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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.

Regional Situation

Dengue

- **Indonesia:** West Kalimantan Province had reported 2,361 dengue cases and 11 deaths this year as of epi-week 46 (IDN Times, 2026). Authorities strengthened surveillance and emphasized evidence-based fogging following case confirmation and investigation. Residents were advised to implement vector control measures, maintain cleanliness, report symptoms, and seek prompt medical attention. [Full article]
- **Malaysia:** Petaling District reported 82 active dengue cases at Pangsapuri Lagoon Perdana as of November 20, 2026, predominantly involved Malaysian residents (KKM Petaling, 2026). In response to the prolonged transmission over the past 79 days, health authorities have intensified the release of Wolbachia-infected Aedes mosquitoes as a biological control measure to reduce dengue virus transmission. [Full article]
- The **Philippines:** Mandaue City, Cebu Province, Central Visayas (Region VII) reported eight dengue-related deaths, including five in November 2026 (The Freeman, 2026). The City Health Office intensified monitoring and planned inspections of suspected breeding sites. Classmates of the deceased children remained in good condition. [Full article]

  Agusan del Sur Province, Caraga (Region XIII) reported 248 new dengue cases in the latest reporting week, bringing the total to 4,021 cases and 22 deaths as of November 16, 2026 (Inquirer.net, 2026). Rosario recorded the highest caseload (859), while children aged 10–14 accounted for 18.25% of cases. Authorities urged household cleanliness, dengue prevention, and early medical consultation. [Full article]
- **Viet Nam:** Da Nang reported 1,376 new dengue cases during the first week of November 2026, a 35% increase from the previous week, bringing the cumulative total to 8,782 cases from January 1 to November 8, three times the number recorded during the same period in 2025 (Vietnam.vn, 2026). Da Nang CDC strengthened surveillance through digital mapping, targeted inspections, healthcare capacity monitoring, and community-based prevention measures. [Full article]

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- **Viet Nam:** Da Nang recorded 4,586 HFMD cases this year as of November 8, 2026, a 2.4-fold increase from the same period in 2025 (Tiền Phong, 2026). Da Nang CDC developed a digital surveillance map to track case distribution, identify high-risk areas, prioritize investigations and strengthen outbreak control measures. [Full article]

  Ho Chi Minh City reported 1,621 new HFMD cases in epi-week 46 of 2026, a 9.2% increase compared with the previous four-week average, bringing the cumulative total to 49,274 cases (Vietnam.vn, 2026). Health authorities strengthened epidemiological surveillance, early outbreak detection and response, and public awareness of preventive measures amid rising dengue cases. [Full article]

Mpox

- **Cambodia's** Ministry of Health reported one new mpox case on November 20, 2026, marking the first detection in 30 months and six days (Xinhua, 2026). The patient is receiving hospital treatment. Cambodia previously recorded 20 cases between December 2023 and May 2024. Authorities urged vigilance, preventive measures and prompt medical consultation and testing for symptomatic individuals. [Full article]

Global Situation

Dengue

- **Bangladesh:** Chattogram District reported 37 new dengue hospital admissions, bringing the cumulative total to 8,470 cases and 49 deaths so far in 2026, with 146 patients currently hospitalized (Bangla News 24, 2026). Twenty areas were identified as dengue hotspots. Authorities conducted larvicide and adulticide spraying and advised early testing and prompt medical consultation. [Full article]
- **Taiwan (Province of China):** Kaohsiung reported three new locally acquired dengue cases on November 21, 2026, bringing the annual total to 16 (Taiwan Television, 2026). Two cases formed a community cluster in Gushan District, while one occurred in Siaogang District. Authorities intensified vector control and environmental cleaning within 400 metres of affected residences and advised residents to eliminate stagnant water and seek prompt medical assessment. [Full article]
- The **United States (US):** Florida reported 27 new locally acquired dengue cases during the week ending November 14, 2026, bringing the annual total to 651 cases across 12 counties (Outbreak News Today, 2026). Hillsborough County accounted for 487 cases, followed by Miami-Dade (16), Orange (15), Citrus (3), and Manatee (2). [Full article]

Diphtheria

- **France:** Dunkirk area reported a second diphtheria case in a 15-year-old boy residing at the Grande-Synthe migrant camp (La Voix du Nord, 2026). Hospitalized in Dunkirk on November 18, he was transferred to Lille University Hospital. Healthcare workers and other contacts were identified for monitoring, vaccination checks and preventive antibiotics where necessary. This followed a fatal case in September 2026. [Full article]

Hantavirus

- **Russia Federation:** Almetyevsk, Republic of Tatarstan, reported 30 suspected cases of haemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome (HFRS) over two weeks (MK.ru, 2026). Of these, 21 patients remained hospitalized for investigation, while the others were discharged. One patient reportedly contracted the infection after inhaling rodent-contaminated dust in a garage. Authorities continued to receive new suspected cases. [Full article]

Legionellosis

- **Japan:** Sanjo City, Niigata Prefecture, reported one legionellosis case in a man who visited Iiyu Ratei hot spring in early September 2026 (Niigata Nippo, 2026). The patient developed life-threatening symptoms and remains hospitalized, although his condition is improving. The case was disclosed by Sanjo Mayor Ryo Takizawa on November 20, with ongoing care potentially required. [Full article]
- **Switzerland:** Wetzikon reported four additional legionellosis cases over the preceding eight weeks, bringing the total to 37 cases and one death over nearly two years (ZO Online, 2026). While authorities suspect contaminated shower water as the likely vector, a definitive common source for the cluster has not yet been identified, and investigations remain ongoing. [Full article]
- The **United States (US):** Baltimore City, Maryland, is investigating two confirmed legionellosis cases among guests who stayed at a hotel near Johns Hopkins Medical Campus within the past five months (WBAL-TV, 2026). While the source of infection has not been definitively linked to the hotel, precautionary measures have been implemented, including water-use advisories and installation of specialty filters. Authorities urged affected guests diagnosed with Legionnaires' disease to contact the health department. [Full article]

Measles

- **Bangladesh r**eported 1,238 new measles and measles-symptom cases in the 24 hours preceding November 22, 2026, including 1,162 suspected and 76 confirmed cases (Daily Janakantha, 2026). Ten additional children died with measles symptoms, with no new confirmed deaths. From March 15 to November 22, 1,352 child deaths were recorded, including 105 confirmed measles deaths and 1,247 deaths with measles symptoms. [Full artcile]
- **India:** Palwal District, Haryana, reported seven new measles cases in the preceding six weeks, bringing the total to 32 so far in 2026, compared with 10 in 2025 (Dainik Jagran, 2026). Most affected children were aged 8–10 years and had missed vaccinations or booster doses. Authorities intensified door-to-door vaccination, identified 30,000 children and provided vitamin A and essential medicines. [Full article]

- The **United States (US):** Wisconsin reported more than 180 new measles cases in the week preceding the report, bringing the statewide total to 832 confirmed cases, 19 hospitalizations and two paediatric deaths so far in 2026 (Outbreak News Today, 2026). This marked the state's largest outbreak in over 35 years, with cases detected across one-third of counties. Grant County accounted for over one-quarter of cases, with transmission concentrated among unvaccinated and under-vaccinated communities. [Full article]

  Virginia reported its first measles-associated death of 2026 on November 20, involving a child under four years old who tested positive for measles (WRIC, 2026). The state recorded approximately 220 cases so far in 2026, including 41 in Central Virginia from 17 October – November 20, all among unvaccinated individuals or those with unknown vaccination status. VDH urged MMR vaccination to prevent transmission. [Full article]

  Pennsylvania reported 97 new measles cases in the preceding seven days, bringing the state total to 1,631 across 46 counties as of November 20, 2026 (The Philadelphia Inquirer, 2026). Eight measles-associated deaths were recorded, including an unvaccinated Clinton County resident. Authorities warned of potential increases during colder weather and seasonal holidays. [Full article]

  Illinois reported five new measles cases in the preceding week, bringing the total to 29 (KHQA, 2026). Nearly 70% involved children under 18, while 83% were unvaccinated or had unknown vaccination status. Douglas and Moultrie counties reported 11 and eight cases, respectively. Authorities urged MMR vaccination, handwashing, staying home when sick and wearing masks when symptomatic. [Full article]

Meningococcal Disease

- **South Africa:** Western Cape confirmed one case of meningococcal meningitis in an adult in Knysna, who was treated and discharged (Knysna-Plett Herald, 2026). Contact tracing was completed, with no additional cases reported. Authorities advised residents to practise hand hygiene, avoid sharing drinking glasses and utensils, cover coughs and sneezes, and avoid close contact with ill individuals. [Full article]

Rabies

- **Pakistan:** Balochistan Province reported a fatal rabies case involving a 20-year-old man from Jhal Magsi District, who died at Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC), Karachi, on November 17, 2026, following an untreated dog bite two months earlier (Dawn, 2026). The province had recorded 44 cases of rabies this year, including 13 in JPMC. Experts emphasized dog population control, public awareness, wound cleansing and timely post-exposure vaccination and immunoglobulin. [Full article]

West Nile Virus (WNV)

- The **United States (US):** Mississippi reported its first WNV-related death of 2026 in Madison County, with 24 cases recorded statewide this year (WJTV, 2026). Health authorities advised residents to use mosquito repellent, wear protective clothing, avoid outdoor exposure during peak mosquito activity, and eliminate standing water to reduce mosquito breeding. [Full article]

Biosecurity Threat Event

- **Russian Federation:** On November 23, 2026 in Moscow, a Donetsk People's Republic resident was hospitalized after picking up a 5,000-ruble note allegedly contaminated with a skin-blistering chemical agent derivative of iprite and lewisite (Fedpress, 2026). The exposure, reportedly via contact and possible inhalation, could cause severe pulmonary edema, acute respiratory failure, and rapid death. A military expert warns people not to touch unfamiliar objects—money, electronics, or phones—as they could conceal hazards, including plastic explosives. The incident underscores risks from both natural toxins and intentional agents, including chemical weapons, with preliminary information and investigations ongoing. [Full article]

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