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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

Germany: Berlin has reported 43 mpox cases since the beginning of 2025, a significant increase compared to ten cases during the same period in 2024 (T-online, 2025). Authorities noted that all affected individuals are men, with ten new cases reported last week. Authorities warn of continued spread and emphasize vaccination, particularly for men who have sex with men. [\[Full article\]](#)

Uganda has reported a cumulative total of 4,810 confirmed mpox cases and 37 deaths as of March 29, 2025 with 13 new infections and six deaths recorded (Xinhua News, 2025). The Ministry of Health noted a rising trend in cases, with the highest transmission among young adults in urban areas. Health authorities are intensifying surveillance, case management, and public awareness efforts to contain the virus. [\[Full article\]](#)

Dengue

Australia: Queensland Health declared an outbreak in Townsville City LGA on February 19, 2025, with 11 cases (9 confirmed, 2 probable) reported as of March 25 (Vax Before Travel, 2025). Authorities are conducting mosquito control activities, educating residents on eliminating breeding sites, and advising the use of insecticides. [\[Full article\]](#)

Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

South Africa: A case of HFMD was confirmed at a local school in the Ugu District, KwaZulu-Natal, last week,, raising the cases to 117 since February 2025 (South Coast Herald, 2025). On March 27, 2025 parents and students in the affected class were informed to stay home as a precautionary measure. Authorities recommended disinfecting the classroom to prevent further spread of the virus. [\[Full article\]](#)



Measles

The **United States (US)** experienced an active measles outbreak in Texas, New Mexico, Kansas, Ohio, and Oklahoma on March 28, 2025, with Texas reporting the highest number of cases at 400 across 17 counties (NBC Chicago, 2025). Two deaths were recorded in February, in Texas and New Mexico. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) urges vaccination efforts in low-immunization communities. [\[Full article\]](#)

Tuberculosis (TB)

The **United States (US)**: Yakima County, Washington has confirmed 16 active cases of TB, with seven monitored by the Yakima Health District and nine by Indian Health Services (The Chronicle, 2025). The first case was identified in September. Authorities are conducting contact tracing and testing to identify potential exposures. [\[Full article\]](#)

Regional Situation

Dengue

Indonesia: Malang City, East Java Province, has reported a total of 202 cases of dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF), including 2 deaths in early 2025 (Liputan 6, 2025). Authorities urge the public to intensify preventive measures, including eliminating standing water, using mosquito nets, and participating in fogging campaigns to reduce mosquito populations. [\[Full article\]](#)

The **Philippines** Department of Health reported 76,425 dengue cases from January to March 15, 2025, a 78% increase from from 2024 (Xinhua News, 2025). The fatality rate remains lower than 2024. Metro Manila and nearby regions have high cases, with most patients aged 14 and below. [\[Full article\]](#)

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

Malaysia recorded 3,446 cases of HFMD in Penang as of March 22, 2025, a 409% increase from 2024 (Yahoo News Malaysia, 2025). A total of 112 clusters were detected, primarily in preschools, nurseries, and schools. All cases exhibited mild symptoms with no ICU admissions or fatalities. Authorities attribute the outbreak to Coxsackievirus A16 and urge childcare centers to implement entry screenings, disinfect facilities, and report clusters to health offices. [\[Full article\]](#)

The **Philippines** has reported 365 cases of HFMD across 39 municipalities and Passi City in Iloilo province on March 22, 2025, a 56% increase from the same period in 2024 (Panay News, 2025). Health authorities issued a public advisory on March 27 urging parents to protect children by maintaining hygiene, disinfecting contaminated areas, and monitoring symptoms. [\[Full article\]](#)

Measles

Vietnam reported 3,074 measles cases in Da Nang City in March 2025, with over half affecting school children (VNExpress, 2025). Hospitals were under increased pressure due to severe cases requiring intensive care and mechanical ventilation. Health Authorities urged accelerated vaccination campaigns, improved patient triage, and strengthened epidemic response plans. [\[Full article\]](#)



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