

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.

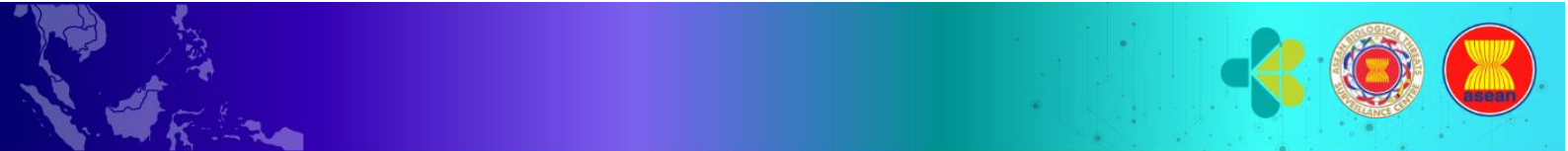
Regional Situation

COVID-19

- **Indonesia:** The Ministry of Health reported two new COVID-19 cases in Jakarta and Southeast Sulawesi, bringing the cumulative national total to 121 confirmed cases, with no deaths recorded this year (VIVA, 2026). Authorities stated that the dominant variant remains at low risk and that the national situation is under control. The government urged the public to remain vigilant, practice hygiene measures, and maintain healthy behaviors amid rising cases in neighboring countries. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Thailand:** As of May 23, 2026, the Department of Disease Control reported 3,642 cumulative COVID-19 cases and one death (The Bangkok Insight, 2026). Most patients were aged 30–35 years, followed by older adults. The NB.1.8.1 strain accounted for 50.95% of infections and was noted for increased transmissibility and immune evasion, but not greater severity. Authorities confirmed no cluster outbreaks and urged vigilance, symptom monitoring, and preventive measures for vulnerable groups. [\[Full article\]](#)

Dengue

- **Indonesia:** Bali Province has reported 1,167 dengue fever cases and two deaths from Januari to May 2026 (Detik, 2026). Monthly cases fluctuated, with 281 cases in January, 277 in February, 246 in March (one death), and 264 in April (one death). Gianyar and Badung districts reported the highest burden. Health authorities strengthened surveillance, conducted epidemiological investigations, and promoted continuous vector control campaigns. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **The Philippines:** Iloilo Province has reported 604 dengue fever cases and two deaths so far this year (Outbreak News Today, 2026). Health officials warned that above-normal rainfall forecasted by PAGASA could increase mosquito breeding and transmission risk. The Provincial Health Office is implementing dengue measures, activating fast lanes, and mobilizing barangay task forces to strengthen surveillance, vector control, and community prevention efforts. [\[Full article\]](#)



- **Singapore** reported 54 new dengue cases from May 23–25, 2026, more than double the previous week's 26, marking the highest weekly total this year (Zaobao, 2026). Cumulatively, 673 cases were recorded in the first 20 weeks, a 65% decrease from 1,900 cases in the same period last year. Six active clusters remain, with none under red alert. Authorities continue *Wolbachia* mosquito release programs and promote five-step household prevention measures to reduce transmission. [[Full article](#)]

Rabies

- **Indonesia:** Bima City, West Nusa Tenggara Province reported 52 rabies-related animal bite cases across five subdistricts, with one fatality reported in Jatibaru, Asakota (Kahaba, 2026). Health authorities urged immediate wound washing, antiseptic application, and prompt medical care following bites, alongside administration of anti-rabies vaccine and serum. The public was advised to remain vigilant, secure pets, and report incidents promptly to prevent further rabies transmission. [[Full article](#)]

Global Situation

Ebola

- **Uganda's** Ministry of Health confirmed two additional Ebola cases in Kampala, bringing the national total to seven (Reuters, 2026). Both patients are Ugandan health workers admitted to a designated treatment unit, and contact tracing is underway. The outbreak's epicenter is in Ituri Province, Democratic Republic of the Congo, involving the Bundibugyo strain. WHO has declared the situation a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. [[Full article](#)]

Dengue

- **Taiwan (Province of China)** reported 64 dengue fever cases nationwide, with nine imported cases in Taoyuan City linked mainly to travel from the Philippines and Vietnam (UDN News, 2026). Local transmission was detected in southern Taiwan. Authorities warned of increased rainy-season risk and, from June 1, will fine 3,000–15,000 NTD for stagnant water violations. Citizens are urged to eliminate breeding sites and monitor health after travel. [[Full article](#)]

Hantavirus

- **Russia:** Health authorities in Penza Region reported multiple cases of hemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome (HFRS) with five confirmed patients currently undergoing treatment in a regional medical facility (Projector Pnz, 2026). Officials warned that the disease can cause severe symptoms and urged the public to seek prompt medical attention if infection is suspected. [[Full article](#)]
- **Spain:** Health authorities confirmed one hantavirus infection in a passenger evacuated from the MV Hondius cruise ship, who is currently in isolation at a hospital in Madrid (RTVI, 2026). The case was identified through contact tracing linked to an outbreak on the vessel, and officials stated that the detection does not change the overall public health risk while monitoring of exposed individuals continues. [[Full article](#)]



Measles

- **Bangladesh:** As of May 26, 2026, the Directorate General of Health Services reported 10 additional child deaths from measles and measles-like symptoms in the past 24 hours, raising the toll to 555 (88 confirmed, 467 suspected) since March 15 (BSS News, 2026). During this period, 1,083 new suspected and 53 confirmed cases were recorded, totaling 66,023 suspected and 8,772 confirmed infections. Dhaka Division remains most affected. Authorities continue hospital admissions, discharges, and nationwide monitoring. [[Full article](#)]

On May 26, 2026, **Mymensingh** Medical College Hospital reported two additional child deaths from measles symptoms, raising the hospital toll to 39 since March (BD Journal, 2026). The victims were a six-month-old from Dapunia and a 10-month-old from Deothan. Since March 17, 1,609 children have been admitted; 1,508 recovered, and 62 remain hospitalized. Authorities noted declining admissions due to increased immunity from vaccination and urged continued vigilance in child protection. [[Full article](#)]

- **Japan:** As of May 17, 2026, the Ministry of Health reported 498 measles cases nationwide, about four times higher than the same period in 2025 and nearing 2019 levels (CNA, 2026). Seventeen new infections were confirmed that week, with Tokyo (9), Kanagawa (3), and Saitama (2) most affected. Authorities emphasized vaccination as essential and urged symptomatic individuals to avoid public exposure and follow medical guidance to prevent further transmission. [[Full article](#)]
- **Panama** confirmed three imported cases of measles, an 18-year-old Swiss woman, a 21-year-old Dutch man, and a Panamanian contact with mild illness (Prensa Latina, 2026). No community transmission has been detected, and Panama maintains elimination status since 2016. Authorities are intensifying vaccination amid regional resurgence linked to declining coverage and international mobility. As of May 16, 2026, PAHO reported 20,332 measles cases and 25 deaths across 16 countries in the Americas, a 276% increase compared to 2025. [[Full article](#)]
- The **United States (US):** The Virginia Department of Health reported 54 measles cases statewide, including 31 linked to an outbreak in Buckingham County, the only outbreak reported in Virginia this year (12 On Your Side, 2026). Buckingham cases increased from 17 earlier in the month to 31. Authorities emphasized MMR vaccination as the primary preventive measure. [[Full article](#)]

Meningococcal Disease

- **Taiwan (Province of China)** reported eight meningococcal meningitis cases as of May 2026, including three in Taichung, where a woman in her 60s with chronic illness died on May 12, the first fatality this year (China Times, 2026). Blood cultures confirmed *Neisseria meningitidis* infection, and 20 close contacts received prophylaxis and are under monitoring, with no symptoms reported. Health authorities urging vigilance for symptoms including fever, severe headache, neck stiffness, vomiting, and hemorrhagic rash. [[Full article](#)]



Mpox

- **Hong Kong (SAR):** On May 26, 2026, the Centre for Health Protection confirmed an mpox case in a 44-year-old man with rash since May 13 (RTHK, 2026). He is in stable condition at Princess Margaret Hospital. Authorities are tracing contacts; 140 individuals linked to the Mong Kok case are being monitored and asymptomatic. The premises were closed for 21 days, and the case was reported to the WHO. Since 2022, Hong Kong has recorded 87 male cases, mostly linked to high-risk sexual behavior. [[Full article](#)]

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