

# ASEAN Biodiaspora Virtual Center

## Media Monitoring for Infectious and Emerging Diseases

### GLOBAL & ASEAN REGION

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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:** The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Health Department has confirmed the eighth mpox case in the province, involving a 31-year-old male who tested positive at Peshawar airport on his way to Dubai (The News International, 2025). The patient, who arrived in Pakistan on April 16, was placed in isolation at Police Services Hospital, Peshawar. Health authorities are monitoring the situation and urging the public to report suspected symptoms promptly. [[Full article](#)]

### Anthrax

- **Ethiopia** has reported an anthrax outbreak in Koka Kebele, Suri District, West Omo Zone, with seven human deaths and 15 livestock deaths since April 17, 2025 (Addis Standard, 2025). Local health and pastoral teams confirmed the outbreak, providing medical treatment and starting livestock vaccinations. Authorities are conducting awareness campaigns to prevent the disease from spreading to neighboring districts and managing the situation using local resources. [[Full article](#)]

### Chikungunya

- **Taiwan (Province of China)** reported 11 imported cases of chikungunya so far this year, the highest since 2007 (Outbreak News Today, 2025). Authorities urge the public to eliminate breeding sites and adopt preventive measures, including wearing protective clothing and using approved mosquito repellents. [[Full article](#)]

### Dengue

- **Sri Lanka:** Ratnapura Teaching Hospital has been severely affected by a dengue outbreak, affecting 147 staff members, including three doctors (NewsFirst, 2025). The district was declared a high-risk dengue zone, with 1,311 cases recorded since January 2025. The Aedes albopictus mosquito is the main vector. The Sabaragamuwa Provincial Dengue Task Force has been convened to coordinate response measures. [[Full article](#)]



## Measles

- The **Netherlands** reported 25 new measles infections last week, the second consecutive week of declining cases (RTL Nieuws, 2025). New cases continue in Rotterdam, particularly in a school, and in Leiden and Gouda, the Hollands Midden region, with several infections in a daycare center. In 2025, 310 cases were confirmed, the highest number since 2013. [[Full article](#)]

## Pertussis

- The **United States (US)** reported 8,485 cases of pertussis in 2025, double the number in the same period last year, due to the natural pertussis cycle and a decline in vaccination rates following the COVID-19 pandemic (AP News, 2025). Public health authorities monitor the situation closely, despite limited resources focused on contact tracing for concurrent measles outbreaks. [[Full article](#)]

## Poliomyelitis

- **Pakistan** confirmed its seventh polio case of the year in a child from Torghar district in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on April 23, 2025 (Xinhua, 2025). The case was identified during the National Immunization Days campaign which vaccinated 45.4 million children under five from April 21 to 27. Health authorities urge parents to ensure children receive repeated doses of the oral polio vaccine, highlighting the ongoing threat of poliovirus in several districts. [[Full article](#)]

## Rabies

- **Pakistan:** Sindh reported nine confirmed rabies cases this year as of April 23, with six from rural areas (Webindia123, 2025). over 5,400 dog-bite victims were treated at Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC) and Indus Hospital this year. Health experts emphasize the importance of immediate wound care and post-exposure prophylaxis to prevent rabies onset. [[Full article](#)]

## Regional Situation

### Dengue

- **Indonesia:** The Cirebon District Health Office in West Java Province reported 285 dengue fever cases as of April 16, 2025, with the highest surge in March due to extreme weather changes (Republika, 2025). Monthly cases rose from 69 in January to 75 in February, then declined to 23 in early April. Authorities urged the public to conduct mosquito nest eradication activities. [[Full article](#)]

**Pariaman City, West Sumatra Province** reported 17 cases of dengue, mainly affecting children aged 4-17 years (Padang Ekspres, 2025). The highest number was reported in Pariaman Tengah Subdistrict. Despite a decrease from 28 cases in the same period in 2024, health officials are urging vigilance due to unpredictable weather conditions. Community prevention efforts are being intensified through health volunteers and surveillance teams, with emphasis on dengue control measures and mosquito nest eradication. [[Full article](#)]



- **Malaysia:** Taman Jaya Diri in Sabah recorded over 24 dengue cases and one death on April 21, 2025, up from seven cases and one death on April 10, topping the list of dengue hotspots in Kota Kinabalu (Daily Express Malaysia, 2025). Preventive measures, including community clean-ups, waste removal, and public education campaigns were launched to curb the transmission. [[Full article](#)]
- The **Philippines** saw a 23% decrease in new dengue cases from March 16 to 29, 2025, with 9,289 cases recorded, down from 12,050 in the previous week (Manila Bulletin, 2025). This decrease is attributed to the prevention campaign that encourages communities to clean, dry, and cover water containers to eliminate mosquito breeding grounds. The Department of Health also emphasized the need for public vigilance and early preparations for the July-August rainy season to prevent a resurgence in cases. [[Full article](#)]

### **Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)**

- **Malaysia:** Kinabatangan Town, Sabah, reported cases of HFMD among students, prompting the temporary closure of two schools in the area until April 29, 2025, for sanitation (Borneo Bulletin, 2025). The District Education Office officer confirmed the closure based on and instructions from health authorities. During the closure, teaching and learning will continue through home-based learning. [[Full article](#)]
- The **Philippines** confirmed a new case of HFMD in Iloilo City, bringing the total number of cases to 14, including four active cases (Politiko Visayas, 2025). Authorities emphasized the importance of regular cleaning to prevent transmission. [[Full article](#)]
- **Viet Nam:** Ho Chi Minh City reported a 35.5% increase in HFMD cases from April 14-16, 2025, with 544 new cases, up from 476 in the previous week (Báo Tin Tức, 2025). The total number of cases reached 3,721 in 2025, with Binh Tan, District 8, and Nha Be having the highest rates per 100,000 people. Doctors are emphasizing hygiene to prevent further spread, including isolating infected children, washing hands regularly, and avoiding contact with sick people. [[Full article](#)]

### **Malaria**

- The **Philippines** reported an imported malaria case in Davao City in 2025 due to Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) returning from Papua New Guinea (SunStar Davao, 2025). The City Health Office's Tropical Disease Prevention and Control Division conducted routine visits, blood smear testing, and vector mapping, while encouraging local communities to establish task forces. [[Full article](#)]

### **Measles**

- **Viet Nam:** A 7-month-old boy from Ha Long City, Quang Ninh Province, was treated for measles complications, including pneumonia and respiratory failure (VTV.vn, 2025). The child was admitted with high fever, severe cough, rash, diarrhea, and respiratory failure. After eight days of intensive care, the child has stabilized and is expected to be discharged soon. The head of pediatrics emphasized the importance of vaccination in preventing measles and its severe complications. [[Full article](#)]



**Can Tho City** has reported around 300 measles cases as of April 24, 2025, with the highest number of cases in Vinh Thanh, Thoi Lai, O Mon, and Thot Not districts (Tuổi Trẻ Online, 2025). The Can Tho City Department of Health is launching its third measles vaccination campaign in two phases, starting from April 28, targeting children aged 6 months to under 9 months and high-risk individuals aged 11 to 15 Years. [Full article]

### **Pertussis**

- **Viet Nam:** The Cao Bang Provincial Department of Health reported a 2-month-old infant died of pertussis on April 20, 2025, despite intensive care (Tuổi Trẻ Online, 2025). An epidemiological investigation is underway, using throat swab samples collected from symptomatic family members and close contacts for laboratory testing. Health authorities are monitoring neighboring households and encouraging routine childhood vaccination to prevent further cases. [Full article]

### **Rabies**

- **South Central Timor District** in East Nusa Tenggara has reported 21 deaths due to rabies, with 6,433 bite incidents since 2023 (Tribun Kupang, 2025). The majority of bites occurred on the lower legs and feet. The widespread risk of rabies transmission across the region is underscored by local data, with most victims being of productive age and school-aged children. [Full article]

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