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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

- The **United Kingdom (UK)** has reported 12 cases of mpox clade 1b as of end May 2025, mainly due to travel to countries where mpox clade 1b is circulating (Vax-Before-Travel, 2025). In response, England will launch a routine vaccination campaign starting August 2025, aiming to curb transmission using approved vaccines. [[Full article](#)]

COVID-19

- **Bangladesh** reported 21 new COVID-19 cases on June 24, 2025, bringing the total infections this year to 473, while the death toll remains at 19 (New Age BD, 2025). The Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) warns about potential new Omicron sub-variant waves and advises the public to follow preventive measures like mask-wearing, hand hygiene, and avoiding gatherings. Booster vaccinations are recommended for high-risk groups. [[Full article](#)]
- **India:** Maharashtra reported 25 new COVID-19 on June 24, bringing the total cases to 2,395 this year. No new fatalities were recorded, maintaining a death toll of 33, with 32 had comorbidities (The Week, 2025). To date, 2,106 patients have recovered and 26,736 tests have been conducted across the state. Mumbai becomes the most affected city with 965 cases reported. [[Full article](#)]

Manipur Health Officials reported 33 new COVID-19 cases on June 22, 2025, with a positivity rate of 32.7%, bringing the total to 145 (Social News, 2025). The majority of cases are concentrated in Imphal West, followed by Imphal East and Thoubal. 122 individuals are currently under home quarantine, and public vigilance is emphasized due to the increasing national trend. The Governor chaired a COVID-19 review meeting to assess state preparedness, including medical supplies, ICU capacity, and surveillance systems. [[Full article](#)]

Karnataka reported 41 new COVID-19 cases on June 24, bringing the total to 2,501 (Deccan Herald, 2025). Of these, 2,319 patients have recovered, 171 were active cases and one case was hospitalized. The COVID-19 positivity rate over the past 24 hours was 15.3%, from 267 tested. Health authorities are monitoring the situation, with isolation protocols in place for active cases. [[Full article](#)]



Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF)

- **Pakistan:** A 42-year-old man from Malir District, Karachi, died from CCHF on June 17, 2025, marking Sindh's first fatality this year (The Daily Patriot, 2025). The patient tested positive at Indus Hospital on June 16 and had no recent travel history, suggesting local transmission. In response, health authorities emphasized preventive measures, including protective clothing and avoiding direct contact with animals. CCHF has a high fatality rate and lacks a vaccine. [\[Full article\]](#)

Rawalpindi has confirmed two cases of CCHF as of June 24, 2025, with one fatality (The News, 2025). The surviving patient, a 38-year-old man from Wah Cantt, is in stable condition. Health authorities are monitoring two more suspected cases from Rawalpindi Cantonment and Attock. Eight individuals have been screened for CCHF in the region. [\[Full article\]](#)

- **Turkey:** A 42-year-old woman from Çankırı province died from CCHF after being transferred to a hospital in Ankara (Al Watan News, 2025). The victim was linked to animal husbandry work in a rural village, and is among 16 total fatalities from tick-related CCHF since the start of 2025. Health authorities have warned the public to take preventive measures, especially when handling animals, as the virus remains endemic in rural and agricultural regions. CCHF carries a case fatality rate of up to 40%. [\[Full article\]](#)

Diphtheria

- **India** has reported four cases of diphtheria in Daldal, Tamia region; two children, aged six and eight, died from the disease (Bhaskar Hindi, 2025). The two surviving siblings, aged 10 and 14, are showing signs of recovery under intensive care following antiviral treatment. In response, health authorities have screened 29 residents, distributed preventive medications, and collected samples for laboratory confirmation. Local teams are actively monitoring the situation to prevent further transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)

Melioidosis

- **Australia:** Queensland has recorded 235 cases of melioidosis and 32 related deaths as of June 2025, marking the state's worst outbreak of the rare soil-borne disease in three decades (News China, 2025). The surge is attributed to the wet season, with most cases in individuals over 50 with underlying conditions like diabetes and cancer. Health authorities advise residents to avoid soil and muddy water, and to wear protective gear when gardening or using high-pressure water equipment. [\[Full article\]](#)

Rabies

- **South Africa:** A man in KwaZulu-Natal died after contracting rabies from a dog bite months after the initial incident (IOL, 2025). By the time the victim sought medical care, the virus had reached his nervous system, making treatment ineffective. Authorities emphasize the need for immediate post-exposure treatment and public awareness, as rabies is a fatal yet preventable disease. [\[Full article\]](#)



West Nile Virus

- The **United States (US)**: Illinois confirmed its first human case of West Nile virus in Southern Illinois on June 25, 2025, marking the earliest since 2016 (CBS News Chicago, 2025). The virus was detected in mosquitoes across 17 counties, including Cook, Will, and DuPage. Health authorities attribute the early emergence to hot, dry weather, which accelerates virus transmission between birds and mosquitoes. The Illinois Department of Public Health urges the public to reduce exposure, use insect repellents, eliminate standing water, and take extra precautions during peak mosquito activity. [[Full article](#)]

Zika

- **France** Public Health reported two Zika cases among international travelers entering mainland France as of June 18, 2025 (Vax-Before-Travel, 2025). The primary vector, *Aedes albopictus*, is now present in 81 of 96 mainland departments. Currently, there is no available vaccine for the disease. [[Full article](#)]

Regional Situation

Mpox

- The **Philippines**: Talisay City, Negros Occidental, confirmed its first case of mpox on June 23, 2025 (SunStar Bacolod, 2025). The patient is stable and receiving medical care. The city has conducted contact tracing and activated health protocols to prevent further transmission. The Mayor advised residents to remain calm, practice hygiene, avoid contact with symptomatic individuals, and seek medical attention if symptoms arise. [[Full article](#)]

The **Aurora** provincial health office has confirmed six active cases of mpox, located in Maria Aurora (2), San Luis (2), Baler (1), and Dipaculao (1) (Inquirer News, 2025). Health authorities are urging the public to practice good hygiene, wash their hands frequently, use hand sanitizer, and avoid contact with individuals who are experiencing symptoms. Common symptoms include fever, rash, swollen lymph nodes, and muscle aches. Preventive measures are being enforced to contain further transmission. [[Full article](#)]

COVID-19

- **Myanmar's** Ministry of Health reported 29 new COVID-19 cases between June 15 and 22, 2025, with a 1.32% positivity rate (Eleven Myanmar, 2025). There were no severe cases or deaths reported. Authorities are urging booster vaccinations for high-risk groups, including seniors, individuals with chronic illnesses, and pregnant women. Surveillance continues nationwide following previous spikes in the Yangon region. [[Full article](#)]



Avian Influenza

- **Cambodia's** National Institute of Public Health confirmed a human case of avian influenza A(H5N1) in a 41-year-old woman from Puok District, Siem Reap Province on June 23, 2025, following direct contact with sick and dead poultry (Ministry of Health of Cambodia, 2025). She is receiving intensive care for fever, cough, and respiratory distress. The Ministry of Health is conducting outbreak investigations, including contact tracing, antiviral distribution, and health education. Authorities urge the public to avoid contact with sick poultry and seek prompt medical care if symptoms develop after exposure. [\[Full article\]](#)

Dengue

- **Indonesia** has recorded 67,030 dengue cases and 297 deaths as of June 12, 2025, following 257,271 cases and 1,461 fatalities in 2024 (VIVA, 2025). Kutai Kartanegara had the most cases (2,802) and deaths (22) in 2024, prompting local authorities to expand vaccination programs. The Ministry of Health is developing a follow-up to the 2021–2025 National Dengue Strategy, which emphasizes data-driven, multisectoral responses and early detection in order to achieve zero dengue-related deaths by 2030. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **Philippines** reported 123,291 dengue cases as of June 7, 2025, with a case fatality rate of 0.4%. Children aged 5-9 were the most affected, accounting for 27,358 cases (Brigada News, 2025). As a 6% increase from mid-April to late May, authorities maintain control through mosquito control, early treatment, and school-based awareness campaigns. The Department of Health (DOH), in collaboration with local governments, promotes the "4 o'clock habit," community clean-up drives, and symptom recognition efforts. [\[Full article\]](#)

The Department of Health in **Central Visayas** reported 5,880 dengue cases and 10 deaths as of June 14, 2025, with a case fatality rate of 0.2%, a 3% increase from the previous year (SunStar Cebu, 2025). Cebu Province had the highest number of cases, affecting primarily children aged 5-10. To prevent further spread, health authorities are promoting early medical consultation, eliminating mosquito breeding sites, and increasing community vigilance. [\[Full article\]](#)

- **Singapore** has reported 261 new dengue cases, a 20% increase from the previous week, with 56 active clusters, including 12 high-risk red zones (Daily Sun, 2025). Significant clusters include Science Park Drive, Lentor Loop, and Toa Payoh. The National Environment Agency noted a rise in DenV-1 serotype cases, now comprising 55% of infections, replacing DenV-3. [\[Full article\]](#)

Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- **Malaysia:** Kelantan has reported 11,813 cases of HFMD as of epidemiological week 25 ending June 21, 2025, a 14-fold increase from the same period last year (New Straits Times, 2025). Children under six accounted for 83.9% of cases, with local transmissions reported in 138 childcare centers, kindergartens, and preschools. Despite the surge, weekly cases have declined since week 17, and authorities are monitoring high-risk premises. Most patients recover within 7-10 days without specific treatment. [\[Full article\]](#)



Leptospirosis

- The **Philippines:** As of June 14, 2025, Bacolod's City Health Office (CHO) reported 12 leptospirosis cases, including six deaths, a 50% increase from the same period in 2024 (Manila Bulletin, 2025). The latest fatality was a 20-year-old male from Barangay Sum-ag who died from moderate leptospirosis with kidney complications. The CHO is monitoring high-risk areas and advising the public to avoid floodwaters and seek medical care if symptoms develop. [Full article]

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