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Global Situation

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Crimean-Congo Haemorhagic Fever (CCHF)

Iraq has recorded 296 cases of hemorrhagic fever with 42 deaths since the start of 2025, according to the Ministry of Health (Al Quds ,2025). Most cases occurred in Dhi Qar Governorate, where livestock farming is widespread, increasing risks of transmission through tick bites or contact with infected animals. With no available vaccine, health authorities urge strict preventive measures when handling animals, particularly for farmers and butchers. The World Health Organization warns the disease can be fatal in 10–40% of cases if not promptly managed. [Full article]

Dengue

- Bangladesh reported 632 dengue-related hospitalizations with one death in the 24 hours to September 25, 2025, raising the 2025 totals to 44,473 cases and 188 deaths (Dhaka Tribune, 2025). Most new cases were reported in Dhaka, Barisal, and Chittagong. This year's toll is lower than in 2024 (575 deaths). [Full article]
- India: Haryana State has reported 792 dengue cases, with the highest burden in Rewari district, where 191 dengue cases recorded (Punjab Kesari, 2025). Other districts with a high number of cases include Karnal (56), Rohtak (52), Gurugram (53), Sonipat (48), and Panchkula (30). In response, the Health Department has expedited testing across 27 laboratories, launched fogging campaigns in high-risk areas, and issued advisories urging residents to take precautions, such as avoiding waterlogging, wearing protective clothing, and seeking prompt medical care if they experience symptoms. [Full article]

Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease

The **United States (US):** West Virginia has reported 38 outbreaks of hand, foot, and mouth disease (HFMD) in 2025, including 17 in September alone (WDTV, 2025). The illness mainly affects children, but it can also impact adolescents and adults. It has been more prevalent this year, with cases peaking in the summer and fall. In response, the CDC is providing information about the disease on its website. [Full article]



Regional Situation

Dengue

- **Indonesia:** Natura District, Riau Islands Province, recorded 55 dengue cases and two deaths from January to September 2025, mostly in children aged 5–10 (RRI, 2025). Though there are fewer cases than in 2024, officials warn of school-based transmission and urge mosquito control activities and other precautions. [Full article]
- The **Philippines**: Zamboanga City reported 1,135 dengue cases from January 1 to September 13, 2025, a 7% decrease compared to the same period in 2024, with two recorded deaths (SunStar Zamboanga, 2025). Most cases affected children aged 1–10 years, and 38 developed into severe dengue. San Roque recorded the highest number of cases among the city's 98 villages, followed by Tumaga. [Full article]
- **Viet Nam:** Ho Chi Minh City recorded 34,284 dengue cases by week 37 of 2025, nearly 2.5 times higher than the same period in 2024, with deaths also increasing (Thanh Nien, 2025). In week 37 alone, 2,107 cases and 1 death were reported. Although cases have declined since week 34, they remain above the 2024 levels and the 5-year average, with 57 wards and communes still showing rising trends. [Full article]

As of September 23, **Khanh Hoa Province** recorded over 6,170 dengue cases and two deaths, with Bac Nha Trang and Hoa Tri reporting the highest numbers (Kienthuc, 2025). Despite the recent declines, the risk of outbreaks remains due to favorable weather and low community compliance, though health authorities are responding promptly. [Full article]

Leptospirosis

• **Indonesia:** Pangandaran District recorded 22 cases of leptospirosis, mostly affecting farmers and coconut tappers in flood-prone areas (Padna & Miranti, 2025). The increase is linked to stagnant water contaminated with rat urine and high rodent density, with many residents not using protective equipment. Authorities have responded with health outreach, rat eradication efforts, and campaigns to improve environmental cleanliness and healthy living practices.[Full article]

Rabies

• **Indonesia:** Sumbawa District, West Nusa Tenggara Province, recorded 730 rabiestransmitting animal bites up to September 2025, with two deaths linked to delayed vaccination (Gustiana, 2025). Lunyuk Sub-district reporting the highest animal bites (116). Health officials stress the importance of timely vaccination for preventing the spread of the virus, and they warn that many residents still neglect immediate treatment. [Full article]



• **Viet Nam:** Tay Ninh Province recorded five human deaths due to rabies as of September, 2025, with three dogs infected in households across Tan Lap, My Yen, and Long Hoa (Binh & Trung, 2025). The infected dogs were destroyed, and more than 102,000 vaccine doses were administered to dogs and cats in affected areas, supported by disinfection and quarantine measures. Authorities highlighted the need to strengthen vaccination coverage, manage roaming pets, and raise community awareness to prevent further fatalities. [Full article]

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