

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

### *Anthrax*

- **Indonesia:** Gunungkidul District, Special Region of Yogyakarta Province, reported four PCR-confirmed anthrax cases in a Hamlet, Semanu Subdistrict, among seven suspected cases following contact with an affected goat (Media Indonesia, 2026). Forty-seven additional exposed individuals received prophylactic antibiotics and will be monitored for 60 days. All four confirmed patients recovered, with no new cases reported. [[Full article](#)]

### *Dengue*

- **Viet Nam:** Đồng Nai Province reported more than 15,900 dengue cases since the beginning of 2026, including 730 new cases in the latest week and seven deaths (Kenh14, 2026). Of the weekly cases, 315 (43%) occurred among children under 15 years. Dengue was reported across all 95 communes/wards, with 253 clusters identified and managed. Health authorities intensified surveillance, insecticide spraying, and response activities in affected areas. [[Full article](#)]

### *Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)*

- **Viet Nam:** Ho Chi Minh City reported 1,538 HFMD cases during epi-week 39 (21–27 September 2026), a 63.8% increase from the previous four-week average (Vietnam.vn, 2026). The cumulative total reached 36,676 cases, with no deaths reported. High incidence rates were reported in Con Dao Special Zone, Binh Khanh, and Hiep Phuoc. Authorities advised hand hygiene, environmental cleaning, and keeping suspected cases at home. [[Full article](#)]

### *Leptospirosis*

- The **Philippines:** Quezon City reported 1,037 leptospirosis cases, including 66 deaths, from Januari 1 to October 1, 2026 (The Manila Tribune, 2026). Of cases, 709 (68%) involved people aged  $\geq 21$  years, and 788 were male. District 2 reported the most cases (311), followed by District 4 (231) and District 6 (146). Authorities advised avoiding



floodwater, using protective gear, maintaining cleanliness, and seeking medical advice on doxycycline prophylaxis. [\[Full article\]](#)

## Malaria

- **Viet Nam:** Da Nang reported two imported malaria cases from September 29 to October 1, 2026 in individuals who had stayed in Nigeria and Côte d'Ivoire (Tien Phong, 2026). Both were confirmed with *Plasmodium falciparum* infection and were receiving treatment. Since January, four imported cases have been reported, with no deaths. Authorities strengthened surveillance, advised testing of suspected cases, and urged recent travellers from endemic areas to seek care if symptomatic. [\[Full article\]](#)

## Global Situation

### Chikungunya

- **Hong Kong (SAR)** reported one imported chikungunya case in a 62-year-old woman who had visited Guangdong Province during the incubation period (RTHK, 2026). She was hospitalized in a mosquito-free environment and remained stable. Two household contacts were asymptomatic and under medical surveillance. Authorities continued epidemiological investigation and notified Guangdong health authorities. Four cases were reported so far in 2026. [\[Full article\]](#)

### Dengue

- **Bangladesh** reported 2,089 new dengue hospital admissions and six additional deaths on October 4, 2026, bringing the national death toll to 262 so far in 2026 (T Times, 2026). Two deaths occurred in Dhaka South City Corporation, three in Khulna outside city corporation areas, and one in Mymensingh. Increased admissions placed additional pressure on hospitals nationwide. Stakeholders emphasized effective mosquito-control measures to reduce transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Taiwan (Province of China):** On October 3, 2026, Tainan reported its ninth imported dengue case in a Filipino male migrant worker in his 20s who developed fever and headache in the Philippines on September 29 (Central News Agency, 2026). He tested positive by NS1 rapid test upon arrival on October 1 and was hospitalized without entering the community. Authorities conducted health education, environmental inspections, and vector control. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United States (US):** Florida reported 62 new locally acquired dengue cases in the week ending September 26, 2026, bringing the total to 252 cases and one death (Medical Daily, 2026). Hillsborough County accounted for 223 cases, with local transmission in seven counties. Authorities extended emergency declarations and intensified mosquito-control measures, including larval and adult mosquito treatments, surveillance, and spraying. [\[Full article\]](#)



## Leptospirosis

- **China:** Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, reported a severe leptospirosis case involving a 61-year-old man who had consumed untreated mountain spring water and outdoor water exposure after a typhoon (Beijing Daily, 2026). He developed severe sepsis, septic shock, and multiple-organ dysfunction but recovered following intensive treatment. Authorities advised avoiding untreated and floodwater, using protective equipment, disinfecting wounds, controlling rodents, and seeking early care. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Ukraine:** Lviv Region reported two new leptospirosis cases on October 4, 2026, bringing the 2026 total to 10 cases, with no deaths (ZAXID.NET, 2026). Cases involved a 50-year-old man exposed while gardening without gloves and a 66-year-old woman exposed while walking in a forest and drinking spring water in Transcarpathia. Both sought care five days after symptom onset.. [\[Full article\]](#)

## Malaria

- **Bangladesh:** Dhaka Divion reported severe *Plasmodium vivax* malaria in a 19-year-old woman complicated by haemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (HLH), disseminated intravascular coagulation, and acute pancreatitis (Scienmag, 2026). Diagnosis was supported by a positive *P. vivax*-specific rapid test and six of eight HLH-2004 criteria. She recovered completely following intravenous artesunate and supportive care without immunosuppressive treatment. [\[Full article\]](#)

## Measles

- **Australia:** Campbelltown, New South Wales, issued a measles alert following confirmation of a case in a returned traveller from Southeast Asia (Mirage News, 2026). The individual visited multiple locations while infectious, prompting potential exposure concerns. NSW Health reported 56 measles cases so far in 2026 to date, with no deaths reported. Authorities advised monitoring for symptoms and seeking medical care if they develop. [\[Full article\]](#)

**Lewis County,** New York reported 10 additional measles cases, all among unvaccinated individuals (ABC50, 2026). Infected residents were isolated, and contact tracing was completed, with all known contacts notified. Public health officials continued monitoring for local transmission and potential additional cases.. [\[Full article\]](#)

**Ohio** reported 10 new measles cases in the latest weekly update, bringing the 2026 total to 206 cases across 20 counties (The Canton Repository, 2026). Most cases occurred among unvaccinated individuals. The outbreak represents Ohio's third measles resurgence this year. A total of 195 hospitalizations were reported, with no new deaths specified in the update. [\[Full article\]](#)

**Stark County,** Ohio, reported its first measles case in seven years in September 2026, with the source unknown and likely linked to statewide transmission (The Canton Repository, 2026). Ohio reported 210 cases across 20 counties, including recent cases



in Ashland, Vinton, and Wood counties. Most cases involved unvaccinated individuals. Statewide, 327 hospitalizations and two deaths were reported. [Full article]

### Rabies

- **China:** A man died of rabies on 26 September 2026, 47 days after being bitten by a dog on 10 August (A Family, 2026). He had not received post-exposure prophylaxis. Before his death, he urged people exposed to animal bites or scratches to seek care. Recommended measures include wound washing, risk assessment, vaccination, and immunoglobulin when indicated. [Full article]
- **Pakistan:** Karachi, Sindh Province, reported 28 rabies cases and over 14,000 dog-bite incidents at Indus Hospital as of September 2026 (Dawn, 2026). Recent cases included a six-year-old girl and four-year-old boy from Hyderabad and Dadu. The hospital recorded at least nine rabies-related deaths in 2025. Pakistan is estimated to record 2,000–5,000 rabies deaths annually, primarily following dog bites. [Full article]

### West Nile Virus (WNV)

- **Spain:** La Puebla del Río, Seville, extended its state of alert until October 31 due to ongoing WNV transmission, following the death of an 84-year-old man with underlying health conditions (Estrella Digital, 2026). Authorities maintained active surveillance and vector-control measures and coordinated to strengthen the Preventive Action Plan amid continued epidemiological concerns. [Full article]
- The **United States (US):** New Jersey reported 26 confirmed WNV infections in 2026, including one death (News 12 New Jersey, 2026). Monmouth County reported the highest number, followed by Mercer and Camden. WNV was detected in 1,182 mosquito pools statewide. Authorities advised mosquito-bite prevention, noting that older and immunocompromised individuals are at increased risk of severe neurological disease. [Full article]

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