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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

Anthrax

- **Mongolia:** Health authorities in Arkhangai province, central Mongolia, confirmed a case of anthrax involving a resident in Ikhtamir soum through PCR testing (huaxia, 2025). Authorities have urged residents to stay cautious and strictly follow preventive measures. The area has been placed under indefinite quarantine to contain the outbreak. [[Full article](#)]

Malaria

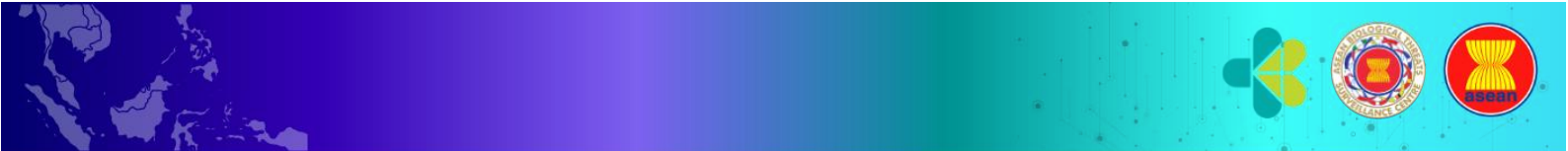
- **India:** Delhi has reported a surge in malaria, with 36 new cases last week, bringing the 2025 total to 333 cases, marking the highest weekly cases in five years (HT Correspondent, 2025). No deaths have been reported so far. Authorities, including the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, are monitoring cases closely and implementing preventive measures such as intensified surveillance and vector control in affected zones. [[Full article](#)]

Mpox

- **Spain:** Madrid's Health Ministry confirmed the first imported case of the clade Ib variant of mpox in a 32-year-old man who had traveled to Tanzania in August and engaged in risky sexual activity (Eldebata, 2025). The patient is in home isolation and recovering well, with diagnosis confirmed at Ramón y Cajal Hospital and validated by the National Microbiology Center. [[Full article](#)]

Rabies

- **India:** In Ahmedabad, Gujarat, a police inspector died from rabies after being scratched by his pet dog, despite receiving hospital treatment (OpIndia, 2025). Health officials confirmed the fatal case and highlighted the risks of transmission through scratches and saliva. Authorities stressed the need for timely vaccination of pets and humans and warned against ignoring symptoms or relying on ineffective remedies. [[Full article](#)]



Tuberculosis

- The **United States (US)**: A tuberculosis case was confirmed at East Lincoln High School in Lincoln County during the week of September 15. In response, health officials, in coordination with the affected school and state authorities, are working to trace and notify potential contacts. [[Full article](#)]

West Nile Virus

- **Italy**: An 85-year-old man in Macerata remains in serious condition after contracting West Nile fever from mosquito bites near his home (Colibazzi, 2025). The Department of Hygiene and Public Health has notified the municipality, launched disinfestation in the Santa Maria neighborhood, and urged residents to adopt preventive measures. Further mosquito control operations have been scheduled, with authorities reminding the public that the disease poses the greatest risk to the elderly and immunocompromised. [[Full article](#)]

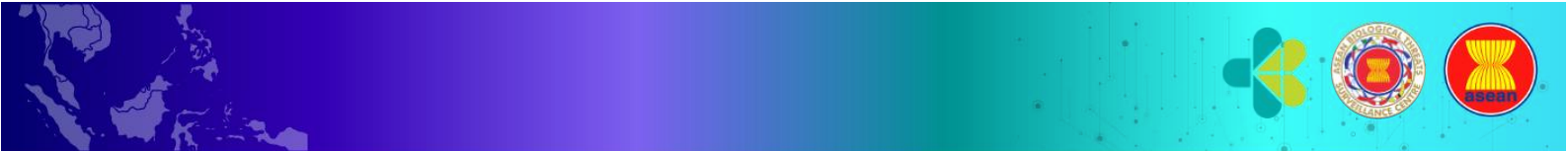
Regional Situation

Dengue

- **Indonesia**: Pekanbaru Municipality, Riau Province, has recorded 675 dengue fever cases so far in 2025, with the highest numbers in Payung Sekaki (83), Marpoyan Damai (68), and Tuah Madani (66) (Times Jakarta & Arief, 2025). Authorities noted a decline in cases in recent weeks and have intensified prevention efforts through health centers and community initiatives. The Health Office urged the public to actively eliminate mosquito breeding sites, including weekly draining of water containers and using abate powder for larger tubs. [[Full article](#)]

Batam City, Riau Islands Province, reported 525 dengue cases with two deaths as of September 21, 2025, lower than the 871 cases and 14 deaths recorded in the same period last year (Yuliandra, 2025). The highest cases were in Sagulung (97), Batamkota (84), and Sekupang (76), with children aged 5–14 most affected. The Health Office has conducted fogging in 270 locations, health education, and strengthened mosquito larvae control teams, while urging the public to practice regular mosquito-nest eradication and maintain environmental cleanliness. [[Full article](#)]

- **Viet Nam**: From September 12 to 19, 2025, Hanoi recorded 258 new dengue cases, up from 190 the previous week, bringing the year's total to 1,884 cases (Daijiworld Media Network, 2025). Health officials have detected 19 new clusters, raising active clusters to 33. The Hanoi Centre for Disease Control has urged early detection, swift response, and enhanced prevention in vulnerable communities. [[Full article](#)]



On September 21, **Hai Duong Ward**, Hai Phong City, recorded three dengue fever cases in the same family, all now under treatment at Hoa Binh Hospital (Huong, 2025). In response, the Ward People's Committee swiftly activated its epidemic control plan, coordinating with health, military, and community organizations. Authorities sprayed disinfectants, cleared waste and sewers, and treated water containers to eliminate mosquito breeding sites. [Full article]

HIV/AIDS

- **Indonesia:** Fifteen students aged 15–19 in Surakarta Municipality, Central Java Province, have been diagnosed with HIV in 2025, with some cases linked to same-sex relations, according to the AIDS Commission (Metro TV News, 2025). Transmission occurred mainly through sexual contact. Not all affected students agreed to start antiretroviral (ARV) therapy due to stigma and fear of discrimination. [Full article]

Tuberculosis

- **Indonesia:** Manokwari District, West Papua Province, has recorded 766 tuberculosis (TB) cases, including 38 drug-resistant TB (DR-TB), with 639 patients receiving treatment (RRI, 2025). Health authorities are expanding early detection and treatment access to improve recovery rates. The public is urged to seek care for persistent coughs and support TB prevention efforts. [Full article]

Banyuwangi District, East Java Province, recorded 20,220 TB suspects as of mid-September 2025, with 2,574 confirmed cases (Hartik & Anggiawati, 2025). The authorities are intensifying community-based active screening in high-risk areas, expanding reporting through private clinics and hospitals. The district aims to detect at least 90% of estimated cases by 2026 to support TB elimination by 2030. [Full article]

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