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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 Jakarta, Jakarta Special Capital Region recorded 1,808 dengue cases from January to October 15, 2026, down from 2,548 during the same period in 2025 (Media Indonesia, 2026). Authorities urged residents to eliminate mosquito breeding sites and monitor larvae at home. Community health centres continued surveillance, case investigations, and public education through the PSN 3M Plus programme. [[Full article](#)]
- The **Philippines:** Aurora Province reported 77 new dengue cases, bringing the total to 2,799 and eight deaths as of October 17, 2026, up from 1,119 during the same period in 2025 (The Manila Times, 2026). Children aged 1–10 accounted for 1,174 cases (42%). Maria Aurora reported the most cases (598), while Dilasag had the highest attack rate (27.8 per 1,000). Authorities intensified prevention measures. [[Full article](#)]
- **Viet Nam:** Hai Phong reported 45 new dengue cases in the past week, decreases of 39 cases from the previous week (Báo Hải Phòng, 2026). So far this year, 551 cases have been recorded, down from 668 during the same period in 2025. Authorities advised eliminating mosquito breeding sites and seeking care if symptoms develop. [[Full article](#)]

Ho Chi Minh City reported 1,603 new dengue and 1,800 HFMD cases during October 12–18, 2026 (aFamily, 2026). Year-to-date totals exceeded 40,678 and 42,315, respectively. Authorities advised eliminating stagnant water, preventing mosquito bites, handwashing, disinfecting surfaces and toys, and monitoring children for symptoms. [[Full article](#)]

Rabies

- **Viet Nam:** Đồng Nai Province reported its fourth rabies death of 2026 on October 19, involving a 27-year-old farmer bitten by a stray dog two months earlier who had not been vaccinated (Báo Đồng Nai, 2026). The dog also bit a six-year-old child who received no post-exposure prophylaxis. Authorities investigated exposures, disinfected sites, and arranged rabies vaccines and immunoglobulin for exposed individuals. [[Full article](#)]



Global Situation

Ebola

- **Kenya** reported its second death from Ebola (Bundibugyo virus disease) on October 23, 2026, involving a 65-year-old woman, among nine confirmed cases (Capital FM, 2026). Seven patients remained hospitalised in two isolation facilities. All cases were linked to one cluster, with no community transmission. The Ministry of Health coordinated a safe burial and advised hand hygiene, avoiding bodily fluids, infection prevention, and prompt medical care. [\[Full article\]](#)

Chikungunya

- **India:** Dehradun District, Uttarakhand, reported 10 new chikungunya cases on October 23, 2026, bringing the cumulative total to 237, with no deaths reported (Jagran, 2026). ASHA workers and volunteers surveyed 1,341,497 households, identifying larvae in 22,052 houses. Of 8,362,652 containers inspected, 27,442 contained larvae, including 26 of 47,844 examined on October 23. [\[Full article\]](#)

Dengue

- **Bangladesh** reported seven additional dengue deaths on October 25, 2026, bringing the cumulative toll to 384, and 2,249 new hospitalisations in 24 hours (The Business Standard, 2026). Two deaths each occurred in Dhaka North City Corporation and Mymensingh Division, and one each in Dhaka South, Khulna, and Rajshahi. Cumulative cases reached 123,948, with 117,400 recoveries. September recorded 148 deaths, the highest monthly toll this year. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **India:** Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, reported 24 new dengue cases on October 25, 2026, with patients identified in areas including Aliganj, Indiranagar, and Alambagh (Live Hindustan, 2026). Health teams conducted investigations and response measures around patients' homes. Residents were advised to prevent water accumulation and cover water containers to reduce mosquito breeding. [\[Full article\]](#)

Dehradun district, Uttarakhand, reported 18 new dengue cases on October 23, 2026, bringing the total to 356; 23 patients were hospitalised (Jagran, 2026). Surveillance covered 1,341,497 households and 8,362,652 containers, detecting larvae in 22,052 houses and 27,442 containers. On October 23, volunteers inspected 47,844 containers, finding larvae in 26. [\[Full article\]](#)

Chennai District, Tamil Nadu, reported 70 new dengue cases on October 22, 2026, as statewide cases reached 25,481, including 332 new infections that day (DT Next, 2026). Tamil Nadu recorded 10 dengue-related deaths. Chennai reported 1,290 cases in September, up from 605 in August. Authorities intensified fever surveillance, medical camps, and mosquito control, urging residents to remove stagnant water and cover storage containers. [\[Full article\]](#)



Legionellosis

- **Italy:** Palermo reported five Legionnaires' disease cases in October 2026, bringing the annual total to 53, compared with 64 in all of 2025 (IlSicilia, 2026). A 45-year-old man remains in intensive care on ECMO with a guarded prognosis, while another patient has been discharged. Investigations continue; preliminary findings have not linked cases to recently inspected facilities. [\[Full article\]](#)

Malaria

- **India:** MGM Medical College Hospital in East Singhbhum District, Jamshedpur, reported six patients with critical condition due to malaria, including a six-year-old girl who died from malaria and Japanese encephalitis co-infection complicated by multi-organ failure (Jagran, 2026). Five other children remained hospitalized, including one requiring ventilation. Health teams continued monitoring and intensive care; total cases were unreported. [\[Full article\]](#)

Measles

- **Bangladesh:** On October 25, 2026, the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) reported 76 new laboratory-confirmed measles cases, bringing the confirmed total to 23,400, alongside 1,280 new suspected cases, raising the suspected total to 221,164 (The Business Standard, 2026). Five additional deaths among children with measles-like symptoms brought combined suspected and confirmed deaths to 1,227, including 104 confirmed deaths. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Japan:** Ehime Prefecture confirmed its third measles case of the year on October 23, 2026, in a woman in her 50s who had received one vaccine dose and had no overseas travel history (TBS News Dig, 2026). Symptoms began October 20, and genetic testing confirmed infection on October 23. Authorities issued exposure alerts for two Matsuyama City supermarkets visited on October 19 and 21. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United States (US)** reported 178 additional measles cases in October 2026, bringing the national total to 4,588 across at least 43 outbreaks, more than double the 2025 total (The Guardian, 2026). Pennsylvania reported 1,338 cases, while South Carolina and Utah each exceeded 500. Pennsylvania reported five associated deaths and investigated a sixth; the CDC reported three deaths nationally. [\[Full article\]](#)

Minnesota confirmed 26 measles cases between mid-September and October 22, 2026, across two unrelated clusters: six in Fillmore County and 20 in Todd County (Outbreak News Today, 2026). The state reported 43 cases so far in 2026. Authorities are investigating exposures and urging unvaccinated individuals to receive MMR vaccination. [\[Full article\]](#)

Missouri confirmed four measles cases among members of one household in Benton County on October 19, 2026, bringing the state total to 18 (Medical Daily, 2026). Benton County accounted for seven cases statewide; 64.7% of local kindergarten students were vaccinated in 2025. Authorities initiated contact tracing and advised exposed individuals to monitor symptoms for 21 days. [\[Full article\]](#)



Ohio reported eight new measles cases in the week before October 22, 2026, down 66% from 24 the previous week (The Daily Record, 2026). New cases occurred in Van Wert (first case), Geauga (2), Medina (3), Pike (1), and Trumbull (1) counties. The statewide total reached 260 cases across 24 counties, compared with 45 in 2025. Most patients were unvaccinated and aged 15 months to 20 years. [\[Full article\]](#)

Pike County, Ohio, reported 20 additional confirmed measles cases as of October 23, 2026, bringing the county total to 22 confirmed and two suspected cases (WSAZ, 2026). Health officials completed contact tracing, notified contacts, and provided exposure guidance. Residents with symptoms were advised to avoid others and contact their healthcare provider immediately. [\[Full article\]](#)

Mpox

- **France:** Réunion Island reported two new mpox cases during the week beginning October 19, 2026, bringing the annual total to 31, according to Santé publique France (Zinfos 974, 2026). Of these, 26 were imported, mostly from Madagascar, while five were locally transmitted. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Pakistan:** Khyber Pakhtunkhwa reported four new mpox cases (three men, one woman) without international travel history: two in Nowshera and one each in Peshawar and Mardan (UA News, 2026). All were in home isolation. The total reached 18 cases, including one death and 13 recoveries. Authorities planned contact tracing, testing, screening, and infection prevention. [\[Full article\]](#)

Karachi District, Sindh, reported an mpox death involving a 53-day-old infant on October 24, 2026, following circumcision at a private hospital (24NewsHD, 2026). Another 42-day-old infant remained critically ill. Authorities suspected contaminated surgical scissors and sealed the hospital for infection-control violations. Sindh recorded 98 cases and 12 deaths so far in 2026, including 19 cases between late September and October. [\[Full article\]](#)

Pertussis

- **Russia Federation:** A three-month-old infant was in serious condition with whooping cough at the Republican Clinical Infectious Diseases Hospital, The Republic of Buryatia (Baikal-Daily, 2026). The infant became ill before receiving the first scheduled vaccination at three months. The hospital highlighted the risk of severe complications in young infants. [\[Full article\]](#)

West Nile Virus (WNV)

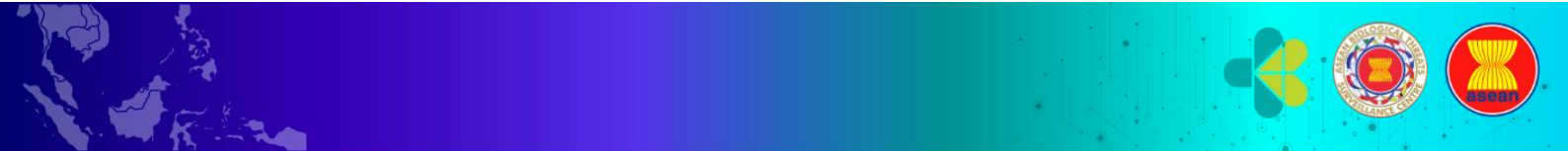
- **France** reported 17 new locally acquired WNV cases in the week before October 19, 2026, bringing the total to 195 and six reported deaths (Ma Santé, 2026). Of the cases, 160 were symptomatic, 35 detected through blood-donor screening, and 76 involved severe neurological complications. Cases emerged in 15 departments across five regions. Enhanced surveillance continues through November 30. [\[Full article\]](#)



- The **United States (US)**: California reported 452 human WNV cases and 29 deaths this year, with over half of cases in Los Angeles County (KCRA 3, 2026). In response, authorities urged repellent use, protective clothing, and removal of standing water. [\[Full article\]](#)

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