

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.

Regional Situation

Dengue

- **Indonesia:** As of epi-week 9 of 2026, Balikpapan Municipality, East Kalimantan Province, reported 326 dengue cases with no deaths reported (Beranda Post, 2026). Cases were recorded across all subdistricts, with the highest incidence in South Balikpapan and North Balikpapan. The health office implemented a school-based dengue vaccination program in the two most affected districts. [\[Full article\]](#)

Mojokerto District, East Java Province reported 73 dengue cases so far in 2026, including one death in a five-year-old child (Surya Malang, 2026). Most cases occurred among children aged 5–15 years, coinciding with the peak rainy season. Health authorities conducted fogging in affected areas, issued advisories to health facilities, and urged intensified mosquito control to reduce breeding sites and prevent further transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)

- **Malaysia:** As of March 21, 2026, Pahang reported a cumulative 167 dengue cases with no new deaths (Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Pahang, 2026). Authorities urge continued prevention, particularly *Aedes* source reduction. The public is advised to seek care promptly for fever and participate in community clean-up efforts to prevent escalation. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **Philippines:** Bacolod City reported 106 dengue cases from January to March 14, 2026, a 54.5% decrease from 233 cases and one death during the same period in 2025 (RMN DYHB Bacolod 747, 2026). No fatalities have been reported this year. The City Health Office urged residents to remain vigilant, prevent mosquito bites, and seek medical consultation promptly if experiencing dengue-like symptoms to reduce severe outcomes and community transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- **Viet Nam:** From March 9 to 15, 2026, Hanoi reported 837 new HFMD cases, a 97.1% increase compared with the four-week average, bringing the cumulative total to 7,294 cases this year (Kiến Thức, 2026). High-incidence areas include Long Huong, Long Dien, and Thuong Tan, mainly affecting children under five. Authorities emphasize hygiene, warn of seasonal increase, and advise against inappropriate antibiotic use. [\[Full article\]](#)



Leptospirosis

- The **Philippines**: As of March 14, 2026, Bacolod City reported 11 leptospirosis cases across multiple barangays, with two deaths recorded (Bacolod KFive Station, 2026). The City Health Office continues monitoring and urges residents to maintain preventive measures, particularly during periods of increased risk, to reduce further transmission and fatalities. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- **Indonesia**: Health authorities in Kediri, East Java Province, warn of increased measles transmission during the 2026 Eid al-Fitr period (Radar Kediri, 2026). As of early March, 22 suspected cases were detected in Kediri City, with samples under laboratory testing. Increased mobility and crowding during Eid al-Fitr may accelerate spread, prompting investigations, isolation, and mask use. Authorities are also preparing post-Eid al-Fitr case finding and MR vaccination to close immunity gaps, especially among children. [[Full article](#)]

Global Situation

Dengue

- **Taiwan (Province of China)**: On March 23, 2026, Kaohsiung City reported its second imported dengue case of the year, involving a man in his 20s who was screened for fever upon entry and confirmed positive the following day (Liberty Times Net, 2026). Taiwan has reported 27 imported dengue cases in 2026, mostly from Southeast Asia. Authorities emphasized airport screening, clinical evaluation, and preventive measures to reduce the risk of community transmission during the high-risk period. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- **Japan's** National Institute for Health Crisis Management reported 139 confirmed measles cases as of March 15, 2026, an increase of 32 in one week and 4.3 times higher than the same period last year (Yonhap News, 2026). This is the highest level since 2020, with infections occurring among individuals without recent travel. Authorities warn of ongoing domestic transmission and advise travellers to check vaccination status, complete immunization if needed, and monitor health after returning. [[Full article](#)]

The **Tokyo** Metropolitan Government reported four new measles cases from March 17-20, all in men aged 20–30 years, some without recent travel history (Mainichi, 2026). This brings the city's total to 41 cases in 2026, exceeding the 34 cases reported in 2025. Authorities highlight airborne and droplet transmission risks and continue surveillance to monitor local spread. [[Full article](#)]

On March 13, 2026, **Sapporo** confirmed its second measles case of the year in a woman in her 50s who had returned from India in late February and developed fever, cough, and rash on March 10 (UHB News, 2026). The Sapporo City Public Health Center urged residents to ensure vaccination and seek medical care promptly if experiencing symptoms, given the high transmissibility of measles. [[Full article](#)]



Meningococcal Disease

- **Poland:** On March 23, 2026, an 8-month-old infant was hospitalized at Żeromski Hospital in Krakow with meningococcal meningitis and remains in serious but improving condition (TVP Kraków, 2026). Close contacts, including hospital staff, received prophylactic treatment. The Ministry of Health plans to introduce mandatory meningococcal vaccination for individuals up to 19 years, while local governments continue free vaccination programmes for children. [[Full article](#)]

Mpox

- **Russia:** On March, 2026, health authorities in St. Petersburg confirmed a new mpox case in a local resident, who is currently hospitalized at an infectious disease facility (AIF SPB, 2026). Contacts have been identified and placed under surveillance, and disinfection measures implemented. The case is considered sporadic, following earlier detections in travellers from aboard. Authorities report the situation is under control. [[Full article](#)]

Rabies

- **India:** A 9-year-old girl from Mumbai died of rabies in March 2026, nearly five months after a dog bite, after not receiving post-exposure vaccination (MSN India, 2026). Her condition deteriorated rapidly during treatment, days before death. Authorities stress that rabies is almost always fatal once symptoms develop but preventable with prompt vaccination after any animal bite or scratch. [[Full article](#)]

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