

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

COVID-19

- **Malaysia's** Health Ministry has recorded 9,682 COVID-19 cases up to Epidemiological Week 19/2026, a 12.6% decrease compared with the same period last year (Bernama, 2026). Despite several new subvariants detected, authorities said the overall situation remains under control, and most cases involve only mild symptoms. The ministry is strengthening screening at international entry points and encouraging preventive measures, including vaccination, mask-wearing, and good hygiene. [[Full article](#)]
- **Thailand** reported 3,642 COVID-19 cases and one death between January 1 and May 23, 2026, predominantly NB.1.8.1, accounting for about 51% of cases (The Straits Times, 2026). Despite higher transmissibility, the strain is not considered more severe. Officials are treating COVID-19 as an endemic, urging the public not to panic. Preventive measures include mask-wearing in crowded places, hand hygiene, testing when symptomatic, and avoiding contact with vulnerable groups. [[Full article](#)]
- **Viet Nam:** The Hanoi CDC recorded five new COVID-19 cases across five wards and communes from May 15 to 22, 2026 (Hanoi CDC, 2026). Cumulatively, Hanoi has recorded 75 cases and no deaths in 2026, a decrease compared to 192 cases reported during the same period in 2025. [[Full article](#)]

Dengue

- **Indonesia:** In Riau **Province**, 1,682 cases of dengue, including 12 deaths, were recorded from January to April 2026, with the highest cases in Rokan Hilir and Pekanbaru (Media Center Riau, 2026). Authorities cited environmental sanitation as an enabling factor of the spread of *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes. Authorities have issued alerts and emphasized community participation in prevention. [[Full article](#)]
- **Malaysia:** Health authorities reported a surge of dengue in a residential area in Tanah Merah, with 65 confirmed cases recorded over the past two months (Metro Sinchew, 2026). This sustained cluster indicates active local transmission, prompting vector control actions such as inspections and elimination of mosquito breeding sites. Residents have been urged to cooperate with enforcement teams and remove standing water around their homes to reduce the risk of further spreading. [[Full article](#)]



- **Viet Nam:** In Hanoi, dengue fever cases have shown a recent upward trend, with 25 new cases reported in the past week across 10 wards/communes, bringing the 2026 total to 286 cases with no deaths (Hanoi CDC, 2026). Health officials warn that cases may continue to rise, and more hotspots could emerge. [[Full article](#)]

Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- **Philippines:** Health authorities in Iloilo reported 475 cases of HFMD from January 1 to May 19, 2026, 16% lower than during the same period in 2025 (Panay News, 2026). Between May 9 to 16, the province reported six new cases, indicating a temporary slowdown in transmission. However, officials warn of a possible surge once schools reopen, as children return to crowded classroom settings where the disease spreads more easily, and urge parents to maintain hygiene measures and isolate symptomatic children. [[Full article](#)]
- **Viet Nam:** Hanoi reported 136 cases of hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD) between May 15 and May 22, 2026, a decrease from the previous week (Hanoi CDC, 2026). Since the beginning of 2026, the city has recorded 3,219 cases and no deaths, higher than the same period in 2025. Health authorities reported 64 outbreaks this year, with only one currently active, and expect cases to continue declining in the coming weeks. [[Full article](#)]

HIV/AIDS

- **Indonesia:** Health Office in Palu Municipality, Central Sulawesi Province, has reported 2,021 cases of HIV/AIDS within the past 25 years, increasing from 1,815 cases recorded in May 2025 (Global Sulteng, 2026). Authorities said efforts to prevent HIV/AIDS are being strengthened through public awareness campaigns and promotion of healthy lifestyles. Officials also urged the community to support prevention efforts and increase awareness of the risks associated with free sexual behavior and HIV/AIDS. [[Full article](#)]

Leptospirosis

- **Indonesia:** As of May 2026, Pacitan District in East Java Province recorded 144 leptospirosis cases, with the highest monthly total reported in April at 48 cases (Teras Jatim, 2026). Nearly all patients have recovered, with only one person still hospitalized. Health authorities noted that cases have decreased compared to the same period last year. The public is urged to remain vigilant by maintaining clean environments and controlling rodent populations to prevent transmission. [[Full article](#)]

Rabies

- **Indonesia:** A new rabies death has been reported in Kupang Municipality, East Nusa Tenggara province, in a sub-district employee who died following a dog bite sustained about eight weeks earlier (Media Indonesia, 2026). The victim reportedly did not seek immediate medical treatment because the wound appeared minor, highlighting the dangers of delayed rabies prevention and the continued public health risk posed by rabies in the region. [[Full article](#)]



Global Situation

CCHF

- **Iraq:** Health authorities in Dhi Qar Governorate has reported 45 hemorrhagic fever cases with seven deaths this year, majority linked to slaughterhouses and livestock markets in Nasiriyah operating outside health regulations (Shafaq News, 2026). In response, authorities ordered the closure of the slaughterhouse, formed a special operations room to monitor preventive measures, and intensified awareness campaigns and livestock inspections ahead of Eid al-Adha. The Ministry of Agriculture and Veterinary Department also continued implementing precautionary measures to limit the spread of Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever. [[Full article](#)]

Dengue

- **Taiwan (Province of China):** The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reported the first locally acquired dengue case this year in Kaohsiung, involving a man in his 60s infected with dengue virus type 1 (I-chia, 2026). Two imported dengue cases linked to travelers returning from Malaysia were also confirmed, bringing the total number of cases this year to 64. Authorities launched mosquito control measures and urged the public to prevent mosquito breeding and protect themselves from bites. [[Full article](#)]

Diphtheria

- **Australia:** Western Australia has recorded 85 diphtheria cases in 2026, mostly in the Kimberley region, as part of a wider outbreak across Australia that has exceeded 220 cases (ABC News, 2026). Health officials warned that vaccination alone may not be enough to stop the spread, particularly in remote communities, and said current vaccination efforts are mainly aimed at preventing severe illness rather than halting transmission. [[Full article](#)]

Ebola

- **Uganda:** Health authorities confirmed three new Ebola cases, bringing the total number of confirmed infections in the country to five since the outbreak was detected on May 15, 2026 (France 24, 2026). All newly identified patients are reported to be alive, and officials have initiated contact tracing while warning of broader regional risk, with multiple neighboring countries considered at risk of spreading. [[Full article](#)]

Hantavirus

- **Germany:** Health authorities in Schwalm-Eder district confirmed a hantavirus infection, stating that the virus strain does not pose an increased risk to the general population (HNA, 2026). Officials also noted that this case is unrelated to a separate international hantavirus outbreak linked to the cruise ship *MV Hondius*, which involved dozens of cases, including severe infections and deaths. [[Full article](#)]
- **Netherlands** confirmed one hantavirus infection in a crew member repatriated from the *MV Hondius* cruise ship, who had been in quarantine and was later hospitalized for precautionary isolation (Medical Xpress, 2026). The case is linked to a broader cluster associated with the vessel, and officials noted that the risk of further spread in the Netherlands remains very low while monitoring of contacts. [[Full article](#)]



Measles

- **Bangladesh:** In the past 24 hours, 16 more children died from measles symptoms, bringing the total number of child deaths to 528 nationwide (Prothom Alo, 2026). During the same period, 1,434 new measles and suspected measles cases were reported. Since March 15, 2026, Bangladesh has recorded 63,813 children with measles symptoms, including 50,558 hospitalizations, while more than 46,000 children have recovered and been discharged. [[Full article](#)]
- **India:** Satna Urban in Madhya Pradesh reported seven new measles cases, including four cases from Rajendra Nagar, all infected are children under five years old (Bhaskar Hindi, 2026). Health officials confirmed they are currently out of danger. Officials have initiated surveillance, testing, and vaccination measures to contain further spread. [[Full article](#)]
- The **United Kingdom (UK):** A single measles case was reported in a worker at an Amazon warehouse in Follingsby, Gateshead (Chronicle Live, 2026). In response, the warehouse management is working closely with the Health authorities to implement precautionary measures, tracing contacts, and advising those exposed to check their vaccination status. [[Full article](#)]
- The **United States (US):** Health authorities in San Diego County, California, confirmed two unrelated measles cases, with one case involving potential public exposure at several locations (Service, 2026). Officials warned that measles spreads easily through the air and urged individuals who may have been exposed to monitor for symptoms and ensure they are fully vaccinated, particularly travelers. [[Full article](#)]

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