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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

- The **United Kingdom (UK)**: The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has confirmed the country's seventh clade Ib mpox case, linked to recent travel to Uganda (Schnirring, 2025). Close contacts have been identified and offered appropriate advice in order to reduce the chance of further spread. The risk to the UK population remains low. [\[Full article\]](#)

Avian Influenza (H5N1)

- The **United Kingdom (UK)**: The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) confirmed a human case of avian influenza A (H5N1) in the West Midlands, linked to prolonged exposure to infected birds on a farm (Herriman, 2025). The patient is well and receiving care in a High Consequence Infectious Disease unit. Authorities emphasize that bird-to-human transmission is rare and the public risk remains low. The UKHSA is tracing contacts and offering antiviral treatment to those at highest risk while monitoring the situation closely. [\[Full article\]](#)

Dengue

- **Bangladesh**: Dengue fever has seen 23 new patients hospitalized in Bangladesh, with 1,111 patients this year (bdnews24.com, 2025). The number of deaths from the disease remains at 10. The DGHS reported eight new cases in the Dhaka metropolitan area. 147 patients are currently undergoing treatment. In 2024, 101,214 patients were hospitalized due to dengue, with 575 fatalities. [\[Full article\]](#)

Ebola

- **Democratic Republic of the Congo**: At least 12 suspected cases of Ebola haemorrhagic fever have been reported in the Boyenge health area, located 250 km from Mbandaka, Equateur province (MediaCongo Press, 2025). Eight deaths were recorded between January 10 and 22, 2025. The Red Cross states that indigenous peoples are most affected by the disease. [\[Full article\]](#)

Measles

- The **United Kingdom (UK)**: The South West region has reported 115 measles cases since January 2024, with 57 in Bristol, 23 in Gloucestershire, and 11 in Somerset. (Green, 2025). No deaths were recorded. The UKHSA is working with local authorities and the NHS to manage the outbreak, urging MMR vaccination as rates remain below the WHO target and advises symptomatic individuals to avoid public places. [\[Full article\]](#)



- The **United States (US)**: Georgia has reported its first measles case of 2025 in metro Atlanta, involving an unvaccinated resident who likely contracted the virus within the US (Staff, 2025). The Georgia Department of Public Health is working to identify individuals who may have been exposed between January 19-24. Authorities are urging vaccinations to prevent further spread. [\[Full article\]](#)

Regional Situation

Dengue

- **Indonesia**: At least two children have died from dengue fever (DHF) in Dompus District, West Nusa Tenggara Province (Febrianto, 2025). As of January 22, 2025, there have been 35 cases, with two deaths and 33 declared cured. The two children were from the sub-districts of Pajo and Pekat. Cases continue to rise, but updated data from the Dompus Regional Hospital is still pending. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Malaysia** recorded 122,423 dengue cases in 2024, a 0.6% decrease, but deaths rose 17% to 117 (Trisha, 2025). In early 2024, weekly cases exceeded 3,000 but declined to 1,200 per-week by mid-year. As of January 25, 2025, there were 5,537 cases and three deaths, marking a 61.7% and 66.7% decrease compared to the same period last year. Authorities are intensifying prevention efforts, including expanding the *Wolbachia*-infected mosquito release program and enhancing collaborations between government agencies, NGOs, and the private sector. [\[Full article\]](#)

Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease

- **Philippines**: The Department of Health-Cordillera Administrative Region (DOH-CAR) has issued an advisory to the public, urging them to avoid attending gatherings and festivals when feeling unwell to prevent the spread of infectious diseases (Agoot, 2025). DOH-CAR has reported cases of Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease (HFMD) in Baguio City surged to 61 as of January 18, 2025, up from six reported last year. [\[Full article\]](#)

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