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## **Global Situation**

### **Anthrax**

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 Bangladesh: On October 5, 2025, a 45-year-old woman from Gaibandha District died from suspected anthrax after developing a pustular lesion on her finger from a cut sustained while slaughtering an infected goat (Khaborwala, 2025). She exhibited low blood pressure and respiratory distress before dying in Hospital. Health authorities called for laboratory confirmation and emphasized safe livestock handling to prevent zoonotic transmission. [Full article]

## Dengue

• **India:** On October 5, a 15-year-old girl from Salt Lake died from dengue after developing symptoms on September 25 (NewsDrum, 2025). She was admitted on October 2 but succumbed despite intensive care. Her grandmother also tested positive for dengue and remains stable. Health authorities are monitoring the household and surrounding area following confirmation of two infections within the same family. [Full article]

## **Hantavirus**

 Russia: A plumber from Pozharsky District was hospitalized in Vladivostok with hemorrhagic fever and renal syndrome after suspected rodent exposure in a flooded basement (AiF Vladivostok, 2025). The patient sought care one week after symptom onset and was airlifted in critical condition. Despite the delay in treatment, he is now recovering. Health authorities emphasized the importance of early medical evaluation after potential rodent exposure to prevent severe complications. [Full article]

## Measles

 Spain has confirmed eight measles cases in Garraf between September 4 and 29, 2025, six were unvaccinated and three required hospitalizations (El Periódico, 2025). Transmission occurred across family, healthcare, leisure, and university settings. Public health authorities assessed 315 potential contacts and issued preventive guidance to limit further spread. [Full article]



• The **United States (US):** The South Carolina Department of Public Health (DPH) reported two additional measles cases following the declaration of an outbreak in the Upstate region, bringing the total to 10 since July 9, primarily in Spartanburg County (WPDE News, 2025). The outbreak source remains unidentified, suggesting possible community transmission. In response, health officials established a dedicated webpage for bi-weekly situation updates. [Full article]

The **Minnesota** Department of Health (MDH) confirmed 10 new measles cases this week, bringing this year's total to 18 (Pulmonology Advisor, 2025). Seven cases were linked to domestic travel and connected to three infections reported last week, while three involved international travel. Authorities urged families to ensure vaccination to prevent further spread. [Full article]

## Rabies

• **Jordan:** On October 6, 2025, a man in his twenties died from rabies in a hospital after being bitten by a stray dog two months earlier (Saraya News, 2025). He had not sought medical care or received post-exposure vaccination. The patient was admitted to intensive care on October 4 but died despite treatment. Preventive measures were implemented at the hospital, and no autopsy was conducted to avoid staff exposure. [Full article]

# West Nile Virus (WNV)

• The United States (US): On October 6, 2025, Placer County health officials reported the area's first West Nile virus (WNV)-related death, involving a man from Roseville, marking California's fifth fatality this year (Sacramento Bee, 2025). Authorities noted that while there is no specific cure, hospital care can provide supportive treatment for severe cases. Residents are urged to follow the "Dump, Drain, Defend" strategy to prevent mosquito breeding and bites. [Full article]

# **Regional Situation**

## Dengue

• **Indonesia:** As of September 22, 2025, Jakarta Province had reported 7,274 dengue fever cases and 12 deaths this year (Jawa Pos, 2025). The increase has prompted local authorities, alongside private and national health partners, to strengthen control measures and foster collaboration with communities, academia, and the private sector to combat *Aedes aegypti*transmitted infections. [Full article]

**Denpasar Regency, Bali Province** reported 1,238 dengue cases as of September 2025, mainly in Ubung Kaja, Sesetan, Padangsambian, and Sidakarya (RRI, 2025). In response, authorities intensified prevention efforts, including public education, mosquito breeding site eradication, larviciding, fogging, and community-based vector surveillance. [Full article]



- Lao People's Democratic Republic reported 9,372 dengue cases and one death from January to September 2025, with most cases in Vientiane Capital (4,738), Oudomxay (1,034), and Vientiane Province (693) (Xinhua, 2025). Authorities urged improved case management, public vigilance, and strengthened prevention through partner collaboration. [Full article]
- **Viet Nam's** Ministry of Health reported 21,152 dengue cases and six deaths in September 2025, bringing the cumulative total to 86,253 cases and 17 deaths this year, a 15.3% increase from the same period in 2024 (Công An Nhân Dân, 2025). Most cases occurred in southern provinces. Authorities urged adherence to the "3 No, 2 Kill" preventive measures to avoiding mosquito bites, eliminating stagnant water, and destroying breeding sites to curb transmission. [Full article]

The **Hanoi** Center for Disease Control (CDC) reported 336 dengue cases across 95 wards and communes between September 26 and October 3, 2025, an increase of 15 cases from the previous week (Kiến Thức, 2025). Since January, Hanoi has recorded 2,568 cases with no deaths, reflecting a 33% decrease from 3,814 cases in the same period of 2024. Health authorities continue vector control and the integration of dengue and chikungunya prevention activities. [Full article]

# Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- The **Philippines:** On October 6, 2025, Eastern Visayas State University (EVSU) suspended in-person classes for one week following five confirmed HFMD cases (Philippine News Agency, 2025). The suspension affects over 12,000 students while facilities undergo extensive disinfection. EVSU is coordinating with health authorities and advising students and staff on hygiene and preventive measures from the Department of Health. [Full article]
- Viet Nam: The Hanoi Center for Disease Control (CDC) reported 195 HFMD cases across 74 wards and communes during the past week, an increase of four from September 26 to October 3, 2025 (Kiến Thức, 2025). Since January, 4,734 cases have been recorded, more than double the 2,112 cases reported during the same period in 2024. Health authorities continue monitoring affected areas and emphasize hygiene measures to limit further transmission. [Full article]

### Measles

Province reported one additional measles-related death, a child from Kadur Subdistrict, raising the total fatalities to ten (Kompas, 2025). The child was admitted in critical condition and died despite treatment, with delayed care noted as a possible factor. Since January, Pamekasan has recorded 955 suspected and 178 confirmed measles cases, with 912 children recovered. [Full article]



• **Viet Nam:** The Hanoi Center for Disease Control (CDC) reported four measles cases in the past week, a decrease from six reported in the previous week (Kiến Thức, 2025). Since the beginning of 2025, the city has recorded 4,399 cases, including one death, a significant rise from 17 cases during the same period in 2024. [Full article]

## **Pertussis**

• **Viet Nam** reported two pertussis cases in Hanoi between September 26 and October 3, 2025, in Son Tay and Tay Mo, bringing the total to 30 cases since the beginning of the year (Kiến Thức, 2025). This reflects a decline from 236 cases reported during the same period in 2024. [Full article]

## Rabies

• The **Philippines:** As of September 2025, Davao City reported five rabies-related deaths, up from three in 2024 (GMA Network, 2025). The Davao City Veterinarian's Office is conducting free pet vaccination drives and urging residents to practice responsible pet ownership and seek medical care after potential exposure. Authorities warned that even minor scratches or licks from infected animals can transmit rabies. [Full article]

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