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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

- **Pakistan** has confirmed its first mpox case in Sindh on March 22, 2025, involving a 29-year-old man from Malir District with no recent travel history, raising concerns about local transmission (Arab News, 2025). Pakistan has recorded eight cases of mpox in 2024 and five mpox cases so far this year, with no detections of the clade I strain. Health authorities are conducting contact tracing while keeping the patient in isolation. [[Full article](#)]

Dengue

- **Brazil:** São Paulo has confirmed 296,143 dengue cases with 273 deaths and 545 severe cases, while 465 deaths under investigation on March 21, 2025 (Agência Brasil, 2025). São José do Rio Preto experienced the hardest hit, with 86 fatalities. During the past week, dengue transmission was declined with 3,224 cases, the lowest weekly count in 2025. Authorities launched an awareness campaign, installed interactive booths to educate residents on symptoms, treatment, vaccination, and misinformation. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- **Japan** has reported 22 measles cases this year, including six in Hyogo and five in Yokohama (NHK News, 2025). Fifteen infections were linked to overseas travel and others to local transmission. Health officials warn of potential contact with imported cases in measles-endemic countries, urging travelers to check vaccination status and consider immunization. [[Full article](#)]
- The **United States (US):** The state of Tennessee reported its first measles case since 2019, amid ongoing outbreaks in Texas and New Mexico (WKRN News, 2025). As of March 20, 2025, there were 378 cases across 18 US jurisdictions. Health officials are investigating potential exposures and emphasizing vaccination, amid a decline in MMR vaccination rates among children in Tennessee. [[Full article](#)]

Pertussis

- The **United States (US):** Louisiana has reported two infant deaths from pertussis in the past six months, the first since 2018 (KATC News, 2025). The state has confirmed nearly 100 cases this year, surpassing last year's total at this time. Health authorities are closely monitoring and urging parents to keep their immunizations up to date. [[Full article](#)]



Rabies

- **India:** A young woman in Greater Noida died after consuming milk from a rabid cow (Times Now News, 2025). Despite the animal exhibiting symptoms, she did not seek medical intervention or vaccination, leading to severe symptoms such as hydrophobia, panic episodes, and aggressive reactions. Although ten villagers received post-exposure rabies vaccinations, the woman's delayed reaction was fatal, underscoring the importance of prompt rabies awareness, vaccination, and animal health monitoring. [[Full article](#)]

Regional Situation

Avian Influenza A (H5N1)

- **Cambodia** confirmed an H5N1 bird flu case in a 3-year-old boy from Prek Ta Am village, Kratie province, on March 22, 2025 (Outbreak News Today, 2025). The child was hospitalized in critical condition with fever, cough, and severe fatigue. Health authorities are investigating the outbreak, tracing close contacts, and monitoring potential transmission from sick and dead chickens in the household, which were cooked and consumed by family members. Contacts are urged to seek medical attention if they develop flu-like symptoms after contact with infected poultry. [[Full article](#)]

Dengue

- The **Philippines** has recorded 1,338 dengue cases in Negros Occidental from January to March 15, 2025, a significant increase from 270 cases in the same period in 2024 (Visayan Daily Star, 2025). Dengue clusters were identified in 35 barangays, with most cases affecting individuals aged 11 to 20. Bago City had the highest number of cases at 265. [[Full article](#)]

Malaria

- **Indonesia:** Papua Barat province has experienced a rise in malaria cases, with Teluk Wondama District recording 2,054 cases in 2024, including 540 in Kampung Maniwak, up from 51 in 2023 (Antara News Papua Barat, 2025). Health authorities have deployed a team to implement control measures, including insecticide spraying, larvicide application, and mosquito net distribution, and trained local cadres for independent prevention efforts. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- **Viet Nam** has reported 42,488 suspected measles cases as of March 20, 2025, with 4,027 confirmed cases and five deaths across 62 provinces (Lao Dong Thu Do, 2025). Most cases are in the Southern Region (54.9%), and over 95% of patients were unvaccinated or had unknown vaccination status. Of cases, 72.7% were aged 9 months to 15 years. Health authorities are closely monitoring the epidemic situation and coordinating with institutions to assess risks, identify high-risk areas, and plan vaccination campaigns. [[Full article](#)]



Hanoi reported 182 measles cases in 26 districts from 14 to 21 March, including a death of a 44-month-old unvaccinated child from Nam Tu Liem on 18 March due to multiple organ failure and pneumonia (Bao Moi, 2025). Since early 2025, the city has reported 1,058 cases in 30 districts, mostly affecting unvaccinated individuals. Health authorities are enhancing coordination with the education sector, strengthening surveillance at medical facilities, conducting epidemiological investigations, and implementing control measures to prevent further spread. [[Full article](#)]

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