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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

- **Ghana** has confirmed its first death from mpox, following a record surge of 23 new infections in the past week, bringing the total to 257 cases since the virus's first detection in June 2022 (News Central, 2025). The Ministry of Health assured the public that the outbreak is under control and emphasized the importance of early detection and responsible behavior. The Ghana Health Service is preparing vaccination campaigns, with doses expected to arrive soon from the WHO. [[Full article](#)]
- **Uganda** has recorded a 69.9% reduction in mpox cases over the past four weeks, according to a Ministry of Health situation report released on July 25, 2025 (Xinhua, 2025). Weekly cases declined from 233 in epidemiological week 26 to 70 in week 29. Since the outbreak began in August last year, the country has reported 7,648 confirmed cases and 48 deaths. Authorities continue to strengthen vaccination, surveillance, case management, and public awareness to curb the outbreak. [[Full article](#)]

Poliomyelitis

- **Pakistan's** National Institute of Health confirmed three new poliovirus cases from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh provinces on July 21, 2025, raising the national case count to 17 in 2025 (Geo News, 2025). The cases involve children aged six to 60 months from Lakki Marwat, North Waziristan, and Umerkot. Authorities emphasize the importance of repeated oral polio vaccine (OPV) doses for children under five. Special vaccination campaigns are ongoing from July 21–27 in border areas, alongside a fractional IPV-OPV campaign launched in Balochistan. [[Full article](#)]

Dengue

- **Pakistan:** Sindh has reported 345 dengue cases as of July 2025, with a recent death involving a 48-year-old woman with diabetic from Karachi's East district (Dawn News, 2025). The Sindh Health Department warned on June 29 about increased dengue risk due to rainwater accumulation in Karachi neighborhoods. Experts suggest mosquito-borne diseases thrive at 60% humidity and 26-29°C temperatures, prompting authorities to urge preventive measures. [[Full article](#)]



Pertussis

- **Austria:** Vienna has recorded 83 cases of pertussis so far this year, a significant drop from the 1,700 cases recorded throughout 2023, largely due to natural exhaustion of susceptible individuals (ORF Wien, 2025). Despite this, Austria still struggles with low vaccination coverage, with only 71% of one-year-old children receiving full basic immunization. Health authorities urge increased access to free testing and booster vaccinations for adults to prevent future surges. [[Full article](#)]

Regional Situation

Dengue

- **Lao People's Democratic Republic** has reported 4,308 dengue fever cases and one death as of July 21, 2025, with Vientiane having 2,052 infections (The Star, 2025). Health officials warn of a high transmission risk due to continued rainfall. In response, authorities have launched clean-up campaigns and advised residents to implement household measures like sealing containers, eliminating stagnant water, and placing larvivorous fish to reduce mosquito breeding. Community involvement is crucial. [[Full article](#)]
- **The Philippines:** On July 27, 2025, Escolastica Romero District Hospital in Lubao treated 33 dengue patients including 16 senior citizens and pregnant women, and 17 children (Tribune Philippines, 2025). The hospital reported a 50% increase in cases compared to the same period last year. The governor visited the hospital to provide financial aid and assured families that public hospital services remain free. Medical staff urged residents to remain alert for symptoms and emphasized the severity of dengue as a potentially fatal viral illness. [[Full article](#)]
- **Viet Nam:** Ho Chi Minh City has reported 15,546 dengue fever cases so far this year, a 2.5-fold increase compared to the same period last year, according to the HCM City Centre for Disease Control (HCDC) (Viet Nam News, 2025). Health officials has recorded 10 deaths so far and warned that the epidemic has reached its peak, with weekly cases rising since early June. The Department of Health has intensified mosquito larvae eradication, reinforced hospital treatment protocols, and expanded public health communication to mitigate further spread. [[Full article](#)]

Leptospirosis

- **Indonesia:** The Klaten District Health Office (DHO) in Central Java Province reported 76 cases of leptospirosis with 16 deaths in 2025, a rise from the previous year (Tribunnews Jogja, 2025). Health authorities urge the public, especially those with open wounds, to use protective gear and maintain hygiene. Early symptoms like fever, fatigue, and muscle pain are often overlooked, prompting medical attention. [[Full article](#)]



- The **Philippines**: Four people died from leptospirosis in Manila following recent floods, with 13 patients still hospitalized (Philstar, 2025). In response, authorities have directed the establishment of "leptospirosis fast lanes" in health facilities and evacuation centers. Over 62,000 doxycycline capsules have been distributed to over 31,000 residents as preventive treatment to curb further spread. [Full article]

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