

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

- **Singapore's** Communicable Disease Control Agency reported an increase in COVID-19 cases, with an estimated 12,700 infections in the week ending 16 May 2026, up from 8,000 in the previous week (Al-Ahram Gate, 2026). Average daily hospitalizations rose from 56 to 73 cases, with about one ICU admission reported per day. Current circulating variants are not considered more transmissible or severe than previous strains, and existing vaccines remain effective. Authorities urge high-risk groups to receive recommended vaccinations promptly. [\[Full article\]](#)

Dengue

- **Indonesia:** West Kalimantan Province reported 970 dengue cases and four deaths as of epi-week 20 of 2026 (Suara Kalbar, 2026). Kapuas Hulu recorded highest burden (181 cases, one death), followed by Ketapang (157), Kayong Utara (148), and Mempawah (115, one death). Despite recent declines, weekly cases persist. Health authorities urge intensified vector control strategies, larvicide use, and fogging in high transmission areas. [\[Full article\]](#)

Gianyar District, Bali Province, reported 260 dengue fever cases with no deaths, increasing monthly from 49 in January to 84 in April, plus 23 additional cases by mid-May (Warta Bali Online, 2026). Authorities continue vector control, epidemiological investigations, fogging, larvicide distribution, and community engagement. [\[Full article\]](#)

- **Malaysia:** Klang District reported 1,583 dengue cases and two deaths as of May 17, 2026, down from 2,050 cases and one death in the same period in 2025 (The Star, 2026). The district records an average of 83 weekly cases, with ongoing transmission in high-density residential areas. Health authorities are conducting targeted vector control, including search-and-destroy operations and community sanitation campaigns to eliminate mosquito breeding sites. [\[Full article\]](#)



- **Viet Nam:** During week 20 (May 11–17, 2026), Ho Chi Minh City, reported 414 dengue fever cases, a 17.5% decrease compared with the previous four-week average (Outbreak News Today, 2026). Since the start of 2026, the city has recorded 16,892 cumulative cases, a seven-fold increase from the same period in 2025, including one dengue-related death. Health authorities continue surveillance and preventive measures to reduce transmission. [[Full article](#)]

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- **Viet Nam:** In epi-week 20 (May 8–15, 2026), Hanoi reported 166 HFMD cases across 82 wards and communes (Bao Son La, 2026). Since the start of 2026, 3,083 cases and no deaths have been recorded. Authorities intensified sanitation, disinfection, hygiene promotion, and early medical care to limit transmission. [[Full article](#)]

HIV/AIDS

- The **Philippines** reported 4,633 newly diagnosed HIV cases in quarter 1 of 2026, a 9% increase compared with the same period in 2025 (Philstar, 2026). Of these, 24% were diagnosed at advanced stages, and 95% occurred in men. The National Capital Region recorded the highest number of cases (989), followed by Calabarzon (808) and Central Luzon (551). Authorities urged expanded testing and free treatment access. [[Full article](#)]

Leptospirosis

- **Indonesia:** Ngawi District, East Java Province reported six leptospirosis cases as of May 2026, all of whom recovered following treatment (Radarmadiun Jawa Pos, 2026). Most infections occurred among farmers in border areas with Sragen District and were linked to exposure to rat urine through open wounds. Health authorities urged vigilance, hygiene measures, and early medical care to prevent leptospirosis and hantavirus infections. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- **Indonesia:** Rejang Lebong District, Bengkulu Province, has confirmed 38 measles cases across age groups, with health authorities investigating an unverified death of a child under five, potentially the first measles-related fatality in the district (Antara News Bengkulu, 2026). The health office has initiated contact tracing in affected areas and urged parents to ensure children are vaccinated against measles, nutrition, and seek prompt medical care for suspected symptoms to prevent further spread. [[Full article](#)]

Rabies

- **Viet Nam** reported 30 rabies deaths across 17 provinces and cities since January 2026, including four recent fatalities in Dong Nai and Ho Chi Minh City (Dantri, 2026). A total of 168 dead or destroyed animals were recorded. Officials highlighted risks from the dog and cat meat trade and advocated livelihood transformation, vaccination, and behavior change programs to support the national goal of zero human rabies deaths by 2030. [[Full article](#)]



Tuberculosis (TB)

- **Indonesia:** Maros District, South Sulawesi Province reported 307 cases of tuberculosis so far in 2026, following 995 cases in all 2025 with 83% treatment success and 9% mortality (Online 24 Jam, 2026). The highest burden was recorded in urban areas, linked to dense housing. Health authorities intensified active case finding through sputum testing, village health cadres, and mobile X-ray units, designating all 103 villages as TB-alert areas. Residents are urged to seek early diagnosis and complete treatment. [[Full article](#)]
- **Singapore:** On May 19, 2026, the Communicable Diseases Agency (CDA) reported completion of TB screening in Bedok Central, with one man diagnosed with active TB disease among 3,525 individuals screened (The Straits Times, 2026). He has started treatment and is expected to be non-infectious after two weeks. Of 509 positive blood tests, 447 underwent chest X-rays, with 42 showing minor abnormalities requiring further evaluation. Authorities continue free follow-up testing until June 5, alongside contact tracing and preventive measures. [[Full article](#)]

Global Situation

Chikungunya

- **Mauritius** reported 3,478 cumulative chikungunya cases since the beginning of the year, with 110 currently active (AllAfrica, 2026). Control and prevention operations are ongoing to limit transmission. Authorities continue surveillance and emphasize community participation in vector control to reduce further spread. [[Full article](#)]

Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF)

- **Iraq:** On May 19, 2026, Nineveh province reported its first CCHF case this year in a 27-year-old laborer from Qayyarah district, south of Mosul (Shafaq News, 2026). The patient was hospitalized on May 15, with suspected infection prior to laboratory confirmation. Nationwide, 15 cases have been reported in 2026, including nine in Dhi Qar, five in Diyala, and one in Kirkuk. In 2025, Iraq recorded 247 cases and 38 deaths linked to the disease. [[Full article](#)]

Dengue

- **India:** Kannur District, Kerala, reported 237 dengue cases and three deaths, with 42,376 people treated for fever and 692 hospitalized (Kerala Online News, 2026). Most cases were reported in Mangattidam panchayat (22), with additional clusters in Kannur Corporation, Chengalai, Chapparapadavu, and other localities. Health authorities urged residents to eliminate mosquito breeding sites and ensure proper waste disposal to reduce outbreak risk. [[Full article](#)]



Diphtheria

- **Australia** reported 226 diphtheria cases as of May 20, 2026, marking the country's largest outbreak in decades (Yass Tribune, 2026). Cases were reported across the Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australia, and Western Australia, with 133 cases in the Northern Territory alone. Most cases involved respiratory diphtheria, and approximately 25% required hospitalization. Authorities initiated contact tracing, coordinated with Aboriginal agencies, and urged vaccination. [[Full article](#)]
- **India:** Nashik District reported three suspected diphtheria cases among unvaccinated children between May 13 and 19, 2026, including two deaths involving siblings aged 6 months and 11 years (Hindustan Times, 2026) A 1.5-year-old girl remains hospitalized in a stable condition. Health authorities launched surveillance, collected samples for confirmatory testing, and urged the community to join immunization programs. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- **Bangladesh** has reported 488 measles-related child deaths since March 15, including seven in the past 24 hours; 405 deaths were suspected and 83 confirmed during the period (Bhaskar Hindi, 2026). A total of 59,279 suspected cases and 8,275 confirmed infections have been recorded, with over 46,000 hospitalizations and 42,336 recoveries. UNICEF cited vaccine shortages since 2024 and urged strengthened immunization efforts. [[Full article](#)]
- **Germany:** Konstanz reported three measles cases in May 2026, including one secondary household transmission (Südkurier, 2026). Health authorities identified contacts, implemented control measures, and urged residents to check vaccination status and seek medical advice before visiting clinics. Germany reported 234 measles cases nationwide in 2025. [[Full article](#)]
- **Maldives** reported seven confirmed measles cases nationwide as of May 2026, including two additional cases identified after the initial detections (The Edition, 2026). The Health Protection Agency initiated contact tracing, monitoring and emphasized routine vaccination with two doses administered at 9 and 18 months of age. Although measles was declared eradicated in 2018, sporadic cases have reappeared in recent years. [[Full article](#)]
- The **United States (US):** Lancaster County, Pennsylvania has reported 23 measles cases so far in 2026, including three in the past week (WGAL, 2026). Health officials urged vaccination, especially for children, and advised parents to ensure timely immunization to reduce transmission and prevent complications. [[Full article](#)]

Utah has reported 474 measles cases this year as of May 19, with 30 of those diagnosed in just the past three weeks (Gephardt Daily, 2026). In comparison, the state recorded a total of 197 cases across all twelve months of 2025. Southwest Utah remains the most affected area with 264 cases, followed by Utah County (110), Central Utah (88), and Salt Lake County (62). Most infections occurred in unvaccinated individuals (574 cases across 2025–2026). [[Full article](#)]

Georgia reported three confirmed measles cases in an unvaccinated family from metro Atlanta with recent international travel history, raising the state's total to five cases this year (The Chattanooga, 2026). The Department of Public Health is conducting contact tracing and urging vaccination with the MMR vaccine, which provides strong protection. Health officials advised symptomatic individuals to call healthcare providers before visiting facilities to prevent further transmission. In 2025, Georgia reported 10 measles cases. [[Full article](#)]

Pertussis

- The **United States (US)**: Pasadena, California, confirmed three pertussis cases at Blair Middle School, following four cases at Don Benito Fundamental School in April (ABC7, 2026). The Pasadena Public Health Department is conducting contact tracing, advising testing, treatment, mandatory school absence for symptomatic students, and offering preventive antibiotics to high-risk contacts. Authorities emphasized that DTaP and Tdap vaccinations are the most effective protection against further spread. [[Full article](#)]

Rabies

- **China**: An 11-year-old girl in Hunan Province died of rabies after concealing a dog bite and not receiving vaccination; her younger brother survived following timely post-exposure prophylaxis (YCWB News, 2026). The dog, bit another villager, was confirmed to have rabies infection. Hunan CDC emphasized immediate wound washing, disinfection, prompt medical consultation, and vaccination, warning against concealing exposures or delaying treatment. [[Full article](#)]

West Nile Virus (WNV)

- The **United States (US)**: On May 19, 2026, the Texas Department of State Health Services reported its first WNV case of the year in a Harris County resident diagnosed with neuroinvasive disease (Texas Department of State Health Services, 2026). Health officials highlighted that 976 cases and 106 deaths have been reported statewide over the past five years. Authorities urged residents to eliminate mosquito breeding sites, use repellents, and adopt protective measures to prevent West Nile and other mosquito-borne illnesses. [[Full article](#)]

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