

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.

Regional Situation

COVID-19

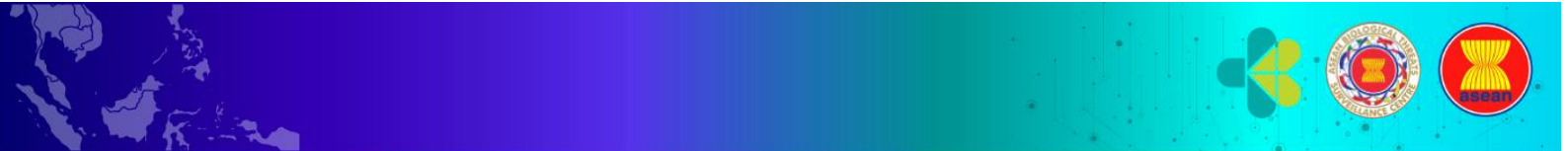
- **Viet Nam:** Ho Chi Minh City reported eight new COVID-19 cases in epi-week 18 (May 4-10, 2026), bringing the cumulative total to 43 cases since the beginning of the year (Techz Vietnam, 2026). The surveillance system also detected 19 suspected respiratory inflammation samples across multiple areas. Health authorities continued monitoring schools and communities and emphasized vigilance and preventive measures. [[Full article](#)]

Dengue

- **Indonesia:** Pinrang District, South Sulawesi Province reported 25 dengue fever cases, with a sharp rise in April (14 cases) (Tribunnews Makassar, 2026). Mattiro Bulu and Sawitto subdistricts recorded the highest numbers. No deaths have been reported. Patients are treated at local health centres and hospitals, with severe cases referred to Parepare. Authorities attribute the surge to seasonal transition and continue monitoring through routine puskesmas reporting. [[Full article](#)]

On May 19, 2026, **West Seram District**, Maluku Province reported four laboratory-confirmed dengue fever cases, one adolescent and three toddlers; all hospitalized at Piru General Hospital (RRI Ambon, 2026). Community concern has prompted calls for immediate government action, particularly fogging in suspected transmission areas. Authorities emphasized environmental sanitation and community control measures to reduce mosquito breeding and prevent further transmission. [[Full article](#)]

Rohil District, Riau Province, reported 400 dengue fever cases as of May 18, 2026, with Bangko and Tanjung Medan subdistricts recording the highest numbers (Halloriatu, 2026). In response, the local government will conduct a three-day mass community clean-up from 21-23 May, led by the district head, and reinstate weekly sanitation activities. Authorities emphasize mosquito breeding site elimination and coordination with provincial and national health offices to secure additional outbreak control equipment. [[Full article](#)]



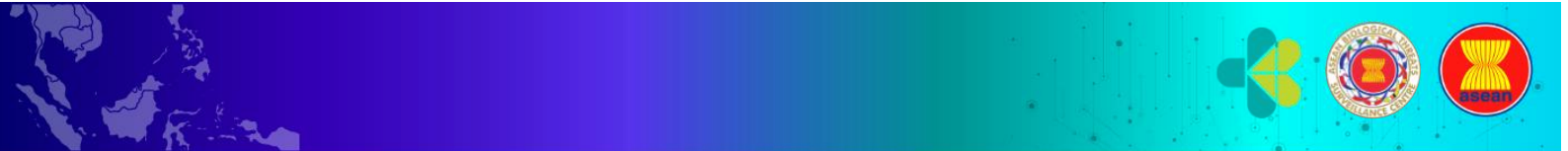
Salatiga District, Central Java Province reported 22 dengue cases as of mid-May 2026, including 1 dengue hemorrhagic fever, 19 dengue fever, and 2 dengue shock syndrome cases (Disway Semarang, 2026). Cases were mainly in productive-age groups, with 61% female and 39% male. Authorities emphasized mosquito breeding site control and sanitation. The mayor cited climate, mobility, and environmental risks, urging cross-sector collaboration and 3M Plus community participation. [\[Full article\]](#)

- **Malaysia:** Johor recorded 11,267 dengue cases, a 7.4% increase from 10,490 cases in the same period of 2025, with 42 deaths reported versus 29 last year (The Sun Malaysia, 2026). Johor Bahru accounted for 77.9% of cases, followed by Kulai (8.1%). In response, authorities issued 3,484 compounds totaling RM1.74 million to premises owners for mosquito breeding, of which 74.2% were paid. Health officials urge continued community efforts to eliminate Aedes breeding sites. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **Philippines:** As of April 2026, Ilocos Norte recorded 362 dengue cases, a 70.8% increase from 212 cases in the same period of 2025, with no deaths reported (Philippine Information Agency, 2026). In response, the provincial government allocated nearly ₱10 million from disaster risk reduction funds to strengthen vector control and emergency response. Measures include distribution of vector-control supplies, including 25 battery-operated sprayers. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Thailand:** On May 17, 2026, the Ministry of Public Health reported approximately 37,000 dengue cases during the first four months of 2026, a 1.7-fold decrease from 63,000 cases during the same period in 2025 (News Directory 3, 2026). Despite the decline, authorities warned of increased risk with the onset of the rainy season and intensified vector control, larvicide distribution, public awareness campaigns, and community engagement following the surge in 2025, which recorded over 150,000 cases and nearly 100 deaths. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Viet Nam:** Hanoi recorded 19 dengue fever cases across 11 wards from May 8-15, 2026, an increase of 5 cases from the previous week (Hanoi CDC, 2026). Cumulatively, 260 cases with no deaths have been reported this year, slightly higher than 251 during the same period in 2025. Hanoi CDC continues surveillance, environmental sanitation, chemical spraying, and community mobilization in high-risk areas. [\[Full article\]](#)

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- **Viet Nam:** Hanoi recorded 166 HFMD cases across 82 wards from May 8-15, 2026; to date, 3,083 cases have been reported this year (Hanoi CDC, 2026). This was higher than 2,277 cases in the same period of 2025. The CDC continues supervision in Bo De, Dong Anh, Dong Ngac, Quoc Oai, and Hoang Liet, forecasting a further decline in cases. [\[Full article\]](#)

As of mid-May 2026, **Vinh Long Province** reported nearly 1,450 HFMD cases, an increase of over 150% from the same period in 2025 (Lao Động, 2026). Most cases occurred in children under five, including severe cases, with nearly 600 reported in April alone. Health authorities are coordinating with schools, promoting hygiene, and urging parental vigilance, as no vaccine is available. [\[Full article\]](#)



Hantavirus

- **Indonesia:** The Jakarta Province reported has confirmed three cases of hantavirus cases; six suspected cases are under monitoring (CNBC Indonesia, 2026). Sentinel hospitals were designated to strengthen surveillance, with rapid response teams on standby. Authorities urged public vigilance, emphasizing hygiene, safe cleaning practices using disinfectants, and prompt medical consultation for symptoms including fever, myalgia, headache, or respiratory distress. [\[Full article\]](#)

Leptospirosis

- **Indonesia:** Kulon Progo District, Special Region of Yogyakarta Province, has confirmed 44 leptospirosis as of mid-May, including seven deaths (Tribunnews Jogja, 2026). This reflects fewer cases but higher mortality rates than in 2025. Health authorities strengthened prevention through public advisories emphasizing hygiene and protective measures, particularly for farmers, and will issue a circular on leptospirosis vigilance based on national and provincial directives. [\[Full article\]](#)

Malaria

- **Indonesia:** From January to April 2026, Jayapura District, Papua Province reported 19,542 confirmed malaria cases from 130,450 screenings, ranking second after Mimika District, and accounted for 10% of national cases (Tribun Papua, 2026). Health authorities implemented the find, treat, and control strategy through mass screening, supported by 22 health centers and 300 malaria cadres, while emphasizing environmental hygiene and sustained logistics support. [\[Full article\]](#)

Measles

- **Viet Nam:** Between May 8–15, 2026, Hanoi recorded 21 measles cases across 12 wards, bringing the cumulative total to 236 cases with no deaths this year, a sharp decrease from 2,635 in the same period of 2025 (Hanoi CDC, 2026). Cases reported across 94 wards and communes. Hanoi CDC continues surveillance and urges timely vaccination; health stations promote preventive measures to limit further transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)

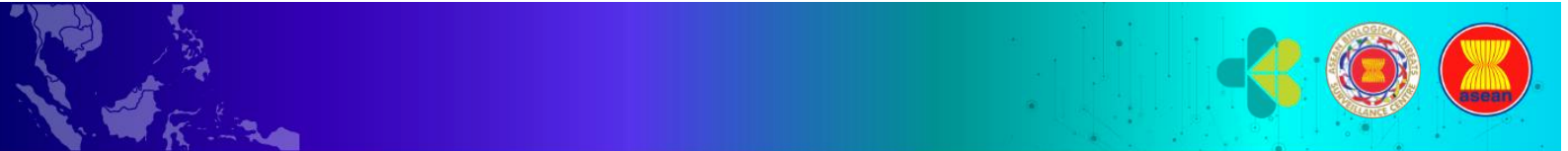
Mpox

- **Viet Nam:** In epi-week 18 of 2026 (May 4–10, 2026), Ho Chi Minh City reported its first mpox case of the year, which remains the only confirmed case to date (Techz Vietnam, 2026). Health authorities implemented disease control measures and intensified monitoring to limit community transmission. Public health officials emphasized continued vigilance to prevent further spread. [\[Full article\]](#)

Global Situation

Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF)

- **Iraq:** Diyala Province reported four confirmed cases of CCHF, three cases recovered and one remains under treatment (Shafaq News, 2026). This brings the total cases in 2026 to 14. Cases occurred in Al-Ghalibiya, Khan Bani Saad, Al-Adhim, and Al-Abbara. Veterinary teams implemented quarantine zones, livestock spraying, and awareness activities. In 2025, the country recorded 247 cases and 38 deaths. [\[Full article\]](#)



Mandali district, Diyala Province, Iraq reported its fifth confirmed CCHF case in a male butcher in his sixties, marking the second case in days (Outbreak News Today, 2026). Since the start of 2026, 15 cases have been reported nationwide: nine in Dhi Qar, five in Diyala, and one in Kirkuk. [\[Full article\]](#)

Dengue

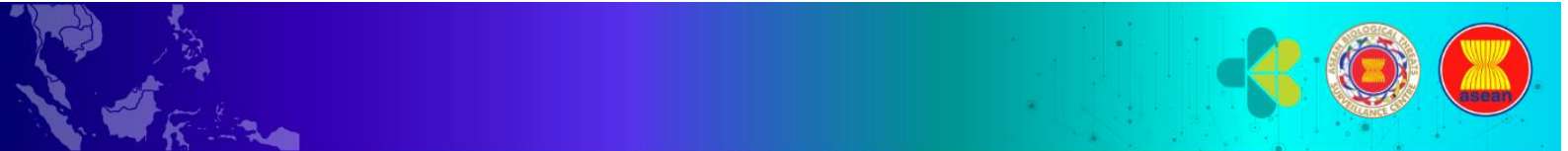
- **Sri Lanka:** The National Dengue Control Unit reported 28,713 dengue cases and 15 deaths so far in 2026 (Newsfirst, 2026). Authorities urged the public to eliminate mosquito breeding sites and maintain environmental hygiene to reduce transmission. Health officials emphasized community participation in prevention as dengue remains a significant public health challenge nationwide. [\[Full article\]](#)

Ebola

- The **Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)** reported that the Ebola outbreak resulted in 131 deaths and over 513 suspected cases, with transmission reported in Ituri, North Kivu, and Goma (BBC News, 2026). Uganda confirmed two cases and one death. Authorities implemented case tracing, cross-border screening, and enhanced surveillance, while the US CDC introduced travel restrictions and monitoring measures. [\[Full article\]](#)

Hantavirus

- **Taiwan (Province of China):** On May 19, 2026, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reported a hantavirus case in Keelung involving a man in his 40s bitten by a rat on April 7 (Focus Taiwan, 2026). Genetic sequencing identified Seoul virus, which causes hemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome (HFRS) and is not transmitted person-to-person. The patient recovered and was discharged. Authorities identified 11 asymptomatic contacts and conducted rodent control and disinfection. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United Kingdom (UK):** A British medic exposed to hantavirus in a remote overseas territory was hospitalized in London's High Consequence Infectious Diseases unit (Extra.ie, 2026). Nine other Britons linked to the MV Hondius outbreak arrived from St Helena and Ascension Island for monitoring and remain asymptomatic. The outbreak has 11 cases (9 confirmed, 3 deaths). The vessel docked in Rotterdam for disinfection, with crew under quarantine. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Ukraine** reported 63 hantavirus cases so far in 2026, including 58 in Sumy region, three in Chernihiv, and one each in Kirovohrad and Vinnytsia (Focus.ua, 2026). In 2025, the country detected 436 cases, mostly in Sumy. All identified infections were rodent-borne strains causing renal syndrome. Health authorities continue surveillance and international collaboration. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United States (US):** On May 18, 2026, The Colorado Institute of Public Health and Environment reported one hantavirus death in Douglas County linked to local rodent exposure and not associated with the Hondius cruise outbreak (RTV, 2026). State and local health authorities are conducting an investigation. Colorado reported 121 cases and 76 deaths from 1993–2023. Hantavirus infections occur regularly in the state, mainly in spring and summer, and can cause severe respiratory illness. [\[Full article\]](#)



The **Ontario County** Public Health Department, New York, reported a suspected hantavirus case in a Geneva High School student on May 14, 2026 (Epoch Times, 2026). The patient had mild symptoms for several weeks and is recovering with supportive care. Authorities confirmed a rodent-borne strain, not linked to the Andes virus cruise outbreak, with no evidence of human-to-human transmission. Officials advise safe cleaning and early medical consultation. [\[Full article\]](#)

Leptospirosis

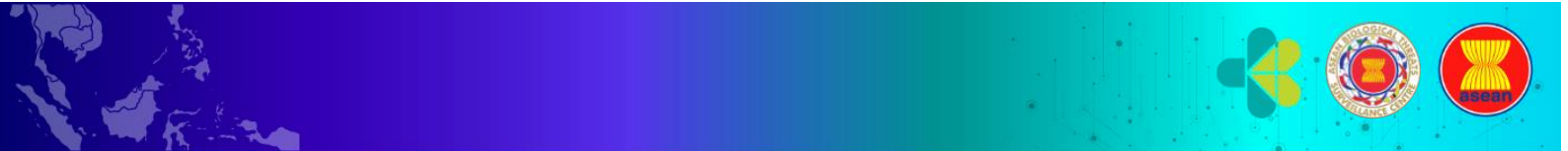
- **Mauritius** has reported 23 leptospirosis cases as of May 2026, including six deaths (Defimedia, 2026). Two recent patients, a 58-year-old man from Berthaud, Quatre-Bornes, and a 48-year-old man from Camp-de-Masque are hospitalized in stable condition following initial complications. Environmental inspections confirmed rat presence, prompting rodent control measures. [\[Full article\]](#)

Measles

- **Bangladesh:** On May 19, 2026, the Directorate General of Health Services reported 11 child deaths from measles and measles-like illness in the previous 24 hours, two confirmed and nine suspected cases (New Age Bangladesh, 2026). During the same period, 1,264 suspected and 73 confirmed cases were reported, bringing cumulative totals since March 15 to 56,586 suspected and 7,929 confirmed cases, including 77 confirmed and 398 suspected deaths. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United Kingdom** Health Security Agency (UKHSA) confirmed 542 measles cases as of May 11, 2026, with 64% in children under 10 and 30% in those aged 15 and above (Express, 2026). London accounted for 57% of cases, with notable clusters in Enfield, Islington, and Birmingham. Vaccination coverage remains at 84%, below the 95% herd immunity threshold. Authorities urge parents to ensure children receive two doses of the MMR vaccine for lifelong protection. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United States (US):** As of May 18, 2026, the CDC confirmed 51 new measles cases, bringing the national total to 1,893 (CIDRAP, 2026). Most cases are locally acquired; 92% of patients were unvaccinated or had unknown vaccination status. Children under 5 account for 21% of cases, and 76% are aged ≤ 19 years; 6% required hospitalization. Highest counts: South Carolina (669), Utah (456), Texas (182), and Florida (135). [\[Full article\]](#)

Mpox

- **Taiwan (Province of China):** On May 19, 2026, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reported two new mpox cases, including one imported case from Thailand (UDN Money, 2026). Genotyping identified the Ib subclade of Clade I, marking the first detection of this variant in Taiwan. Thailand has reported 1,074 cumulative cases and 16 deaths, including 18 Clade Ib infections without fatalities. Authorities in both countries continue enhanced surveillance and public health measures. [\[Full article\]](#)



Rabies

- **India:** On May 15, 2026, an 11-year-old boy from Rajanna Sircilla District, Telangana, died of rabies following a stray dog bite on April 23 (Deccan Chronicle, 2026). He developed fever and neurological symptoms before diagnosis at Niloufer Hospital, Hyderabad. Health officials stressed immediate wound washing and completion of full anti-rabies vaccination schedule to prevent fatalities. [[Full article](#)]

West Nile Virus (WNV)

- **Italy:** Oristano Province reported the first laboratory-confirmed WNV case of 2026 in mid-May (Beacon Bio, 2026). The patient, aged over 60, was hospitalized with fever and headache and was later discharged in good health. Authorities noted early seasonal onset and emphasized preventive measures, including eliminating standing water, using repellents, protective clothing, and window screens. The case reflects ongoing endemicity and possible southward expansion of WNV activity in Italy. [[Full article](#)]

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