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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

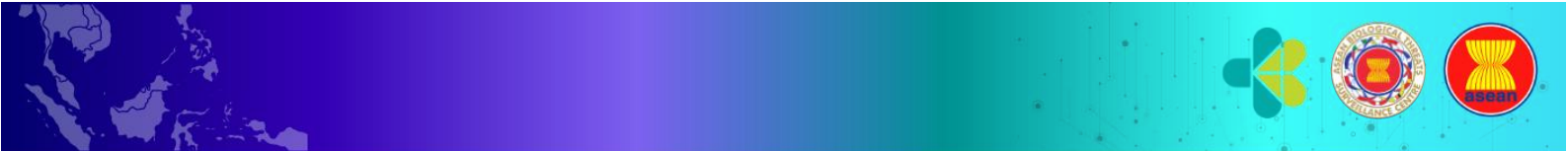
- **Hong Kong (SAR)** reported three chikungunya cases on October 27, 2025; all patients had received medical care, and household contacts are under medical surveillance (The Standard Hong Kong, 2025). A 55-year-old female from Wong Tai Sin was identified through active case finding and is under investigation. Two additional cases, a 67-year-old male from Tung Chung and a 76-year-old female from Tseung Kwan O were likely infected after returning from Guangdong, China. [[Full article](#)]

Dengue

- **Iran:** Hormozgan Province reported 102 dengue cases in 2025, including 84 locally transmitted and 18 among foreign nationals, with 24 hospitalizations (Khabar Online, 2025). Cases were recorded in Bandar Abbas, Sirik, Bandar Lengeh, and Jask. Health authorities conducted environmental cleanup of over 8,000 mosquito breeding sites and deployed 200 personnel to eliminate stagnant water. Residents were advised to seek medical care if perceiving any symptoms. [[Full article](#)]
- **Taiwan (Province of China):** On October 25, 2025, Tainan City reported one new locally transmitted dengue case, the third linked to a food factory cluster, all of DENV-3 type (Liberty Times Net, 2025). Authorities extended monitoring until November 26, conducted environmental cleanup and vector control, and provided health education. The factory was closed until October 29, and residents with symptoms were advised to seek prompt medical care. [[Full article](#)]

Leptospirosis

- **Japan** reported a leptospirosis case in a man in his 70s from Uki City, Kumamoto Prefecture, who developed kidney failure after symptom onset on September 27, 2025 (NTV News, 2025). Exposure likely occurred while mowing near a waterway contaminated with animal urine. The patient is hospitalized and recovering. Authorities advised residents to exercise caution when working near water to prevent infection. [[Full article](#)]



Malaria

- **India:** Gurugram District, Haryana, reported eight malaria cases so far in 2025, the highest incidence in five years, with no deaths recorded (Jagran, 2025). Health authorities inspected over 1.8 million premises and tested more than 2.1 million suspected patients under the Anti-Larval and Fever Mass Service Campaign. Vector control measures are ongoing in support of India's malaria elimination goal by 2030. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- **New Zealand** reported two confirmed measles cases in Wellington high schools in mid-October 2025, raising the national's total to 10 cases (1 News, 2025). The cases exposed over 60 students and 24 staff at Wellington College and Wellington Girls' College. Health authorities advised close contacts to isolate and verify immunization status. Contact tracing and public communications are conducted to prevent further transmission. [[Full article](#)]
- The **United States (US)** reported ongoing measles cases along the Arizona-Utah border as of October 2025, with 58 cases and seven hospitalization reported in Utah (My Herald Review, 2025). Of the cases, 30 involved individuals under 18 years. Authorities are implementing vaccination campaigns, wastewater monitoring, and public outreach to control further spread. [[Full article](#)]

The **South Carolina** Department of Public Health reported eight new measles cases in Spartanburg County, raising the state's total to 33 in 2025, with 30 linked to an ongoing Upstate outbreak (WPDE News, 2025). All new cases were close contacts of previously confirmed cases under home quarantine. The Mobile Health Unit has administered 24 MMR vaccines since October 16 and continues community outreach at local libraries to boost vaccination coverage and prevent further transmission. [[Full article](#)]

Regional Situation

Dengue

- **Indonesia:** As of epidemiological week 40, 2025, the Klaten District Health Office (DHO) in Central Java Province reported 470 dengue cases, including three deaths, a decrease from about 1,400 cases and over 37 deaths during the same period in 2024 (Detik, 2025). Authorities attribute the decline to intensified mosquito breeding site elimination and sustained public health campaigns. [[Full article](#)]

The **Bantul District** Health Office (DHO) in Special Region of Yogyakarta Province reported 550 dengue cases with three deaths in adults from January to October 22, 2025 (Tribun Jogja, 2025). Patients ranged from children to adults, with 14 currently hospitalized. Authorities urged continued mosquito breeding site elimination and environmental hygiene to prevent further transmission. [[Full article](#)]



Blitar District, East Java Province, reported 512 dengue cases and five deaths as of September 2025 (Blitarkawentar, 2025). The highest case numbers were recorded in Kanigoro (83), Garum (63), Kademangan (60), Binangun (60), and Wlingi (53). In response, health authorities are implementing vector control, epidemiological investigations, and public education through the mosquito larva household monitor program and 3M Plus preventive measures. [[Full article](#)]

- **Malaysia:** Johor reported 5,074 cumulative dengue cases as of epidemiological week 43 in 2025, a 57.1% decrease from 11,822 cases during the same period in 2024 (The Star, 2025). One death was recorded during epidemiological week 43, bringing the total to 10 deaths this year, compared to 17 in 2024. Most cases occurred in Johor Baru, followed by Kulai and Batu Pahat. [[Full article](#)]
- The **Philippines:** Negros Occidental reported 5,033 dengue cases with 12 deaths from January 1 to October 18, 2025, reflecting a 9.49% decrease from 5,561 cases during the same period in 2024, although fatalities increased from nine to 12 (RPN Radio, 2025). Most cases occurred among children aged 1–10 years with Bago City recorded the highest number of infections. Health authorities urged continued vigilance and environmental cleanliness amid the ongoing rainy season. [[Full article](#)]
- **Viet Nam:** The Hanoi Center for Disease Control (CDC) reported 392 dengue cases across 104 wards and communes from October 17–24, 2025, an increase of 38 cases from the previous week (VOV English, 2025). Cumulatively, 3,808 cases were recorded this year, a 25% decrease compared to 2024. Health authorities have intensified surveillance, vector control, and environmental inspections. [[Full article](#)]

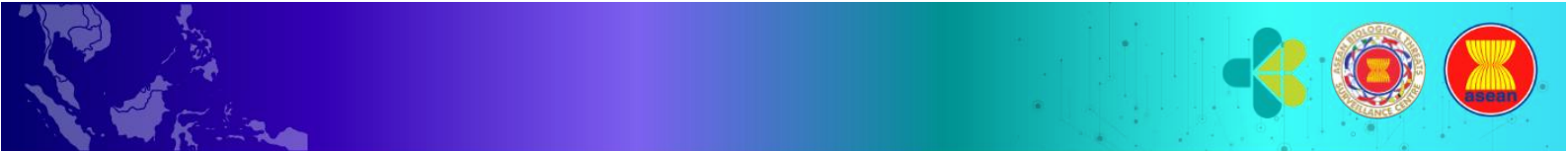
The Mekong Delta region reported a sharp increase in dengue cases in 2025, with **Vinh Long Province** recording over 5,730 dengue cases, including nearly 110 severe cases and one death, as of October 20, 2025 (Bao Vinh Long, 2025). This figure is 2.5 times higher than for the same period in 2024. Health authorities urged early medical consultation, strengthened vector control, and community participation to prevent further transmission. [[Full article](#)]

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- **Viet Nam:** The Hanoi Center for Disease Control (CDC) reported 187 HFMD cases across 74 wards and communes from October 17–24, 2025, an increase of 56 from the previous week (VOV English, 2025). Cumulative cases this year have exceeded 5,200, more than double the total reported during the same period in 2024. Authorities have strengthened health screening at Noi Bai International Airport and intensified surveillance to prevent further transmission. [[Full article](#)]

Leptospirosis

- **Indonesia:** Sleman District, Special Region of Yogyakarta Province has reported 82 leptospirosis cases with nine deaths as of October 28, 2025, a sharp increase from 28 cases reported throughout 2024 (Radar Jogja, 2025). Most infections were in Ngemplak (16) and Depok (13) sub-districts. In response, authorities launched environmental sanitation and rodent control campaigns, urging early medical treatment to prevent complications. [[Full article](#)]



Measles

- **Indonesia:** As of October 27, 2025, the Riau Provincial Health Office (PHO) reported 1,042 measles cases across all districts and cities, with 142 laboratory-confirmed cases (Tribun Pekanbaru, 2025). Pekanbaru Municipality recorded the highest number with 610 cases, mostly affecting children under five. Authorities are conducting outbreak response immunization (ORI) campaigns, epidemiological investigations, and public awareness campaigns to control the spread. [Full article]
- **Viet Nam:** The Hanoi Center for Disease Control (CDC) reported 17 measles cases across 12 wards and communes from October 17–24, 2025, bringing the total to 4,432, including one death (VOV English, 2025). Health authorities have strengthened screening at Noi Bai International Airport and intensified surveillance to ensure timely disease prevention and control. [Full article]

Rabies

- **Malaysia:** Sarawak State reported its sixth human rabies death of 2025, involving a 51-year-old man who died after handling the carcass of his unvaccinated pet dog (The Borneo Post, 2025). The victim developed symptoms on October 8 and was confirmed positive on October 18. Health authorities urged the public to seek prompt post-exposure treatment, vaccinate pets, and avoid contact with animal carcasses. [Full article]

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