

# 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

#### COVID-19

- **Germany:** From January 23-29, 2026, the district of Lörrach in Baden-Württemberg reported five new cases of COVID-19, an incidence of 2.1 per 100,000 residents (News.de, 2026). Statewide, Baden-Württemberg recorded 21 new cases and nine deaths on January 29. Nationwide, Germany reported 311 new infections and 12 deaths during the past week ending January 29, bringing the national 7day incidence to 2.8 per 100,000 residents-. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United States (US):** During the week ending January 24, 2026, Colorado recorded 68 COVID-19-related hospitalizations (9News, 2026). the cumulative total to 1,105 since October 2025, including one pediatric death. [\[Full article\]](#)

#### Dengue

- **Bangladesh** reported 25 new dengue hospitalizations with no death in a 24 hours period on January 28, 2026, bringing the cumulative total to 1,025 cases and two deaths this year (BSS News, 2026). New admissions occurred across multiple divisions, including Dhaka, Chattogram, Barishal, Khulna, Mymensingh, and Rajshahi. During the same period, 20 patients were discharged. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Sri Lanka** reported 6,521 dengue cases in January 2026, an increase from 4,970 cases during the same period in 2025 (The Morning, 2026). Colombo District recorded the highest burden with 1,627 cases, followed by Gampaha District with 971. [\[Full article\]](#)

#### Hantavirus

- **Russia** reported a confirmed case of hemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome (HFRS) in a 56-year-old woman from Zadonsk district, Lipetsk region in January 2026 (MOE Lipetsk, 2026). The patient infectious diseases department of the Lipetsk Regional Clinical Hospital, where HFRS was laboratory confirmed. Epidemiologists linked the infection to rodent exposure during indoor cleaning. Public health authorities emphasized rodent-related transmission risks. [\[Full article\]](#)



## Measles

- **Kazakhstaan:** Since October 2025, the Atyrau region has reported 304 measles cases, with up to 20 new cases weekly in January 2026 (AZH.kz, 2026). Most infections occurred in unvaccinated children, including 65 infants under one year and 150 children aged 1–4 years. Additional hospital beds were prepared due to rising cases. Health authorities emphasized vaccination as the primary protection. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Akmola region** reported a measles outbreak at the Military College of the Ministry of Defense in Shchuchinsk in January 2026, with 71 cadets affected (AZH.kz, 2026). Laboratory confirmation was obtained in 24 cases, and two teenagers required intensive care, while others received treatment in Kokshetau. The institution implemented quarantine, isolation, daily medical checks, and movement restrictions. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Mongolia** reported 14,002 measles cases, including 12 deaths as of January 29, 2026, with the highest incidence in children aged 10–14 years (5,183 cases) (Tsargrad.tv, 2026). In response to the increased risk of infection after the end of the winter holidays, health authorities are conducting supplementary vaccination for children aged 10–15 years until February 6, 2026. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United States (US):** As of late January 2026, South Dakota reported five measles cases, including the initial confirmed case on January 15 in Milbank involving a family of four returning from Canada (Dakota News Now, 2026). All cases were among unvaccinated individuals. In response, authorities emphasized MMR vaccination as the primary preventive measure. [\[Full article\]](#)

On January 28, 2026, **Snohomish County**, Washington, confirmed six measles cases, all in unvaccinated children aged 23 months to 9 years (Seattle Times, 2026). These included three siblings linked to exposure from a visiting relative from South Carolina; two were already in isolation, while one case attended a church in Mukilteo on January 18. No hospitalizations were reported; however, health officials warned of possible unrecognized community spread and urged timely MMR vaccination. [\[Full article\]](#)

## Mpox

- **Pakistan:** On January 28, 2026, Faisalabad reported two additional suspected mpox patients, bringing the city's total to 18 cases, including one death (Khyber News, 2026). The new patients, a housewife and a factory worker, were moved to an isolation ward after developing symptoms. Health officials warned of rising transmission risk, strengthened monitoring, and urged residents to seek prompt evaluation for fever, rash, or other suspicious symptoms. [\[Full article\]](#)

## Rabies

- **China** reported a rabies case in a 47-year-old woman from Changsha who developed symptoms two months after a puppy bite and received no treatment (Sina News, 2026). She presented with classic rabies signs, consistent with the virus's variable incubation period. Clinicians warned that even minor bites or scratches pose infection risk. [\[Full article\]](#)



- **Pakistan** reported its second human rabies case of the month on January 26, 2026, involving an eight-year-old girl from Sanghar who developed clinical symptoms and was placed under palliative care at Indus Hospital (Dawn, 2026). This year, major hospitals in Karachi have recorded high dog-bite activity, including nearly 1,600 cases at Indus Hospital. Health officials emphasized the need for timely post-exposure prophylaxis to avert rabies-related mortality. [\[Full article\]](#)

### **Tuberculosis (TB)**

- **Greece** reported 35 positive tuberculosis Mantoux skin tests in late January 2026 among 124 individuals screened at two juvenile offender middle schools in Kassaveteia and Halkidiki (To Vima, 2026). Of these, 34 positives occurred among students, and one involved a school guard. Both schools were closed for the week while further diagnostic testing was planned. Teachers requested immediate control measures due to potential exposure across multiple schools. [\[Full article\]](#)

## **Regional Situation**

### **Dengue**

- **Indonesia:** South Jakarta City, in the Special Capital Region of Jakarta Province, reported 38 dengue cases as of late January 2026 (Ameera Republika, 2026). The highest incidence was observed among individuals aged 12–25 years, with males accounting for 68% of cases. Health authorities intensified vector control measures, including twice-weekly larval surveillance, fogging, and community education. Officials emphasized the importance of early medical evaluation for individuals with suspected dengue symptoms. [\[Full article\]](#)

By January 2026, **Cirebon District**, West Java Province, reported 37 dengue cases (Detik.com, 2026). In 2025, 1,169 cases, including two deaths, were recorded, with the highest burden in Plumpon, followed by Weru, Sumber, Palimanan, and Klangenan. A surge from March to July was linked to heavy rainfall. Health authorities urged intensified vector control measures and community-based larval surveillance, emphasizing early healthcare seeking for suspected dengue cases. [\[Full article\]](#)

- **Viet Nam:** During January 19–25, 2026, **Da Nang** recorded 80 dengue cases, contributing to 348 cases and since early 2026, increases compared with the same period in 2025 (Bao Da Nang, 2026). Authorities launched a citywide campaign targeting mosquito breeding sites, involving community participation and multisectoral coordination. The response included intensified vector-control activities and the promotion of regular household inspections. [\[Full article\]](#)

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

- The **Philippines:** As of January 26, 2026, Quezon City recorded 36 HFMD cases, exceeding the five-year average, with school-aged children and infants most affected (Quezon City Epidemiology & Surveillance Division, 2026). Health authorities intensified surveillance through active case findings and school-based investigations. Schools were advised to implement regular disinfection and hygiene measures. Officials urged parents to keep



symptomatic children at home and reinforce handwashing and respiratory etiquette. [Full article]

## HIV/AIDS

- **Viet Nam:** In January 2026, Son La province reported 10 new HIV cases, a decrease compared to the same period last year (Vietnam.vn, 2026). Currently, 819 patients are receiving Methadone and 811 used PrEP. In 2026, medical facilities have recorded over 150,000 outpatient visits and 25,600 inpatient treatments. Maternal and child health indicators improved, with high prenatal care coverage and reduced child mortality. Health authorities maintained environmental and school health measures and strengthened administrative and information-technology systems. [Full article]

## Leptospirosis

- **Indonesia:** On January 28, 2026, Tarakan District, East Kalimantan Province reported a confirmed leptospirosis case in a 47-year-old construction worker who developed severe complications requiring hemodialysis (Fokus Borneo, 2026). Health authorities conducted contact tracing, with five close contacts testing negative via Rapid Diagnostic Test (RDT). Environmental sterilization and rat-control measures were implemented. Officials urged residents near waterways to maintain hygiene and seek early care for febrile symptoms. [Full article]

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