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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

- **Ghana:** In August 2025, Nkwanta North District reported and successfully managed its first mpox case. The patient was quarantined, treated, and discharged after 21 days of care, and remains under monitoring to ensure full recovery (Citi Newsroom, 2025). Local authorities launched sensitization campaigns across the district. No additional mpox cases have been reported to date. [Full article]
- **Italy:** The Udine health authorities confirmed seven mpox cases across thwo clusters in August 2025 (Gazzetta di Mantova, 2025). The first cluster involved five family members hospitalized in mid-August due to African exposure, while the second cluster linked to a European country was detected at the end of the month. Six patients are currently receiving care at the clinic, while one is in isolation. [Full article]

Ebola

Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC): On September 5, 2025, health authorities confirmed the 16th case of Ebola virus disease in Kasai Province, involving a 34-year-old pregnant woman (Outbreak News Today, 2025). In response, experts were deployed to reinforce surveillance, contact tracing, laboratory capacity, and infection prevention and control, while supporting frontline health workers in outbreak management. To date, 28 suspected cases and 15 deaths have been reported across Bulape and Mweka health zones, including four healthcare workers. [Full article]

Leptospirosis

• Taiwan (Province of China) Centers for Disease Control reported three new leptospirosis cases between August 26 and September 1, 2025, among adults aged 50-70 (Outbreak News Today, 2025). Two patients experienced fever and diarrhea due to high-risk exposures. Health authorities educated affected contacts, but none have developed symptoms. So far in 2025, 37 local cases have been recorded, with most in New Taipei City, Taichung, Kaohsiung, and Tainan. [Full article]



Measles

• **Canada:** York District public health officials confirmed an outbreak of measles in Vaughan, Ontario on September 4, 2025, with four cases linked to exposures at a convenience store on September 2 (Epoch Times, 2025). Authorities advised customers to verify vaccination status and monitor symptoms until September 23 and provided measles vaccination appointments at clinics across the district. Authorities also emphasized that this outbreak is unrelated to the one in southwestern Ontario. [Full article]

Tuberculosis (TB)

• The **United States (US):** As of early September 2025, the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention reported three active TB cases in the Greater Portland area (Fox23 Maine, 2025). All cases were acquired individually, and health authorities are screening patient contacts. Officials emphasized that no outbreak has been identified. [Full article]

Regional Situation

Mpox

• **Thailand's** Department of Disease Control (DDC) reported five new mpox cases between August 17 and 23, 2025, including three in Chonburi, one in Khon Kaen, and one in Bangkok, among patients aged 18–39 years (Siamrath, 2025). This brings the total for 2025 to 61 cases with no deaths; 933 cases and 13 deaths since the outbreak began in 2022. The DDC emphasized surveillance, traveler screening, health education, and medical monitoring. The public is advised to remain calm and adhere to self-protection measures. [Full article]

Dengue

- Indonesia: Tasikmalaya City, West Java Province reported 577 dengue cases across all 10 sub-districts from January to August 2025, including two deaths and five patients in intensive care (Media Indonesia, 2025). The highest incidence among children aged 6-12 years. The surge was attributed to uncertain weather and low public awareness of environmental hygiene. In response, the Health Office is implementing education campaigns, fogging, the one house one larvae monitor movement, and preventive measures to curb mosquito breeding. [Full article]
 - **Mimika District, Papua Province** reported 78 dengue cases as of September 3, 2025, reflecting a significant decrease compared to previous years (Fajar Papua, 2025). Health officials attributed the decline to strengthened prevention measures, including larvicide distribution, school-based fogging, health education campaigns, and rapid intervention activities. [Full article]
- **Viet Nam:** Hanoi CDC reported 150 dengue cases across 77 wards and communes between August 22 and 29, 2025, a slight increase from 145 cases the previous week (Kien Thuc, 2025). This brings the total to 1,220 cases this year, lower than the same period in 2024. Authorities predicted that the number of cases may increase when kindergartens and primary schools reopen. [Full article]



Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

• **Viet Nam:** Hanoi CDC reported 79 new cases of HFMD from August 22 to 29, an increase of 15 from the previous week (Kien Thuc, 2025). This year, the city has recorded 3,860 cases of HFMD. Authorities warned that case numbers may rise as preschools and primary schools reopen. [Full article]

HIV/AIDS

• The **Philippines** is facing its largest surge in HIV cases, with 57 new infections daily, nearly one-third involving individuals under 18 (GMA Network, 2025). Authorities emphasized the urgent need for resources, testing, and treatment. [Full article]

Measles

• **Indonesia:** As of September 4, 2025, the Sidoarjo Health Office in the East Java reported 246 measles cases, mainly among children over nine months (Kompas, 2025). No fatalities have been reported, and the situation is under control. Authorities are strengthening preventive measures through catch-up immunization campaigns. [Full article]

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