

Media Monitoring for Infectious and Emerging Diseases

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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

Diphtheria

- **South Africa:** Between 1 January 2024 and 18 January 2026, health authorities recorded 91 confirmed respiratory diphtheria cases, 2 probable cases, and 61 asymptomatic toxigenic *C. diphtheriae* carriers identified through contact tracing (NICD, 2026). The Western Cape accounted for 76% of all confirmed cases, including one newly confirmed respiratory case and one new asymptomatic carrier reported in week 3 of 2026. [\[Full article\]](#)

Measles

- **Canada** reported 18 new measles cases in Manitoba during epi-week two of 2026 (CBC News, 2026). This brings the total to 351 confirmed and 30 probable cases since February 2025 to January 17, 2026. Exposure sites were identified in Winkler, Winnipeg, and East St. Paul. Public health authorities issued exposure notifications, enhanced surveillance, and urged timely measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccination and symptom monitoring to prevent further transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Kazakhstan** reported a sharp increase in measles cases in Almaty, rising from about 30 cases in November 2025 to 236 cases in January 2026 (Zakon.kz, 2026). Most cases (82%) occurred among unvaccinated individuals. Over 90% of cases were children under 14 years, with the highest burden in those aged 1–4 years. Health authorities emphasized urgent strengthening of routine and catch-up immunization to curb further spread. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Pakistan** reported two additional measles-related deaths among children in Kashmore District (MM News, 2026). The situation was described as ongoing, with no specific dates provided. Residents urged district authorities to take immediate notice. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United States (US)**: The CDC reported 416 measles cases in the first weeks of 2026—nearly 20% of last year's total (Forbes, 2026). Children ages 5–19 make up 61% of infections, and cases have been confirmed in 14 states, with South Carolina accounting for 338 cases. Experts warn that continued drops in vaccination coverage could jeopardize U.S. measles elimination status later this year. [\[Full article\]](#)



Maricopa County, Arizona reported two measles cases in January 2026, involving local residents (AZ Family, 2026). One case had no identified exposure source, raising concern for potential community transmission. Multiple exposure sites were identified in Gilbert from January 13–15, including retail and fitness facilities. Public health authorities advised exposed individuals to monitor symptoms through early February and strengthened case investigation and contact tracing. [\[Full article\]](#)

On January 20, 2026, **South Carolina** reported an ongoing measles outbreak in the Upstate region, with 54 new cases, bringing the total to 700 as of mid-January 2026 (WSPA, 2026). Public health authorities implemented quarantine and isolation measures, identified multiple school and community exposure sites, and reinforced vaccination, symptom monitoring, and timely isolation to prevent further transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)

Melioidosis

- **Australia:** Four residents (ages 67–89) in North Queensland were recently hospitalized with melioidosis following exposure to post-cyclone floodwaters (ABC News, 2026). With 16 cases reported statewide this month, health officials are urging vulnerable residents to use caution when handling mud and to seek immediate medical evaluation for symptoms. [\[Full article\]](#)

Mpox

- **France** confirmed one mpox case in Réunion Island on January 22, 2026, involving a local resident recently returned from Madagascar (La1ère Franceinfo 2026). The patient was isolated and close contacts were identified and placed under medical monitoring. Health authorities strengthened surveillance and border prevention measures, issuing alerts to clinicians and travelers. Response actions followed national and international guidance in line globally. [\[Full article\]](#)

Pertussis

- The **United States (US)**: Guam reported two laboratory-confirmed pertussis cases in 2026, bringing the total to three (KUAM, 2026). Public health authorities initiated epidemiological investigations and contact tracing to identify potential exposure sources and are monitoring island-wide respiratory illness trends through ongoing surveillance activities to detect further cases and guide response measures. [\[Full article\]](#)

Rabies

- **Kenya** reported a fatal human rabies case in Ruai, Nairobi County, involving a 43-year-old man who died on January 17, 2026, following a stray dog bite in October 2025; no secondary cases were identified (Standard Media, 2026). The patient did not receive post-exposure rabies vaccination and developed symptoms consistent with rabies, dying while hospitalized. Health authorities emphasized prompt wound washing and immediate post-exposure prophylaxis after any animal bite to prevent rabies. [\[Full article\]](#)



Typhoid

- **India:** Indore District, Madhya Pradesh, reported a suspected typhoid cluster in January 2026, with at least 25 individuals falling ill after reportedly consuming contaminated drinking water (Hindustan Times, 2026). Four patients were diagnosed with typhoid, liver infection, or jaundice. Authorities conducted door-to-door surveillance, collected water samples for testing, advised residents to boil water, and initiated an official investigation to control further spread. [\[Full article\]](#)

Regional Situation

Dengue

- **Indonesia:** Lebak District, Banten Province, reported 88 dengue cases in January 2026, the majority occurred in densely populated areas, particularly Rangkasbitung (Antara News Banten, 2026). Local health authorities instructed health centers to strengthen larval monitoring, community-based vector control, environmental sanitation, and health promotion. [\[Full article\]](#)

Sumenep District, East Java, reported 70 dengue cases from Januari 1–22, 2026 (Surabaya Pagi, 2026). Cases were identified across 27 subdistricts through routine health center reporting. Local health authorities intensified vector control, environmental sanitation, and community health education, prioritizing areas with confirmed cases. [\[Full article\]](#)

Palembang Municipality, South Sumatera Province reported 48 dengue cases as of January 23, 2026, a decrease from the same period in 2025, with over 70 cases recorded (Antara News Sumsel, 2026). The Health Office implemented preventive measures, including larvicide distribution and community-based vector control to reduce *Aedes aegypti* breeding during reporting period. [\[Full article\]](#)

- The **Philippines:** Quezon City reported 445 dengue cases from January 1 to 22, 2026, a 57% decrease compared with the same period in 2025 (RMN Philippines, 2026). Individuals aged 20 years and below were the most affected. District 2 recorded the highest burden with 169 cases. No dengue-related deaths were reported. [\[Full article\]](#)

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- The **Philippines** reported 30 cases of HFMD in Quezon City from January 1-22, 2026 (RMN Philippines, 2026). All cases occurred among children aged 13 years and below, with 19 cases reported in males. No deaths or severe outcomes were reported. [\[Full article\]](#)

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