

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

Dengue

- **Bangladesh:** As of February 22, 2026, the Directorate General of Health Services reported 22 new dengue hospitalizations in the past 24 hours, with no deaths (Dhaka Tribune, 2026). Nine cases were from Barisal, followed by five from Chittagong and Dhaka division, and three from Dhaka City. During the same period, 21 patients were discharged. Cumulatively, 1,432 dengue cases and four deaths have been recorded this year, with 1,341 recoveries; 64% of cases are male and 36% female. [[Full article](#)]

Diphtheria

- **South Africa** confirmed 93 cases of respiratory diphtheria and 2 probable cases between January 1, 2024 and February 15, 2026, along with 62 asymptomatic carriers of toxigenic *C. diphtheriae*, were identified, mostly in the Western Cape (77%) (Ghanamma, 2026). The median age of confirmed cases was 25 years, with 69% aged 18 and older. The overall CFR was 20%; higher among children (25%) than adults (18%). Four cutaneous toxigenic diphtheria cases were also reported, three in Gauteng and one in the Western Cape. [[Full article](#)]

Leptospirosis

- **Fiji's** Ministry of Health reported three suspected severe leptospirosis cases in mid-February 2026 among teenagers in Suva, all linked to swimming at Colo-i-Suva (FBC News, 2026). One patient died at Colonial War Memorial Hospital; two remain hospitalized. The Central Health Services Divisional Outbreak Response Team is investigating, while authorities urge heightened precautions, early medical consultation, and community awareness, especially after heavy rainfall. [[Full article](#)]
- **France:** From February 9 to 15, 2026 (Epi-week 7), Santé publique France reported six cases of leptospirosis linked with favourable climatic conditions (Imazpress, 2026). As of 15 February, a total of 32 cases had been reported, with most concentrated in the southern and eastern sectors of the island. Authorities emphasize early diagnosis, preventive measures, rodent control, and vaccination for high-risk groups. [[Full article](#)]



Malaria

- **India:** In the first six weeks of 2026, Andhra Pradesh reported 166 malaria cases, down from 625 during the same period in 2025, marking a 73.4% decrease (Metro India, 2026). Annual cases declined from 25,042 in 2015 to 7,119 in 2025, a 71.6% decrease. Most cases remain concentrated in Alluri Sitarama Raju and Parvathipuram Manyam districts. Authorities credit vector-control measures and community participation, aiming for malaria elimination by 2030. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Italy:** On February 20, 2026, health officials reported a suspected malaria case in a 12 year old girl from Chioggia following recent travel to Africa (Rai News, 2026). She was initially diagnosed and treated locally before transferred to Padua for specialized care due to the severity of her condition. Authorities emphasize the importance of early diagnosis and treatment in suspected imported malaria cases. [\[Full article\]](#)

Measles

- **Kazakhstan's** Ministry of Health reported 3,343 measles cases so far in 2026, with increases in nine regions (BAQ, 2026). Astana (973) and Almaty (519) recorded the highest numbers. Most cases occurred in children under five, with 78% unvaccinated due to parental refusal, medical exemptions, or young age. In response, authorities issued a decree to strengthen immunization, including clean-up and catch-up campaigns for children and vaccination of unprotected healthcare workers under 30. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **South Africa:** From December 29, 2025 to February 8, 2026 (Epi-week 1- 6), the National Institute for Communicable Diseases reported 307 laboratory confirmed measles cases nationwide (Ghanamma, 2026). The Western Cape recorded the highest number (56). Most cases occurred in children aged 1–14 years (54.7%), with increasing transmission among individuals over 15 years. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Spain:** In the first seven weeks of 2026, Madrid reported 24 measles cases, exceeding the total recorded in 2025; six patients required hospitalization (The Olive Press, 2026). Sixteen patients were unvaccinated. Most cases involved adults aged 25–55, with three cases in children. Eleven cases were epidemiologically linked, including family clusters. Health authorities emphasize vaccination, rapid response to suspected cases, and maintaining high coverage to prevent further spread. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United States (US):** As of February 19, 2026, Virginia health officials confirmed two additional measles cases in Northern Virginia, bringing the total to 10 statewide, with nine in the northern region (WJLA, 2026). The patients are two adults who visited multiple public sites in Manassas, Gainesville, and Alexandria between February 13–17. Authorities advise potentially exposed individuals to report to the Virginia Department of Health and verify their vaccination status. [\[Full article\]](#)

Minnesota has reported five measles cases so far in 2026, all in unvaccinated individuals in the Twin Cities area (CBS News Minnesota, 2026). Four cases are epidemiologically linked, with all infections acquired domestically. Health authorities emphasize the importance of completing the two-dose MMR schedule. [\[Full article\]](#)



On February 20, 2026, **South Carolina** health officials reported 11 new measles cases, bringing the outbreak total to 972, primarily affecting unvaccinated children in the Upstate region (WRDW, 2026). Currently, 105 individuals remain in quarantine and seven in isolation. Public exposures were identified at schools, churches, and community sites. Authorities emphasize vaccination as the most effective measure to prevent further spread. [\[Full article\]](#)

North Dakota Health and Human Services confirmed four new measles cases, including one in Walsh County and three in Pembina, raising the state total to 11 (KXNET, 2026). Ten of the cases are concentrated in the Pembina-Walsh region, with one earlier case in Williams County. Two patients have been hospitalized. Authorities advise unvaccinated individuals exposed at listed sites to isolate and monitor symptoms for 21 days. [\[Full article\]](#)

Meningococcal Meningitis

- **France:** On February 20, 2026, a case of meningococcal meningitis was confirmed in a crew member of the Italian military ship anchored in Brest (Le Telegramme, 2026). The patient was evacuated to Clermont Tonnerre Regional Army Training Hospital for treatment. Authorities have kept the ship at anchor, and contact tracing is underway. Local and regional health authorities are coordinating closely to monitor and manage the situation. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Japan:** A 24-year-old woman from Queensland, Australia, developed severe illness while travelling in Tokyo (Headtopics, 2026). She was diagnosed with invasive meningococcal disease due to serogroup B, complicated by meningitis and septic shock. She was placed in a medically induced coma and regained consciousness on February 10. She had received meningococcal vaccination, but not for serogroup B. In 2024, Australia reported 109 cases and continues expanding vaccine coverage. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United States (US):** Since January 15, 2026, the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) has reported ten cases of invasive meningococcal disease (IMD) in adults aged 30–80 years including two deaths, exceeding expected levels (Outbreak News Today, 2026). Four cases were homeless, and most presented atypically with respiratory or pneumonia-like symptoms. MenACWY vaccination is recommended for close contacts and individuals experiencing homelessness. [\[Full article\]](#)

Mpox

- **Austria's** Ministry of Health confirmed two mpox cases of clade Ib in February 2026, marking the first detection of this variant in the country (Salzburger Nachrichten, 2026). Both patients are receiving medical care and have mild illness. Since 2022, Austria has registered 390 cases of mpox, with three reported so far this year. Authorities emphasize vaccination for at-risk groups and continue national monitoring and prevention efforts through state health directorates. [\[Full article\]](#)



Regional Situation

Dengue

- **Indonesia:** As of February 2026, Buleleng District, Bali Province, reported 72 dengue cases, (48 in January and 24 in February), most occurred among persons aged 14–44 years (47.2%) (Radar Buleleng, 2026). The highest numbers were reported in Pejarakan (10) and Sembiran (7). Authorities have intensified control measures include fogging, source reduction, and promotion of the preventive measures. [[Full article](#)]
- The **Philippines:** As of February 20, 2026, Cagayan Province reported 247 dengue cases, down from 286 cases during the same period in 2025 (Bomboradyo, 2026). Santa Ana reported the highest number of cases, followed by Tuguegarao City. Authorities continue community information campaigns and clean-up drives ahead of the rainy season. [[Full article](#)]

Leptospirosis

- The **Philippines:** From January to February 7, 2026, Bacolod City reported seven leptospirosis cases, including one death, marking a 600% increase compared to the same period in 2025, with one case and no deaths (SunStar, 2026). Cases were recorded across seven barangays. The City Health Office urges residents to seek prophylaxis after potential exposure, avoid floodwater contact, manage waste properly, and participate in rat control measures. [[Full article](#)]

Rabies

- **Thailand:** On February 15, 2026, Nakhon Ratchasima Provincial Public Health Office reported a rabies death in a 53 year old male from Mueang District (LINE Today Thailand, 2026). He was bitten by a dog on December 6, 2025, unvaccinated, and developed symptoms before dying on 15 February. Laboratory confirmation was obtained from brain tissue. Authorities are investigating risk areas and advise immediate wound care and post-exposure vaccination. [[Full article](#)]

Tuberculosis (TB)

- **Malaysia:** As of February 21, 2026 (Epi-week 6), the Ministry of Health reported 596 new TB cases, bringing the total to 3,161 nationwide (The Daily Star, 2026). Sabah reported the highest number (755), followed by Selangor (596) and Sarawak (332). Authorities advise mask use in crowded settings, cough etiquette, early care-seeking, and preventive measures during Ramadan gatherings. [[Full article](#)]

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