring the situation and emphasizing the importance of vaccination and care for vulnerable populations. [Full article]
- Myanmar reported 52 new COVID-19 cases between 8 and 15 June 2025, with the positivity rate increasing from 0.04% in early May to 2.28% in mid-June (Global New Light of Myanmar, 2025). The highest concentration was in Bilin Township, Mon State, with 23 cases. The Ministry of Health urged the public to follow protective health guidelines and prioritize vaccine doses for high-risk groups, including seniors, those with chronic illnesses, and pregnant women. [Full article]



# Dengue

• Viet Nam: On June 19, Children's Hospital 1 in Ho Chi Minh City treated a 12-year-old girl from Tra Vinh suffering from severe dengue shock syndrome, complicated by gastrointestinal bleeding and menstruation-related blood clotting disorders (Vietnam.vn, 2025). After active treatment, the bleeding rate gradually decreased, and the girl's condition improved. Despite decreased cases in 2025, the hospital reported a 94.74% increase in dengue shock cases compared to the same period in 2024. Health authorities urge early medical evaluation after persistent fever and emphasize vaccination, vector control, and close monitoring to prevent fatal complications. [Full article]

# **Hantavirus**

• Indonesia: On June 18, health authorities in West Bandung District, West Java Province confirmed one laboratory-verified case of Hantavirus infection involving a 52-year-old construction worker from Ngamprah District (Detik.com, 2025)t. The patient has symptoms of fever, headache, and abdominal pain starting May 2, 2025, following a rat bite while working in Bandung District. The diagnosis was confirmed through testing conducted by the National Health Laboratory in Salatiga. In response, local health officials have conducted surveillance and mitigation measures for further transmission. [Full article]

# Measles

Lao People's Democratic Republic (PDR) reported over 60 measles cases in a pediatric
hospital in Luang Prabang since April 2025, warning of a potential community outbreak (Lao
News Agency, 2025). The hospital has implemented containment measures and requested
additional vaccines. The Ministry of Health conducted a supplementary immunization
campaign in May 2024, achieving 95.2% coverage for over 630,000 children. Authorities
emphasize the importance of full MMR vaccination and public vigilance. [Full article]

# Zika Virus

 Singapore has confirmed two Zika virus cases in Woodlands Street 11 and Street 3 on June 19, 2025 (Channel News Asia, 2025). The National Environment Agency (NEA) reported persistent Zika virus signals in wastewater and mosquito surveillance indicate ongoing transmission. The NEA and the Communicable Diseases Agency (CDA) advise residents, especially pregnant women, to use insect repellent, wear protective clothing, and stay in well-screened or air-conditioned environments. [Full article]

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