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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

COVID-19

- **Thailand** reported 222,464 COVID-19 cases and 46 deaths between January 1 and November 22, 2026 (PPTV Online, 2026). Despite declining from the peak, cases remained higher than in 2025. Most deaths involved the 608-risk group, particularly older adults and those with underlying conditions. Authorities advised handwashing, mask use when sick, and prompt medical attention for worsening symptoms or breathing difficulties. [Full article]

Dengue

- **Malaysia:** Austral Park, Kota Kinabalu, reported 31 active dengue cases, while Kampong Kotitiman Nosoob Baru, Penampang, recorded 19 active cases as of November 21, 2026 (Asia News Network, 2026). Sabah recorded 5,015 dengue cases and one death, with 18 active hotspots statewide. Authorities urged residents to eliminate mosquito breeding sites and seek prompt medical attention. [Full article]

  Johor State reported 349 new dengue cases in epi-week 46 of 2026, bringing the cumulative total to 13,990 cases and 18 deaths, a 161.6% increase from the same period in 2025 (Media Digital Johor, 2026). Johor Bahru recorded the most cases (228), followed by Kulai (94) and Batu Pahat (7). Authorities urged *Aedes* breeding-site elimination, repellent use, protective clothing, and community clean-ups. [Full article]

- **Viet Nam:** Da Nang reported 2,219 new dengue cases and 86 infection clusters during November 16–22, bringing the cumulative totals since January 2026 to over 12,500 cases and 796 clusters, approximately 3.7 times last year's level (Qazinform, 2026). Ngu Hanh Son recorded the most cases (1,363). Authorities urged mosquito-bite prevention through repellent, protective clothing, and screened accommodation. [Full article]

  Hanoi reported 506 new dengue cases across 92 wards and communes during November 13–20, 2026, bringing the cumulative total to 7,532 cases across 122 wards and communes, with no deaths (Kenh14, 2026). Hanoi CDC continued surveillance, outbreak investigations, healthcare worker training, environmental sanitation, larval control, insecticide spraying, and intensified case detection. [Full article]

Diphtheria

- **Thailand** reported 74 suspected diphtheria cases and eight deaths between January 1 and November 21, 2026 (PPTV Online, 2026). Children aged 0–9 years were most affected, with four family clusters reported. Health authorities urged parents to check children's vaccination records and ensure completion of recommended vaccinations. [Full article]

  Narathiwat Province reported 11 diphtheria cases and three deaths (incidence: 1.33 per 100,000), increasing since October 2026 (PPTV Online, 2026). Cases mainly affected unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated children. Authorities strengthened screening, disinfection, vaccination, and monitoring, urging DTP vaccination completion, mask use, hand hygiene, and prompt medical attention. [Full article]

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- **Viet Nam:** Hanoi reported 66 HFMD cases across 42 wards and communes during November 13–20, 2026, down from 118 cases the previous week (Thang Long, 2026). Hanoi CDC strengthened surveillance, early detection, investigation, and monitoring at healthcare facilities and community levels to ensure timely case and outbreak management. [Full article]

Measles

- **Brunei Darussalam** reported eight confirmed measles cases from November 12–22, 2026, involving six citizens and two Bangladeshi nationals (WHO EIOS, 2026). Cases included three infants and five adults aged 31–52 years, with no recorded MMR immunization history. Preliminary investigations suggest an imported source. Contact tracing and 21-day monitoring are ongoing, while authorities urged vaccination and prompt medical assessment. [Full article]

Melioidosis

- **Viet Nam:** Tay Ninh reported one severe melioidosis case in a 54-year-old man from Loc Ninh, caused by *Burkholderia pseudomallei* (Kienthuc, 2026). He developed severe pneumonia, respiratory failure, septic shock, kidney injury, and gastrointestinal bleeding. After nearly three weeks of hospitalization, he recovered and was discharged. Authorities advised early medical assessment and regular follow-up for patients with chronic lung conditions. [Full article]

Mpox

- **Thailand** reported 545 mpox cases so far in 2026 as of November 24, bringing the cumulative total to 1,568 since July 2022 (Daily News, 2026). Of 2026 cases, 445 were Clade Ib, which is currently circulating in the country. Bangkok recorded the most cases (137), followed by Chonburi (56) and Nonthaburi (50). Authorities advised avoiding close physical and sexual contact with infected individuals and practicing household isolation and hygiene measures. [Full article]

Pertussis

- **Thailand** reported 206 cumulative pertussis cases and one death as of November 18, 2026 (PPTV Online, 2026). Recent monthly cases exceeded the same period in 2025 and the five-year median, with 11 clusters reported, mostly within families. Authorities urged parents to complete children's recommended vaccinations and seek immediate care for severe coughing, breathing difficulties, or cyanosis, particularly in infants. [Full article]

  Narathiwat Province reported three pertussis cases (incidence: 0.36 per 100,000), with no deaths and an increase since October 2026 (PPTV Online, 2026). Cases primarily involved unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated children. Authorities strengthened contact screening, disinfection, vaccination, and surveillance, recommending DTP vaccination, maternal pertussis vaccination, mask use, and hand hygiene. [Full article]

Rabies

- **Indonesia:** Tana Toraja District, South Sulawesi Province, reported a human rabies death involving a 43-year-old man on November 19, 2026, following a dog bite approximately three months earlier, bringing the regional total to two deaths in 2026 (Tribunnews Makassar, 2026). North Toraja recorded 58 rabies-positive dogs among 438 samples tested (January–June), with only 30 vaccine vials remaining. Authorities strengthened animal surveillance, pet vaccination, and post-bite assessment and vaccination. [Full article]

Tuberculosis (TB)

- **Indonesia:** Mimika District, Central Papua Province, reported 2,488 cumulative TB cases (ANTARA News Papua Tengah, 2026). In response, the District Health Office designated three villages as TB alert villages. The initiative engages local governments, healthcare workers, health facilities, and communities in strengthening early detection, prevention, and control through village funding and community participation. [Full article]

Global Situation

Avian Influenza

- **China** reported one human avian influenza A(H5N1) case in a Vietnamese adult male from Quang Ninh Province, detected at Dongxing Port, Guangxi, on November 2, 2026, following symptom onset on November 1 (Avian Flu Daity, 2026). The patient remained clinically stable, with no known animal exposure. Two household contacts tested negative for influenza A. [Full article]

  Henan Province reported one pediatric H9N2 case, marking the eighth human case reported nationally over six reporting weeks (Avian Flu Daity, 2026). Symptoms began on October 24, 2026, following live poultry market exposure. Environmental samples tested positive for influenza A(H9), while three close contacts tested negative. The patient recovered after oseltamivir treatment. China has reported 96 cases since January 2024. [Full article]

Dengue

- **Bangladesh:** Feni District, Chittagong Division, reported 41 new dengue cases in the 24 hours preceding November 23, 2026, bringing the total to 1,830, including 1,366 (75%) in Feni Sadar (Jago News 24, 2026). No deaths were recorded, and 32 patients remained hospitalized. Authorities urged mosquito-breeding site elimination and prompt medical consultation for fever. [Full article]
- **India:** Puducherry (Union Territory) reported 46 new dengue cases during the first 19 days of November 2026, alongside two deaths involving a 19-year-old girl and a 23-year-old boy (News Bytes, 2026). Health officials noted that the current increase exceeded levels recorded during the previous two years. [Full article]

Hantavirus

- **Finland:** North Karelia reported one Puumala virus infection (hemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome) in a 51-year-old man following suspected cabin exposure in September 2026 (Libertatea, 2026). Symptoms developed two weeks later and hospitalized for three days. Authorities advised masks when cleaning dusty areas and prompting medical attention for symptoms. [Full article]
- **Russia Federation:** Republic of Tatarstan reported 160 HFRS cases over four weeks, with the highest number in Almetyevsk (AiF Kazan, 2026). The seasonal increase was associated with prolonged rodent activity during a warm autumn, with no outbreak reported. Authorities advised masks and gloves, wet cleaning with disinfectants, avoiding rodent excreta, and prompt medical attention if symptoms develop. [Full article]

Legionellosis

- **France:** Dunkirk area reported six legionellosis cases over three weeks in November 2026 (La Voix du Nord, 2026). Environmental investigations are ongoing, with no common exposure source identified so far. Infection occurs through inhalation of contaminated water droplets and is not transmitted person-to-person. France recorded approximately 2,000 cases in 2025. [Full article]
- **Italy:** Agrigento, Sicily, reported one confirmed legionellosis case in a male tourist in his 50s who stayed at a hotel in Villaggio Mosè (Agrigento Notizie, 2026). The patient developed pneumonia-like symptoms but was reportedly improving. Legionella bacteria were detected in the hotel's tap water, prompting urgent water sampling, supply network inspection, and review of disinfection and maintenance records by public health authorities. [Full article]

Measles

- **Bangladesh** reported 1,283 new suspected and 68 laboratory-confirmed measles cases in the 24 hours to November 24, 2026, bringing cumulative totals to 259,190 and 26,300, respectively (United News of Bangladesh, 2026). Nine additional suspected deaths increased the death toll to 1,361 (1,256 suspected and 105 confirmed). Since March 15, 231,999 patients were hospitalized, with 223,158 recoveries (DGHS). [Full article]

Chattogram District reported 37 new dengue hospitalizations, bringing the current number of hospitalized patients to 146 (Bangla News 24, 2026). Cumulatively, 8,470 cases and 49 deaths were recorded in 2026. Twenty areas were identified as hotspots, with *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* detected as vectors. Authorities conducted larvicide and adulticide spraying and advised early testing and prompt medical consultation. [Full article]

- **Sweden**: Stockholm is investigating a suspected measles outbreak following one confirmed case at Södersjukhuset hospital in Södermalm (Tidende, 2026). Approximately 200–250 people were contacted for contact tracing after potential exposure in the emergency department waiting room. The hospital established a temporary vaccination clinic to support outbreak response and prevent further transmission. [Full article]
- The **United States (US):** Wisconsin reported two new measles cases in Eau Claire County on November 23, 2026 (Leader-Telegram, 2026). The statewide outbreak reached 800 cases across 22 counties as of November 20, resulting in 19 hospitalizations and two deaths. Authorities recommended MMR vaccination and advised symptomatic individuals to contact healthcare providers before seeking medical assessment. [Full article]

  Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, reported 23 new measles cases since November 16, 2026 bringing the county total to 558 (Lancaster Online, 2026). Statewide, Pennsylvania also reported 1,638 cases so far in 2026 and its ninth measles-associated death on November 23, involving an unvaccinated Centre County resident. Health officials emphasized MMR vaccination, with two doses providing 97% protection. [Full article]

  Orleans County, Vermont, reported 13 confirmed measles cases as of November 24, 2026, following the first confirmed cases on November 9 (MyNBC5, 2026). All cases were linked to several households involving unvaccinated individuals exposed during out-of-state travel. Authorities assessed public risk as low and urged vaccination, including for infants aged 6–11 months. [Full article]

Meningococcal Disease

- **Italy:** Calabria Region reported one meningococcal meningitis case in a 52-year-old woman from Corigliano-Rossano (CN24TV, 2026). Transferred to Annunziata Hospital, Cosenza, she showed slight improvement after 36 hours of treatment. Authorities activated surveillance and prophylaxis for exposed healthcare workers, hospital staff, close contacts, and family members. [Full article]

Rabies

- **India:** Maharashtra reported one suspected rabies-related death involving an eight-year-old girl from Kolhapur district (eSakal, 2026). She died on November 21 after developing symptoms following suspected dog exposure on October 20, without receiving post-exposure prophylaxis. Doctors advised 34 close contacts to receive anti-rabies vaccination. [Full article]

- **Pakistan** reported one rabies-related death in Islamabad involving a 22-year-old male university student following a stray dog bite sustained outside his campus hostel the previous month, despite receiving an initial anti-rabies vaccine dose (The Express Tribune, 2026). Nationally, an estimated 300,000 dog bites and 2,000–5,000 rabies-related deaths occur annually. [Full article]

Zika

- **Taiwan (Province of China)** reported its second imported Zika case on November 24, 2026, involving a man in his 30s from northern Taiwan who returned from the Maldives on November 13 and developed fever and rash (NOWnews, 2026). He tested positive at Taoyuan Airport; his cohabitant tested negative. Authorities advised mosquito-bite prevention, safe sex, and prompt medical assessment for symptoms within two weeks of travel. [Full article]

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