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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

Mpox

- **Ethiopia** has reported 22 cases of mpox as of June 18, 2025, since its first detection in May 2025, including the identification of the clade Ib strain (ECDC, 2025). Due to unclear epidemiological links, community transmission is presumed to be ongoing. Ethiopia is currently categorized as a country with community transmission on a precautionary basis, pending further epidemiological assessment. [Full article]
- **Hong Kong (SAR)** reported a new mpox case involving a 60-year-old man who developed symptoms on June 16, 2025, following high-risk contact during the incubation period (ON.CC, 2025). He was diagnosed after a clinic visit on June 23. Since 2022, Hong Kong has recorded 78 mpox cases, including 10 confirmed in 2025, all among males, mostly linked to high-risk sexual behaviors. In response, the Centre for Health Protection is conducting an epidemiological investigation and will notify the World Health Organization. [Full article]
- **Malawi** has confirmed 35 mpox cases as of June 16, 2025, since the first reported infections in April, affecting individuals aged 2 to 57 years, with 25 cases among males (ECDC, 2025). The majority of cases have been reported in Lilongwe. The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) is monitoring the global mpox situation, with further updates expected through monthly or ad hoc epidemiological reports. [Full article]
- Nepal has confirmed its fourth case of mpox in a 37-year-old man who returned from Saudi Arabia (News of Nepal, 2025). The patient, who exhibited symptoms, tested positive via PCR at the National Public Health Laboratory and is currently being treated at Shukraraj Tropical and Infectious Diseases Hospital. All confirmed mpox cases in Nepal to date have been linked to travel from Saudi Arabia. Health authorities are continuing surveillance and testing for individuals with mpox-like symptoms. [Full article]
- **Spain** reported its first mpox-related death in 2025, involving an unvaccinated man aged 30–40 with advanced HIV/AIDS, according to the Carlos III Health Institute's June 17 report (El Progreso, 2025). The country has confirmed 273 cases this year, mainly in Catalonia and Madrid, with 80% of the cases belonging to clade II. Health authorities are monitoring the



outbreak and recommending vaccination for immunosuppressed individuals and those at higher risk of exposure. [Full article]

COVID-19

- India: Ludhiana district reported four new COVID-19 cases on June 25, 2025, bringing the total to 80 (Hindustan Times, 2025). Of those, 57 were recovered, while 20 remain active, with 16 home-isolated, and four hospitalized. Three deaths were reported, all in individuals with underlying conditions. Most cases were vaccinated and experienced mild symptoms. Health authorities urged the public to wear masks and avoid crowded places to limit transmission. [Full article]
- Nepal is facing a surge in COVID-19, with 180 cases reported since January across 25 districts (The Star, 2025). In the past week alone, 25 new cases were recorded. Health authorities have increased surveillance, issued public warnings, and procured rapid test kits to address the growing cases. [Full article]

Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF)

- **Iran:** In June 2025, three of four suspected CCHF cases were confirmed in Ardabil Province, marking the first cases this year in Meshginshahr County (ILNA, 2025). Health authorities emphasize the disease's endemic nature and high fatality risk if not treated promptly. The Ardabil Health Center is equipped for specialized testing, and control measures have been implemented. Citizens are advised to avoid unauthorized meat sources, refrain from home slaughtering, and seek immediate medical care if symptoms occur. [Full article]
- **Iraq:** Iraqi health authorities confirmed two new deaths from CCHF on June 26, involving a seven-year-old child in Diyala province and a woman in Zubair district, bringing the total to 126 cases and 21 deaths in 2025 (Shafaq, 2025). Health officials have intensified animal surveillance and public education campaigns, warning of heightened risk during the Islamic month of Muharram, when religious gatherings and food distributions increase. Officials are also urging action against unregulated livestock practices to curb the virus's spread. [Full article]
- **Russia:** As of June 25, 2025, Dagestan health authorities have confirmed five cases of CCHF and one case of Lyme disease among 1,108 reported tick bites (Kavkaz-Uzel, 2025). This marks a significant increase from the same period in 2024, which saw 811 tick-bite cases. The highest incidents occurred in Makhachkala, Kizlyar, Buynaksk and Khasavyurt, as well as in the Kizilyurt, Khasavyurt, Kizlyar and Tarumovsky districts. [Full article]
- **Turkey** reported 18 deaths from CCHF due to increased tick populations, attributed to climate change, with a mortality rate of 5% (Ensonhaber, 2025). CCHF cases are mostly concentrated in Sivas, Tokat, Yozgat, Çorum, and Kastamonu, as well as areas east of Ankara. Health professionals recommend prompt tick removal and seek medical attention for symptoms like fever, fatigue, or flu-like illness. [Full article]



Malaria

• **South Korea** has reported 170 malaria cases between January 1 and June 26, 2025, marking a 75% decline compared to 232 cases reported in the same period in 2024 (YNA, 2025). The majority of infections (84.7%) occurred in the metropolitan area, particularly in Gyeonggi Province. Lower temperatures in May and June and intensified local quarantine measures are considered as potential factors. [Full article]

Leptospirosis

• **India:** Ernakulam district has reported over 65 leptospirosis cases from June 1 to 24, 2025, including five deaths reported in the past three weeks (The Hindu, 2025). The infections, linked to contaminated water during the monsoon, have affected multiple localities. Health authorities urge the public, especially in agriculture or cattle-rearing, to wear protective gear, avoid open wounds, and maintain hygiene to prevent further transmission. [Full article]

Regional Situation

Mpox

• The **Philippines:** Mati City confirmed its first case of mpox on June 20, 2025, involving a patient with mild symptoms now recovering in home isolation (PNA, 2025). The City Health Office conducted contact tracing and surveillance in line with national protocols and continues to monitor the situation through its Incident Management System. Authorities urge the public to stay vigilant, noting that mpox primarily spreads through close contact with individuals who have active lesions. [Full article]

COVID-19

- **Cambodia** reported three new COVID-19 cases on June 26, 2025, raising the national total to 139,585 with 136,494 patients recovered so far (Fresh News Asia, 2025). No new deaths were reported, and the cumulative fatality count remains at 3,056. In response to circulating Omicron sub-variants BA.4, BA.5, and JN.1, the kingdom is accelerating the administration of sixth-dose COVID-19 vaccines, with over 15.3 million doses delivered to 95.73% of the population. [Full article]
- Malaysia: Selangor recorded a 36% increase in COVID-19 cases during Epidemiological Week 24 of 2025, rising to 1,082 cases from 795 the previous week (The Star, 2025). Despite this, the numbers remain below the warning threshold and no deaths have been reported. From Week 1 to 24, there have been 7,582 cases recorded, with Petaling district having the highest incidence. As part of the state's response, 353 individuals were hospitalized, including a pregnant ICU patient with dengue co-infection. [Full article]



Dengue

- **Cambodia** has recorded over 8,000 dengue cases and several dengue-related deaths during the first six months of 2025, reflecting a nearly 20% increase compared to the same period last year (Khmer Times, 2025). Most cases were children aged 5–15-years-old in Phnom Penh, Kandal, Siem Reap, Kampong Thom, and Tbong Khmum. Health authorities have intensified mosquito control campaigns and urged the public to eliminate stagnant water to prevent further transmission. [Full article]
- Indonesia: Tanjungpinang City, Riau Islands Province has reported 40 new dengue cases as of June 2025, up from 32 in May (Source). In response, the Health Office, Regional Disaster Management Agency, and Health Quarantine Agency have carried out fogging in affected areas. Authorities are urging residents to practice the 3M method and seek early medical care if symptoms appear. [Full article]
 - **Semarang City, Central Java Province** has recorded 112 dengue cases from January to June 2025, with three deaths, a decrease from 150 cases last year (Media Indonesia, 2025). Despite this, authorities warn of continued risk due to persistent water puddles. The Health Office is conducting mosquito larva eradication, vector surveillance, and PCR testing, and urging residents to maintain environmental cleanliness. [Full article]
- The **Philippines:** Davao City has seen a decrease in dengue-related deaths from 18 in January-May 2024 to 12 in 2025, with dengue cases dropping to 1,682 as of June 2025 (SunStar, 2025). The improvement is attributed to an increase in active barangay dengue task forces. The City Health Office (CHO) urges the public to implement preventive measures. [Full article]
- Viet Nam: Ho Chi Minh City reported 507 dengue cases from June 16 to 22, a 50.9% increase compared to the four-week average, bringing the year's total to 9,571 (Vietnam.vn, 2025). Health authorities raised concerns about the severe nature of the outbreak, particularly among children. As the rainy season continues, urgent warnings are issued to further escalate the epidemic. [Full article]

Melioidosis

Viet Nam: On June 25, 2025, a 52-year-old Cambodian man recovered from severe Whitmore
disease after receiving intensive treatment at City International Hospital in Ho Chi Minh City
(VietnamPlus, 2025). He was admitted in critical condition and treated with mechanical
ventilation, blood filtration, and antibiotics. After more than three weeks in intensive care, his
condition stabilized, and he began recovering. [Full article]

HIV/AIDS

Thailand: Phuket has registered 6,622 HIV cases in 2025, including 244 new infections (The Phukhet Express, 2025). Of the patients, 5,699 (86%) received antiretroviral therapy. Thailand is expanding its HIV prevention strategy with free daily oral pre-exposure prophylaxis. Authorities emphasize improving education, mediation, and rights protection to combat systemic discrimination in public health services. [Full article]



Measles

- **Indonesia:** The Aceh Jaya District Health Office (DHO) in Aceh Province reported 11 confirmed measles cases in June 2025, up from zero in the same month in 2024 (Antara News, 2025). In response, the DHO is implementing rapid containment measures, including contact tracing, public awareness campaigns, and intensified immunization efforts. Residents are urged to be vigilant for symptoms such as high fever, cough, conjunctivitis, and rash, and to seek prompt medical attention if measles is suspected. [Full article]
- Viet Nam: Ho Chi Minh City has successfully contained its measles outbreak, with all 273 wards and communes meeting criteria to formally declare the epidemic over as of June 20, 2025 (Vietnam.vn, 2025). Since August 2024, the city reported a total of 9,599 cases—5,503 hospitalizations and 4,096 treated as outpatients. Health authorities continue prevention and control efforts, and urge parents to ensure timely vaccination and medical attention for children. [Full article]

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