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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

- **Mozambique** reported 16 new mpox cases on August 20, 2025, bringing the total to 38 since July, with 22 recoveries (AIM News, 2025). Active cases are spread across Niassa, Manica, and Maputo provinces. Authorities attributed recoveries to early diagnosis and strengthened surveillance. The Ministry of Health is seeking WHO support to secure vaccines and sustain preventive measures. [[Full article](#)]

Hantavirus

- **Russia:** Mari El health authorities confirmed eight cases of hemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome in August 2025, with infections linked to household exposure without respiratory protection, hay harvesting, forest contact, and workplace settings (MK Mari, 2025). Officials reminded the public that infection can occur through inhaling particles of rodent droppings or consuming contaminated food and water. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- **Kenya:** In August 2025, Malindi Sub County reported a measles outbreak, with at least four children infected in the Shella area of Malindi town (Kenya News Agency, 2025). Health officials attributed the outbreak to low immunization coverage. In response, authorities launched vaccination and community sensitization campaigns, urging parents to complete routine immunization for their children to prevent further spread. [[Full article](#)]

Rabies

Kerala recorded 23 rabies deaths from January to July 2025, including 11 linked to stray dogs, alongside 302,831 dog bite cases (The New Indian Express, 2025). Authorities have urged intensified sterilization and vaccination, expansion of animal birth control facilities, and stricter pet licensing. Plans include deploying portable ABC centers in high-risk areas and pushing for national policy amendments to strengthen control measures. [[Full article](#)]



West Nile

- The **United States (US)**: On August 21, 2025, Michigan reported its first West Nile virus death, an adult with underlying conditions living near an area with infected mosquitoes. To date, six human cases have been confirmed across the state (Detroit Free Press, 2025). Health officials have urged the public to adopt preventive measures, including repellents, protective clothing, avoiding outdoor activities during peak mosquito hours, and eliminating standing water. [[Full article](#)]

Regional Situation

COVID-19

- **Malaysia** has reported 41,814 COVID-19 cases and two deaths, both involving patients with severe comorbidities who had not received additional vaccine doses (Berita Harian, 2025). This represents a sharp decline from 83,018 cases and 58 deaths during the same period in 2024. Most recent cases have been mild, although an increase has been observed since April with the emergence of new subvariants. The Ministry continues genomic surveillance and public health monitoring, stressing the importance of protection for high-risk groups. [[Full article](#)]

Dengue

- **Indonesia**: As of August 2025, Pali District, South Sulawesi Province reported 49 dengue cases with the rainy season expected to increase mosquito breeding sites (PaTV Disway, 2025). The Health Office has intensified vector-control efforts, community education, and regular monitoring to ensure early detection and treatment. [[Full article](#)]

Lubuk Linggau Municipality, South Sumatera Province reported 250 dengue cases as of August 20, 2025, a 27.5% increase from 196 cases in the same period in 2024 (Berita Musi, 2025). The highest surge occurred in June (46 cases). During the period, South Lubuk Linggau 2 Sub-district reported 57 cases, the highest in the municipality. Health authorities attributed the increase to weather changes supporting mosquito breeding and urged the public to remain vigilant. [[Full article](#)]

- **Malaysia**: As of epidemiological week 33 in 2025, Johor has reported 4,231 cumulative dengue cases, a 57.9% decrease from 10,044 cases during the same period in 2024 (The Star, 2025). Eight deaths were recorded so far this year, lower than 15 in the same period last year. Johor Baru district reported the highest cases, with seven dengue hotspots identified, while Batu Pahat recorded 14 hotspots. Health authorities continue to monitor epidemic localities and implement control measures to limit further spread. [[Full article](#)]



- **Viet Nam:** On August 20, 2025, the Dong Nai Provincial Center for Disease Control (CDC) reported two additional dengue-related deaths, raising the provincial total to three for the year (Vietnam Plus, 2025). Since January, the province has reported more than 10,000 cases, a 155% increase from the same period in 2024, making Dong Nai the second most affected province in southern Vietnam after Ho Chi Minh City. Authorities have strengthened surveillance, vector control efforts, and administrative sanctions against households with mosquito breeding sites. [[Full article](#)]

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- The **Philippines:** On August 19, Misamis Oriental health authorities raised an alert following reports of HFMD among schoolchildren, with 30 cases confirmed in Gitagum municipality (PNA, 2025). Local health authorities, in coordination with the Department of Health, are conducting contact tracing and providing home care guidance. Authorities have suspended classes from August 19 to 28 as a precautionary measure and urge public to follow basic health protocols. [[Full article](#)]

HIV/AIDS

- **Indonesia:** As of August 21, 2025, the North Lombok District Health Office in West Nusa Tenggara Province reported 50 people living with HIV/AIDS, including four deaths and four lost to follow-up (RRI, 2025). Authorities are strengthening early detection through routine screenings, intensifying public education, and ensuring access to antiretroviral therapy to curb transmission and reduce stigma. Prevention efforts focus on reducing high-risk sexual behaviors among key populations such as sex workers, men who have sex with men, injecting drug users, and transgender individuals. [[Full article](#)]

Rabies

- **Indonesia:** On August 21, 2025, the Governor of East Nusa Tenggara ordered restrictions on the movement of rabies-transmitting animals in 15 districts after a surge in bite cases and 16 human deaths since Januari (Antara News, 2025). The ban will be enforced from September 1 to November 1, alongside intensified animal vaccination to curb transmission. Since Januari, 10,605 cases of animal bites have been reported in the province. [[Full article](#)]

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