

Media Monitoring for Infectious and Emerging Diseases

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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

Avian Influenza (H9N2)

- **China** reported three new human cases of influenza A(H9N2) from 9–15 January 2026 to the WHO in the Western Pacific Region (AfluDiary, 2026). Cases included a 1-year-old male from Guangxi Province, a 5-year-old male from Hubei Province, and an 8-year-old female from Jiangsu Province. Exposures involved backyard poultry or contact with freshly slaughtered poultry. Authorities continue surveillance and risk assessment due to potential under-detection and ongoing zoonotic risk. [\[Full article\]](#)

Hantavirus

- **Russia** reported increased hemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome (HFRS) activity in Ulyanovsk Region, including one death in 2026 (73 Online, 2026). In January, 91 cases were reported in Dimitrovgrad and 36 in Ulyanovsk City, with Inza, Barysh, and Melekessky districts most affected. Authorities strengthened rodent control, environmental inspections, and public prevention measures, and warned of potential case increases during the spring season. [\[Full article\]](#)

Measles

- **Australia:** Authorities in Sydney, New South Wales, issued a measles health alert after a confirmed case returned to Australia while infectious and visited multiple public sites (News.com.au, 2026). This prompted authorities to advise individuals who presented in affected locations to monitor for symptoms and ensure MMR vaccination. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United States (US):** Jessamine County, Kentucky, reported its second confirmed measles case in within one week as of 20 January 2026 in an unvaccinated child under five years of age (Lexington Herald-Leader, 2026). Both cases were epidemiologically linked to exposure from an unvaccinated out-of-state traveler. Authorities initiated contact tracing, advised symptom monitoring, and reiterated MMR vaccination. Two students are in quarantine following exposure to the highly contagious virus. [\[Full article\]](#)



On January 20, 2026, **South Carolina** reported 88 additional measles cases, bringing the total cases to 646 (ABC News, 2026). Most cases occurred in the Upstate region, particularly Spartanburg County (WISTV, 2026). A total of 538 contacts were quarantined, and 33 cases were isolated. At least 15 schools and two universities reported exposed students. Authorities issued exposure notifications, implemented control measures, and reiterated MMR vaccination recommendations. [\[Full article\]](#)

South Carolina reported confirmed measles cases at two universities in January 2026 (WISTV, 2026). On January 19, a student at a private university in Anderson County was confirmed with measles and left campus; exposed contacts were advised to self-isolate and consult health authorities before seeking care. A separate case was confirmed at a public university in Pickens County, with the individual quarantined. [\[Full article\]](#)

Mpox

- **Pakistan** confirmed four new mpox cases in Lahore within 24 hours, including one 30-year-old woman and three men aged 18, 25, and 33 years (MM News, 2026). All patients are receiving treatment at a tertiary public hospital, with no deaths reported. Authorities advised heightened vigilance, prompt reporting of compatible symptoms, and adherence to preventive measures to limit further transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)

Rabies

- **India** reported a fatal human rabies case in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, involving a 50-year-old woman who died on January 17, 2026 (Madhyamam, 2026). The patient sustained a dog bite in September 2025 from a reportedly vaccinated pet dog that later died. Authorities reiterated advisories on immediate wound care and prompt rabies vaccination after dog bites. [\[Full article\]](#)

Regional Situation

Chikungunya

- **Indonesia:** A village in Tanggunharjo Subdistrict, Grobogan District, Central Java Province, reported 19 chikungunya cases during the week preceding January 10, 2026 (Radar Pati, 2026). Cases presented with acute fever and arthralgia, with symptom onset beginning on January 6. Household clustering was observed, fogging, and intensified community-based mosquito source reduction to curb further transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)

Dengue

- **Indonesia:** Kepulauan Meranti District, Riau Province, reported eight dengue cases during the first three weeks of January 2026, including four cases of dengue hemorrhagic fever with no deaths as of January 19 (Riau Pos, 2026). This signaled early-year transmission and prompted health authorities to warn of potential escalation and urge intensified vector control and community prevention measures. [\[Full article\]](#)

As of January 19, 2026, **Jakarta** reported 143 dengue hemorrhagic fever cases, reflecting an early-year increase during the rainy season (Kompas, 2026). Weekly cases rose from 69 in epi-week 53 of 2025 to 83 in week 1 of 2026, with higher incidence in West and North Jakarta. No deaths were reported. Authorities intensified vector control activities, larval surveillance, and coordination efforts. [\[Full article\]](#)

West Jakarta District reported dengue activity during the rainy season, with 19 cases recorded by January 15, 2026, following increasing trends observed from October to December 2025 (Medcom.id, 2026). The Jakarta Governor instructed the provincial health office to maintain close surveillance of dengue and emerging respiratory threats. Health authorities reported ongoing case management and adequate referral capacity across health facilities. [\[Full article\]](#)

- **Thailand:** During epidemiological week 3 of 2026 (January 11–17), Si Racha District reported six dengue cases, with highest cumulative incidence reported in Bo Win and Surasak subdistricts (Si Racha District Public Health Office, Chonburi Province, 2026). Authorities urged public to maintain vector control, community sanitation, weekly source reduction, and intensified surveillance and insecticide measures in affected areas. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Viet Nam:** Tay Ninh Province reported 253 dengue cases during epi-week 02 of 2026 (5–11 January), a 40.5% decrease from the previous week and 400% higher than the same period in 2025 (Tay Ninh, 2026). A total of 678 cases has been recorded since the start of 2026, with no deaths. High-incidence areas included My Hanh, Gia Loc, Duc Hoa, and Ben Cau. Authorities intensified surveillance, vector control, chemical spraying, and community risk communication. [\[Full article\]](#)

As of January 14, 2026, **Lam Dong Province** reported 194 dengue cases, 48 more than the same period in 2025; no deaths were reported (Sức Khỏe Đời Sống, 2026). On January 20, provincial authorities issued an urgent directive to strengthen surveillance, early detection, outbreak response, laboratory testing, and vaccination-related activities. [\[Full article\]](#)

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- **Viet Nam:** As of January 14, 2026, Lam Dong Province reported 113 HFMD cases, 64 more than the same period in 2025 (Sức Khỏe Đời Sống, 2026). The provincial Department of Health issued an urgent directive to strengthen surveillance, early detection, outbreak response, laboratory testing, and vaccination coverage. Measures include enhanced community sanitation, health facility preparedness, staff training, and intersectoral coordination to prevent further transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)

Leptospirosis

- The **Philippines:** Bacolod City reported a sharp rise in leptospirosis cases during epi-weeks 51–53 (14 December 2025–3 January 2026), with 92 cases and 10 deaths, a 170.6% increase from the same period in 2024 (Panay News, 2026). Highest case counts were in Barangays Handumanan, Singcang, Sum-ag, and Banago, linked to rodent-contaminated floodwaters. Authorities intensified surveillance, risk communication, sanitation measures, and urged early healthcare seeking and floodwater avoidance. [\[Full article\]](#)

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