

# Media Monitoring for Infectious and Emerging Diseases

## GLOBAL & ASEAN REGION

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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

#### *Chikungunya*

- **Mauritius** reported ongoing chikungunya virus circulation, with four active cases as of January 26, 2026, including the most recent in Rose-Hill (Linfo.re, 2026). Since early 2026, 16 cases have been reported. Public health measures include enhanced vector surveillance, preparation of a national mosquito density report, and public advisories on eliminating stagnant water, reducing breeding sites, and using personal protective measures. [[Full article](#)]

#### *Dengue*

- **Bangladesh:** On January 27, 2026, Bangladesh recorded 19 new dengue hospitalizations across multiple divisions, with no deaths reported (BSS News, 2026). During the same period, 24 patients were discharged, bringing total recoveries this year to 880. Since early January, 1,000 dengue cases have been recorded nationwide, including two deaths. The Directorate General of Health Services continues monitoring the disease. [[Full article](#)]

#### *Marburg Virus Disease (MVD)*

- **Ethiopia** declared the end of its first Marburg outbreak, largely affecting the southern region, following 42 consecutive days without new cases (Africa CDC, 2026). Between November 2025 and January 2026, the country confirmed 14 cases, including nine deaths and five recoveries, following more than 3,800 laboratory tests. Africa CDC and Ethiopia's Ministry of Health coordinated rapid response measures, including door-to-door screening, vaccination campaigns, and provision of PCR kits. [[Full article](#)]

#### *Measles*

- **Kazakhstan** reported 66 measles cases among cadets at the Shokan Ualikhanov Military College in Shchuchinsk following their return from leave, with infections suspected to be imported (BAQ.kz, 2026). Cases were placed under medical supervision, including two cases with complications. Contact tracing, case isolation, and quarantine measures were implemented. The situation is being jointly monitored by the Ministry of Defense and public health authorities. [[Full article](#)]



- **Mongolia** reported 22 new measles cases on January 27, 2026, bringing the total to 13,989 cases (Xinhua News, 2026). As of the reporting date, 56 patients remained hospitalized, including five critically ill children. The cumulative measles death toll reached 12 as of December 30, 2025. Health authorities urged parents and caregivers to ensure children receive two doses of measles-containing vaccine. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Nepal:** On January 6, 2026, Malangwa Municipality, Sarlahi, reported a measles outbreak affecting approximately 23 children, including seven laboratory-confirmed cases (Kathmandu Post, 2026). This marked the first outbreak in over two years. In response, health authorities plan an immunization campaign for children under 14 in affected areas. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United States (US):** South Carolina reported 89 new measles cases since January 23, 2026, bringing the total to 789 confirmed cases as of January 27, 2026, the largest since national elimination in 2000 (NBC News, 2026). Most cases occurred in Spartanburg County among unvaccinated or unknown-status individuals. Interstate spread was reported in North Carolina (14 cases), California, Washington, and probable cases in Ohio. Public health responses include quarantine, enhanced surveillance, and promotion of MMR vaccination in low-coverage communities. [\[Full article\]](#)

**Tampa Bay area**, Florida, reported two measles cases in January 2026, including one case in Hillsborough County and one in Manatee County (WFLA, 2026). Both patients were aged 20–24 years. One case was classified as locally acquired, and the other was imported. The Florida Department of Health initiated epidemiological investigations and advised individuals with compatible symptoms to contact health authorities before seeking in-person care. [\[Full article\]](#)

### ***Melioidosis***

- **Australia:** As of January 2026, the Northern Territory CDC reported 25 recent melioidosis cases in the Top End territory, with new cases occurring every one to two days since New Year's Eve (NT Independent, 2026). Most patients are aged  $\geq 45$  years, with both sexes affected. During the last wet season, 65 cases and five deaths were recorded. Authorities urge protective clothing, proper wound care, and early medical attention to reduce severe outcomes. [\[Full article\]](#)

### ***Rabies***

- **Pakistan** reported its first rabies-related death of 2026 in an eight-year-old girl from Sanghar District, Sindh, following a stray dog bite six weeks earlier (Geo.tv, 2026). The child developed advanced rabies encephalitis after incomplete post-exposure prophylaxis and received palliative care at Indus Hospital Karachi. Authorities emphasized timely and complete prophylaxis, strengthened rabies control measures, and increased public awareness to prevent further deaths. [\[Full article\]](#)



## Regional Situation

### Dengue

- **Indonesia:** As of January 23, 2026, Baubau City, Southeast Sulawesi Province reported 13 dengue cases across several wards, with Katobengke (4 cases) and Bukit Wolio Indah (3 cases) most affected (RRI, 2026). Risk factors included mosquito larvae in water containers, household waste, and rainwater puddles. Incidence declined from 30 cases during the same period in 2025. Authorities continue larvicide distribution, environmental cleanup, and community mobilization to prevent further transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Viet Nam:** From January 16–23, 2026, Hanoi recorded 37 dengue fever cases across 29 wards and communes, slightly down from 38 cases the previous week (Kien Thuc, 2026). The 2026 cumulative total is 95 cases, lower than the same period in 2025, with patients in 45 wards and communes. Hanoi CDC continues surveillance, outbreak investigation, and preventive measures, including preparedness during major national events. [\[Full article\]](#)

### Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- **Viet Nam:** Hanoi reported 86 HFMD cases in from January 16 to 23, 2026 across 46 wards, a decrease of 12 cases from the previous week (Kien Thuc, 2026). Cumulatively, 211 cases were reported in 2026 across 75 wards, exceeding 2025 figures. One new school-based hotspot was detected in Quang Oai, totaling two active hotspots. Authorities intensified surveillance, case investigation, and outbreak control measures. [\[Full article\]](#)

### Measles

- **Indonesia:** On January 21, 2026, Mimika District Health Office (DHO) in Papua Province reported 29 suspected measles cases across several health centers in Timika (Cenderawasih Pos, 2026). Previously, measles incidence has risen in recent years, with 356 suspected cases in 2023 (19 confirmed), 32 cases in 2024, and 524 cases in 2025 (120 confirmed). Authorities continue intensified immunization campaigns, including house-to-house visits, to curb transmission and protect vulnerable children. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Viet Nam:** From January 16 to 23, 2026, Hanoi reported 16 measles cases across 12 wards and communes (Kien Thuc, 2026). The 2026 cumulative total is 24 cases in 19 wards and communes, a substantial decrease from 159 cases during the same period in 2025. The Hanoi CDC continues proactive surveillance, early case detection, outbreak investigation, and coordination with relevant units to strengthen prevention and control measures. [\[Full article\]](#)

### Melioidosis

- **Viet Nam** reported rare cases of testicular absence due to melioidosis in January 2026 at a tertiary referral hospital in Hanoi (Vietnam.vn, 2026). Two men aged 33 and 45 years developed severe orchitis caused by *Burkholderia pseudomallei*, requiring emergency orchectomy. Both had underlying conditions, and no human-to-human transmission was reported. Authorities emphasized early care-seeking, hygiene practices, and risk reduction related to soil and surface water exposure among populations. [\[Full article\]](#)



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