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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

Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF)

- **Iraq:** Duhok, Kurdistan Region, reported the death of a 43-year-old Syrian refugee after being diagnosed with CCHF (Shafaq News, 2025). The man, a butcher, was diagnosed in hospital before traveling to Rojava, northern Syria, where his condition worsened. Iraq has recorded 240 confirmed cases of CCHF, including 31 deaths, with Dhi Qar reporting the highest burden. Health authorities continue monitoring the situation due to severe risks, including bleeding and multi-organ failure. [[Full article](#)]

Malaria

- **Pakistan:** As of August 25, 2025, Sindh has reported 116,828 malaria cases, with 50,499 cases from Hyderabad, followed by Larkana (33,333), Shaheed Benazirabad (13,590), Sukkur (9,263), Mirpurkhas (8,943), and Karachi (1,200) (Jang, 2025). Three cases of cerebral malaria were confirmed so far, all from Hyderabad. [[Full article](#)]
- **Taiwan (Province of China):** On August 26, 2025, the CDC reported a new imported malaria case in a foreign male in his 40s who returned from Ivory Coast and Senegal and was later confirmed with falciparum malaria (Yahoo News Taiwan, 2025). As of August 25, 2025, a total of 16 imported cases have been recorded this year, the highest for the same period since 2007, with 75% linked to African countries. Health authorities advised travelers to consult travel medicine clinics, take preventive medication, use mosquito repellents, and seek medical care if symptoms develop. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- **South Africa** has reported over 700 measles cases, including over 480 in Gauteng, following a recent measles outbreak (AllAfrica, 2025). The low immunization coverage in Johannesburg and Tshwane contributed to communities vulnerable to future outbreaks. In response, the Department of Health in Gauteng launched a mass vaccination campaign to reach 4 million children aged 6 months to 15 years by 12 September, using community outreach and media platforms to address vaccine hesitancy. [[Full article](#)]



- The **United States (US)**: As of August 19, 2025, the CDC has confirmed 1,375 measles cases from 42 jurisdictions across the US. A total of 35 outbreaks has been recorded this year; a sharp increase compared to 2024 when 16 outbreaks were reported (CDC, 2025). Health authorities stress the importance of vaccination as the primary measure to curb transmission and prevent severe complications from the highly contagious disease. [[Full article](#)]

Melioidosis

- **Taiwan (Province of China)**: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported a melioidosis death involving a 70-year-old man in southern Taiwan despite having no contact with floodwater or soil (Yahoo News Taiwan, 2025). Additionally, the CDC reported a severe case involving an 80-year-old woman. The absence of exposure from typhoon or flooding suggested inhalation of contaminated dust as a possible source. CDC advised high-risk groups to take precautions and use protective equipment. [[Full article](#)]

Pertussis

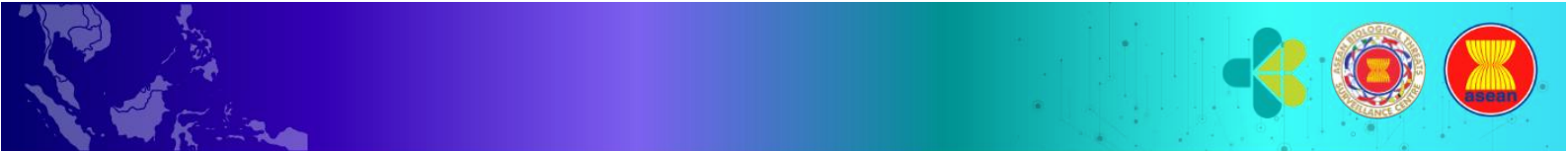
- The **United States (US)**: As of late August 2025, Lorain County Public Health is monitoring a pertussis outbreak in southern Lorain County, with 10 confirmed cases linked to The Child Garden in LaGrange (Cleveland.com, 2025). The highly contagious infection poses the greatest risk to infants, pregnant women, and those with weakened immunity. Health officials urge vaccination, frequent handwashing, covering coughs, and staying home when sick to curb transmission. [[Full article](#)]

Poliomyelitis

- **Pakistan**: On August 26, 2025, the National Institute of Health has confirmed two new poliovirus cases in South Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, involving a 16-month-old girl from Tank and a 24-month-old girl from North Waziristan, bringing the total cases in 2025 to 23 (APP, 2025). Authorities warn that children in hard-to-reach areas with low vaccine acceptance remain at risk, while National and Provincial Emergency Operations Centres are intensifying vaccination campaigns. [[Full article](#)]

Rabies

- **India**: Between January and August 2025, Tamil Nadu reported 64 rabies deaths, with 76% caused by stray dog bites and 23.4% by pet dogs (New Indian Express, 2025). In 2024, 43 deaths were reported, with most victims partially or not vaccinated. Health experts emphasized the need for mandatory annual pet dog vaccinations and timely post-exposure prophylaxis, including rabies vaccine and immunoglobulin, to prevent fatal outcomes. [[Full article](#)]



Regional Situation

Dengue

- **Viet Nam:** Ho Chi Minh City has reported over 25,500 dengue cases and 15 deaths so far this year; a campaign was launched on August 26, 2025 to eliminate mosquitoes (Vietnam News, 2025). Health officials warn of further increases as peak season approaches. Authorities are strengthening surveillance, ensuring medical supplies, and urging households to eliminate mosquito breeding sites and maintain hygiene as key preventive measures. [[Full article](#)]

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- The **Philippines** Department of Health reported 37,368 cases from January to August 9, 2025, over seven times higher than 5,081 cases in the same period last year (Cebu Daily News – Inquirer, 2025). Health officials are monitoring the situation and emphasizing preventive measures to reduce transmission. Schools have shifted to online learning to curb transmission. [[Full article](#)]

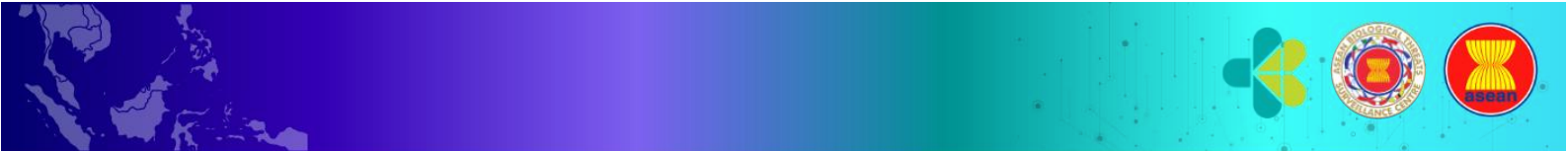
Malaria

- **Indonesia:** Sinaboi Subdistrict, Rokan Hilir District, Riau Province, has reported 187 malaria cases so far this year, with most patients received outpatient treatment, while severe cases were managed at the emergency unit. (Tribun Pekanbaru, 2025). The Sinaboi Health Center conducted indoor residual spraying, distributed mosquito nets, and advised residents to avoid night-time activities. Authorities also urged the public to recognize symptoms of malaria and to seek immediate medical care. [[Full article](#)]

Rote Ndao District, East Nusa Tenggara Province recorded 27 malaria cases as of August 2025, with the highest at Eahun Health Center (16 cases) (Tribun Kupang, 2025). Other cases were found across various health facilities, including Sotimori, Oelaba, Delha, Busalangga, and Ba'a District General Hospital. The Health Office is implementing early detection, treatment, and community education, advising residents to maintain cleanliness, use mosquito nets, and reduce sources. Authorities also emphasized the importance of promptly reporting prolonged fever for timely intervention. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- **Indonesia's** Ministry of Health reported 23,128 suspected measles cases between January and August 2025, including 3,444 confirmed cases (Xinhua, 2025). Forty-six confirmed cases were reported across 42 districts in 13 provinces, with Sumenep, East Java as the worst-affected area, with 2,139 suspected cases and 17 deaths. Authorities warned measles spreads faster than COVID-19 and emphasized the importance of immunization. [[Full article](#)]



Rabies

- **Malaysia:** On August 4, 2025, a six-year-old Indonesian girl died of rabies at Bintulu Hospital, Sarawak, after being bitten by a stray dog on July 16 that later tested positive (Free Malaysia Today, 2025). This was the second human rabies death in Sarawak this year, after a 13-year-old boy in Kuching. Since July 2017, the state has recorded 85 human rabies cases with 78 deaths. Health authorities emphasized that Sarawak remains under rabies epidemic status and urged the public to remain vigilant against animal bites and scratches. [Full article]

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