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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

• Taiwan (Province of China): Taipei City confirmed a new case of mpox on June 27, 2025, involving a patient with close contact to unspecified individuals (UDN News, 2025). The patient has been advised to follow medical treatment, personal preventive measures, and environmental disinfection. Health authorities urged high-risk groups to receive the publicly funded two-dose mpox vaccination. Authorities advised travelers to avoid close social contact and encouraged vaccination for eligible individuals to reduce infection risk. [Full article]

COVID-19

• **India:** Maharashtra reported six new COVID-19 cases on June 29, 2025, bringing the total to 2,488 in 2025 (Economic Times, 2025). No new fatalities have occurred since June 28, with a cumulative death toll of 37, with 36 having comorbidities. Mumbai has reported 990 cases this year, including 549 in June. Since January 1, the state has conducted 29,317 tests and reported 2,332 recoveries. [Full article]

Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF)

• **Iraq:** As of the latest report, the Ministry of Agriculture of Iraq has reported a 71% rise in tickborne hemorrhagic fever cases, with 179 infections and 23 deaths (Mangish News, 2025). Dhi Qar Governorate leads with 50 cases and one death, followed by Baghdad with 28 cases and eight deaths. In response, the Veterinary Department has implemented tick-control measures, field spraying, and bathing livestock in 5% Deltamethrin every 14 days. Authorities urge safe meat handling, public slaughter avoidance, and reporting suspected cases. [Full article]

Dengue

• The People's Republic of China has recorded 481 dengue fever cases in late June 2025, a 35% increase from the same period last year, mainly due to increased *Aedes* mosquito density in southern provinces like Hunan (Red China HN, 2025). The Hunan Provincial CDC issued a public advisory on June 26 urging mosquito control through environmental cleanup, personal protective measures, and public health awareness. Although there have been no deaths reported, health authorities warn of potential severe complications if symptoms are not promptly treated. [Full article]







Hantavirus

• The **United States (US):** On June 28, 2025, Carson City Health and Human Services confirmed the second hantavirus case in a woman in her 50s from Douglas County after likely exposure to rodent droppings, urine, or nesting materials disturbed during home renovations (Record Courier, 2025). Authorities urge strict cleaning protocols, avoid direct contact with rodents, and secure homes against rodent intrusion. [Full article]

Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

• The People's Republic of China: Since May, Hunan Province has experienced a period of high incidence of HFMD, with nearly 1,200 outpatient cases reported in the past month (News China, 2025). The majority of affected children are under five, with severe cases requiring hospitalization. This highly contagious disease frequently leads to family-based outbreaks, especially in households with multiple children. Health authorities urge parents to seek immediate medical attention if their children show signs of severe complications. [Full article]

Poliomyelitis

Pakistan has confirmed a new poliovirus case in Tank district, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, bringing
the total to 13 (The Print, 2025). Despite security challenges and vaccine hesitancy, Pakistan
has conducted three nationwide polio vaccination campaigns targeting 45 million children
under five, aiming to eradicate polio by year-end. Authorities emphasize that repeated oral
polio vaccine doses remain the only effective protection against this highly infectious and
incurable disease. [Full article]

Rabies

• **Pakistan:** Jinnah Hospital in Karachi has reported eight rabies deaths so far this year, mainly due to delayed vaccinations (Daily Pakistan, 2025). The affected individuals belong to Badin, Sukkur, Ghotki, Hub Chowki, Lasbela and Surjani. Civil Hospital Karachi also reports a surge in dog bite cases with no rabies confirmed. Health authorities urge vaccination within 24 hours to prevent further incidents. [Full article]

Regional Situation

COVID-19

- **Cambodia's** Ministry of Health reported four new COVID-19 cases with no new deaths on June 29, 2025, raising the total to 139,596 cases, and 3,056 fatalities (Fresh News Asia, 2025). To date, 136,514 patients have recovered. The country has administered over 15.3 million vaccine doses, covering 95.73% of the population, and is accelerating rollout of the sixth dose to counter Omicron subvariants, including BA.4, BA.5, and JN.1. [Full article]
- Viet Nam: During the week of June 20–27, 2025, Hanoi confirmed 135 new COVID-19 cases, a slight decrease compared to the previous week, according to the Hanoi CDC (VTV, 2025). Since the beginning of the year, the city has recorded over 1,200 cases, with no associated fatalities. The dominant circulating strain remains NB.1.8.1. Health authorities continue to recommend vigilant monitoring and adherence to disease prevention measures. [Full article]







Avian Influenza

• **Cambodia:** In a press release issued on June 29, 2025, the Ministry of Health of the Kingdom of Cambodia confirmed two new human cases of H5N1 avian influenza in Puok district, Siem Reap province (Ministry of Health Cambodia, 2025) The cases involve a 46-year-old woman and her 16-year-old son, both linked to a previously reported case in the same village. All three lived nearby and had direct contact with sick or dead chickens. In response, emergency teams have been deployed to conduct active surveillance, distribute antivirals to close contacts, and carry out health education campaigns to prevent further transmission. The mother and son are currently stable under close medical supervision. [Full article]

Dengue

• **Viet Nam:** Hanoi reported 13 new dengue cases between June 20 and 27, 2025, which is a decline from the previous week but maintains a heightened risk due to the ongoing peak transmission season (VTV, 2025). A new hotspot was identified in Tay Ho, bringing the total to three hotspots this year, with two still active. To prevent further disease spread during the summer, the Hanoi CDC plans to intensify surveillance in high-risk districts, such as Bac Tu Liem, Thanh Oai, and Phuc Tho, and enhance public communication. [Full article]

Measles

• **Viet Nam:** Hanoi reported 88 measles cases between June 20 and 27, 2025, a 27% decrease from the previous week (VTV, 2025). The city has reported 3,720 cases since the start of the year, mainly among unvaccinated or under-vaccinated individuals. [Full article]

Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- Thailand has reported 21,315 confirmed cases of HFMD between January 1 and June 25, 2025 (Chiangrai Times, 2025). The most affected areas are Bangkok and northern provinces like Chiang Rai and Phayao. Most infections have occurred in children under four, with numerous cases linked to childcare centres and schools. In response, the Department of Disease Control has intensified surveillance and issued public health advisories to families and caregivers in affected areas. [Full article]
- Viet Nam: Hanoi reported 77 new cases of HFMD from June 20-27, 2025, with no fatalities (VTV, 2025). Nearly 3,000 cases have been recorded since the beginning of the year, which is double the number from the same period in 2024. Most of the cases have been among children under three years old. Despite this, no complicated outbreaks have been detected. The Hanoi CDC is monitoring hotspots and improving public communication. [Full article]

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