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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

- **Ghana** has confirmed 79 mpox cases, with 71 cases (90%) located in the Western Region becoming the epicenter of mpox cases (GhanaWeb, 2025). The Directorate of Health is intensifying surveillance and public education as part of a broader emergency response strategy to contain the outbreaks and prevent further transmission. Out of 187 people suspected, 43 have already been confirmed, and the rest are still under investigation. [Full article]
- **Nepal** has confirmed its fourth case of mpox, involving a 37-year-old adult returning from Saudi Arabia, marking the country's first confirmed case since two years ago (Rising Nepal, 2025). The patient was treated at Sukraraj Tropical and Infectious Disease Hospital. The Ministry continues to monitor the situation. [Full article]

COVID-19

- **Bangladesh** reported 36 new cases and five deaths of COVID-19 on June 22, 2025, bringing the total 433 cases and 16 deaths so far this year (Xinhua, 2025). In response to rising infections in neighboring countries, the interim government has advised against non-essential travel and instructed health authorities to strengthen screening and surveillance at all ports to prevent further spread. [Full article]
- **India:** Karnataka has reported 17 new COVID-19 cases on June 22, 2025, following 184 tests conducted, resulting in a positivity rate of 9.2% (Deccan Herald, 2025). This brings the total cases to 2,385 since January 1, 2025. This year, 2,123 patients have been discharged, and 251 remain active, with one hospitalized. The situation is under control with regular health authorities' surveillance. [Full article]

Cholera

• India: As of June 17, 2025, Odisha reported a sharp rise in diarrhoea cases, with cholera bacteria found in 10% samples (OdishaTV, 2025). Over 300 new cases were detected from five districts by 10:00 AM. The state government has issued an alert for all 30 districts, launched community awareness campaigns, and instructed 24-hour patient observation and sanitation measures. A central health team is monitoring cases and conducting daily reviews to control the spread during the monsoon season. [Full article]



Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF)

• **Pakistan** reported a suspected death from Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) on June 15, 2025, involving a 24-year-old man in Attock (APP, 2025). A separate confirmed case was identified in Rawalpindi District, where a 38-year-old man was hospitalized on June 17. Both individuals had recent exposure to slaughtering and meat distribution during Eid Al-Adha. In response, health authorities have implemented strict infection control measures, including patient isolation, contact tracing, and vector surveillance to prevent further transmission. [Full article]

Malaria

Nepal reported seven malaria cases in Chitwan District, out of 7,989 individuals tested in the
current fiscal year (Rising Nepal, 2025). The infections were linked to migrants returning from
overseas employment, with most affected being over 15 years old. Health authorities stressed
the importance of environmental cleanliness and mosquito net use to prevent mosquito bites
and reduce malaria risk. [Full article]

Poliomyelitis

- **Ethiopia** reported four more cases of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus in Oromiya as of June 18, 2025, bringing the national total to 33 cases this year, according to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) (Vax Before Travel, 2025). In response, the country has intensified surveillance and preparedness efforts, including a February vaccination campaign targeting over 15 million children in the Somali region. [Full article]
- **Pakistan** confirmed its 12th wild poliovirus case as of June 2025, involving a 33-month-old boy from Bannu district in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Desh Sewak, 2025). This marks the sixth case from the province, with others reported in Sindh, Punjab, and Gilgit-Baltistan. In response, the Pakistan Polio Eradication Program has conducted three nationwide immunization campaigns, reaching over 45 million children under five. Authorities urge parents to ensure children receive multiple doses of the oral polio vaccine to prevent the disease. [Full article]

West Nile

The United States (US): Harris County reported its first confirmed human case of West Nile virus in June 2025, involving a resident from eastern Harris County (Houston Chronicle, 2025). In 2024, To prevent further spread, mosquito surveillance and targeted spraying are underway, with residents advised to use insect repellent, wear protective clothing, and eliminate standing water. Last year, the county recorded 57 human cases and three deaths, underscoring concern during peak mosquito season [Full article]



Regional Situation

Mpox

• The **Philippines** Department of Health Region 10 confirmed the first case of mpox in Northern Mindanao, involving an adult patient from Ozamiz City, Misamis Occidental (Outbreak News Today, 2025). The strain is identified as Clade II, known for its milder clinical presentation. Contact tracing efforts are underway, and health authorities urge the public to follow hygiene and disinfection protocols to limit the risk of transmission. [Full article]

The provincial government of **Capiz** has confirmed its first mpox case in the central part of the Western Visayas region on the island of Panay (Outbreak News Today, 2025). The patient is currently under home isolation with nearly healed lesions. Local authorities advise the public to follow minimum health standards, including proper hygiene, mask-wearing, and prompt medical consultation. [Full article]

Ormoc City confirmed its second mpox case in Eastern Visayas on June 19, 2025, following a recent case in Sogod, Southern Leyte (Manila Bulletin, 2025). The patient tested positive at the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) in Muntinlupa City. Three probable cases linked to the index patient are also being observed. Authorities have urged the public to follow preventive measures, including frequent handwashing, surface disinfection, avoiding skin-to-skin contact, and wearing masks in crowded areas. [Full article]

Avian Influenza A(H5N1)

• **Cambodia:** On June 20, 2025, The Ministry of Health confirmed a 52-year-old man from Svay Chrum District, Svay Rieng Province died from avian influenza A(H5N1) after contact with sick and dead poultry (Ministry of Health Cambodia, 2025). The health authorities launched a coordinated investigation, implementing case tracing, antiviral distribution, and health education. The public is urged to follow preventive measures and seek immediate medical care if symptoms arise from poultry exposure. [Full article]

COVID-19

• The **Indonesian** Ministry of Health has confirmed 32 COVID-19 cases among Indonesian Hajj pilgrims in Saudi Arabia experiencing fever and shortness of breath (Ministry of Health Indonesia, 2025). The patients were treated at Saudi hospitals in Madinah and Makkah, and most have since recovered and returned to their accommodations. The Ministry of Health authorities continue post-hospital care and have advised pilgrims to wear masks in crowds, maintain hygiene, and stay hydrated. Returning pilgrims are urged to monitor symptoms and report to health facilities within 14 days of arrival. [Full article]

Indonesia: Surabaya City reported 27 confirmed COVID-19 cases in 2025, all involving patients without recent international travel history (detikJatim, 2025). All cases were mild, and required only outpatient care. Health authorities have implemented contact tracing and monitoring, emphasized preventive protocols like mask use and hygiene, and reinforced public education campaigns to maintain control of virus transmission. [Full article]



Dengue

• **Indonesia:** Gorontalo District, Gorontalo Province reported 53 cases and one death of dengue as of June 2025 (RRI Indonesia, 2025). The local health office is intensifying public education and vector control efforts, focusing on community involvement through larva monitoring initiatives. Authorities emphasize cross-sector collaboration and community participation to achieve zero dengue deaths by 2030, with early reporting and maintaining a clean environment as central prevention strategies. [Full article]

The Health Office of **Mukomuko District in Bengkulu Province** reported 28 confirmed cases of dengue between April and June 2025 (RBTV, 2025). In response, epidemiological investigations and vector control efforts, including larval surveillance and larvicide distribution, have been conducted in 14 affected areas. Authorities are urging residents to participate in mosquito breeding site elimination and maintain environmental cleanliness for dengue prevention. [Full article]

- Malaysia: Kelantan reported 875 dengue cases in the first half of 2025, a 12.5% decrease from the same period in 2024 (Bernama, 2025). Despite this, affected clusters increased to 66 from 50. State health authorities and the Ministry of Health are implementing intensive vector control measures, including inspections over 180,000 premises and the issuance of RM250,000 in fines. Additionally, *Wolbachia*-infected Aedes mosquito release initiative has shown promising results in Pondok Terusan and Kubur Maras, contributing to reduced transmission in targeted localities. [Full article]
- Myanmar reported seven dengue-related deaths among children aged five to ten in Dawei
 District between May 10 and June 17, 2025, primarily attributed to delayed hospital care
 (Eleven Myanmar, 2025). In response, regional health authorities have initiated awareness
 campaigns, insecticide spraying, and other preventive measures to control the situation.
 Officials continue to urge parents to promptly seek medical attention for children exhibiting
 symptoms of dengue fever. [Full article]
- The Philippines reported nearly 124,000 dengue cases as of May 2025, with over 27,000 in children aged 5 to 9 and case fatality rate of 0.4% (ABS-CBN News, 2025). The Department of Health (DOH) anticipates a rise in infections in the second half of the year, coinciding with the rainy season and school reopening. A recent 6% increase in cases from May 11 to 24 has prompted schools to intensify mosquito control efforts with support from the DOH and Department of Education, including cleanup drives and student-led environmental hygiene initiatives. [Full article]

Palawan Province reported 3,080 dengue cases and 21 deaths as of June 5, 2025, a 101.93% increase from the same period in 2024 (Palawan News, 2025). Children aged 1-10 years were the most affected, with clustering in 26 barangays. In response, the Department of Health and Department of Education have intensified vector control and public awareness campaigns, especially in schools. [Full article]



Hantavirus

Indonesia has reported eight cases of Hantavirus Hemorrhagic Fever with Renal Syndrome (HFRS) as of June 19, 2025, across four provinces, including the Special Region of Yogyakarta, West Java, East Nusa Tenggara and North Sulawesi, with all patients recovered (Kompas, 2025). The Ministry of Health and local authorities emphasize preventive measures include rodent population control, avoiding direct contact with rodent excreta, maintaining household cleanliness, proper waste management, and using personal protective equipment for high-risk workers. [Full article]

Leptospirosis

• **Indonesia:** Sleman District in the Special Region of Yogyakarta has reported 46 confirmed leptospirosis cases, including eight fatalities this year (Harian Jogja, 2025). The local Health Office urges the community to maintain cleanliness and implement rodent control measures to reduce disease transmission. Early diagnosis and treatment involving antibiotics and fluid therapy are essential to prevent severe complications such as kidney damage. Strengthened cross-sector collaboration, involving agricultural agencies, supports enhanced public awareness and effective disease control efforts. [Full article]

Measles

• **Thailand** reported 1,241 suspected measles cases as of mid-2025, with 414 confirmed cases nationwide and one death in Chiang Rai Province (The Thaiger, 2025). The Department of Disease Control (DDC) is urging hospitals to isolate suspected cases promptly. Authorities have strengthened border surveillance, implemented preventive measures, and emphasized maskwearing and early symptom monitoring to contain further spread. [Full article]

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