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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 Java Province reported three family members in a village in Bogor District; the disease was developed sequentially in September–October 2026 (Bogor-Kita, 2026). The patients were a 40-year-old woman, her 14-year-old daughter, and her 28-year-old sibling. One required a week of hospitalization due to declining platelet counts. On October 8, local health authorities investigated, conducted fogging, promoted control measures, and advised prompt assessment for sudden high fever. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Viet Nam:** Ha Tinh Province reported nine dengue cases in Cam Trung Commune by October 7, 2026, including an index case confirmed by NS1 antigen testing (Thương hiệu & Công luận, 2026). Authorities conducted epidemiological investigations, planned mosquito spraying within 200 metres of affected households, and urged environmental sanitation, elimination of breeding sites, bed-net use, and prompt medical care. [\[Full article\]](#)

Dak Lak Province reported 8,433 dengue cases and two deaths as of October 7, 2026, a 25% increase year-on-year, with over 100 new cases daily (VOV, 2026). Buon Ma Thuot and surrounding areas were at high risk. Authorities intensified outbreak control, sanitation, vector surveillance, and mosquito spraying amid rising hospital admissions. [\[Full article\]](#)

Ho Chi Minh City reported 1,505 dengue cases during September 28–October 4, 2026, bringing the cumulative total to 37,369 by epi-week 40 (Sức khỏe & Đời sống, 2026). Weekly cases declined 2.3% from the previous four-week average. Con Dao, Ngai Giao, and Minh Thanh reported high incidence. Authorities advised prevention, early symptom detection, and prompt medical evaluation, particularly for young children. [\[Full article\]](#)

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- The **Philippines:** Capiz Province, Western Visayas (Region VI) reported 200 HFMD cases from January 4 to October 3, 2026, a 78.4% decrease from 926 cases during the same period in 2025 (K5 Radyo Tagbuanay Pilar Capiz, 2026). Authorities advised prompt



medical consultation for suspected cases and urged parents to maintain environmental hygiene and regularly clean objects handled by children. [\[Full article\]](#)

- **Viet Nam:** Ho Chi Minh City reported 1,673 HFMD cases during epi-week 40 (September 28–October 4, 2026), a 47.8% increase over the previous four-week average (Sức khỏe & Đời sống, 2026). Cumulative cases reached 38,463. Con Dao, Binh Khanh, and Hiep Phuoc reported high incidence rates. Authorities advised prevention, early symptom detection, and prompt medical evaluation for symptomatic children. [\[Full article\]](#)

Rabies

- **Indonesia:** North Central Timor District, East Nusa Tenggara Province, reported four deaths associated with bites from rabies-transmitting animals and 2,846 bite cases from January to October 5, 2026, with 2,842 victims receiving outpatient care (Flores Tribun News, 2026). Authorities advised immediate medical assessment and rabies vaccination (VAR) for bite victims, alongside animal monitoring and vaccination, public education, and strengthened cross-sectoral coordination. [\[Full article\]](#)

Global Situation

Dengue

- **Bangladesh:** The Directorate General of Health Services reported five additional dengue deaths and 1,935 new hospital admissions in the 24 hours to 8:00 a.m. on October 8, 2026, bringing annual totals to 294 deaths and 94,151 admissions (Daily New Nation, 2026). Three deaths occurred in Dhaka South City Corporation and two in Khulna Division. From October 1–8, Dhaka Division reported the most admissions (382); a total of 45 deaths were recorded during the period. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **India:** Prayagraj District, Uttar Pradesh, reported over 100 dengue cases, prompting intensified prevention. From September 1 to October 8, Govindpur and Salori were the highest numbers (The Times of India, 2025). Authorities conducted fogging and anti-larval spraying in seven hotspots. Response teams inspected breeding sites, removed stagnant water, and conducted fogging twice daily. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Pakistan:** Khyber Pakhtunkhwa reported 142 new dengue cases, bringing total to over 3,000 infections so far in 2026, with Peshawar and several other districts most affected (Dunya News, 2026). Authorities intensified vector control, surveillance, and public awareness campaigns, urging residents to eliminate mosquito breeding sites and seek prompt medical care for suspected dengue symptoms. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United States (US):** Hillsborough County, Florida, reported 36 dengue cases, the highest county total statewide (WUSF, 2026). Florida recorded 259 cumulative cases so far in 2026, including locally acquired and travel-associated infections. Authorities continued mosquito control, surveillance, and public awareness efforts, urging residents to eliminate standing water and take precautions against mosquito bites. [\[Full article\]](#)



Legionellosis

- **Austria health** authorities reported a fourth death associated with Legionnaires' disease, involving a man who died after several weeks of hospitalization (Heute, 2026). The ongoing outbreak has reached 36 confirmed cases. Authorities continued epidemiological investigations and environmental assessments to identify and control potential Legionella exposure sources and monitor for additional infections. [[Full article](#)]

Leptospirosis

- **India:** Mumbai District, Maharashtra reported 286 leptospirosis cases between June and September 2026 during the monsoon season (Free Press Journal Marathi, 2026). The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation intensified surveillance, field inspections, and mosquito and rodent control. Authorities advised residents to avoid potentially contaminated water and seek prompt medical care for fever, headache, and muscle pain. [[Full article](#)]

Malaria

- **India:** Kerala reported 974 imported and four indigenous malaria cases as of October 5, 2026, with six deaths from imported infections and one from local transmission (MSN, 2026). Malappuram, Kozhikode, and Kannur recorded the highest indigenous case numbers. Authorities strengthened surveillance, migrant screening, testing, and insecticide-treated bed-net distribution to improve early detection and prevent transmission. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- **Bangladesh:** The Directorate General of Health Services reported 96 new confirmed measles cases and four additional deaths among patients with measles symptoms on October 8, 2026 (Daily Naya Diganta, 2026). Since March 15, totals reached 201,625 symptomatic patients, including 22,116 confirmed cases, 1,040 deaths among symptomatic patients, and 104 deaths among confirmed cases. [[Full article](#)]
- **Iraq:** Nearly 30 measles cases were reported in October 2026 in Akre District, Duhok Province, including 14 students (The Insight International, 2026). Around 10 patients remained hospitalized, while others were discharged. Cases mainly involved incompletely vaccinated or unvaccinated children. Health teams conducted vaccination campaigns, and the affected school was temporarily closed to limit transmission. [[Full article](#)]
- **New Zealand:** Wellington reported one new measles case on October 8, 2026, suspected to be associated with international travel (Antara News, 2026). The National Public Health Service is monitoring close contacts and identifying locations visited during the infectious period. Health officials urged public vigilance and emphasized vaccination as the best protection against measles. [[Full article](#)]
- **The United States (US):** Ohio reported 22 new measles cases in the week before October 8, 2026, bringing the annual total to 228 across 21 counties, a 406% increase from 2025 (Port Clinton News-Herald, 2026). Geauga, Wayne, and Ashtabula reported



50, 45, and 41 cases, respectively. Cases affected individuals aged 15 months–20 years, mostly unvaccinated. Authorities urged vaccination and reported exposure locations. [\[Full article\]](#)

Lewis County, New York, reported two new measles cases, bringing the total to 13; all affected individuals were unvaccinated (Inform NNY, 2026). Authorities announced that future updates would be published on the official website rather than through press releases, directing residents, partners, and media to the online case chart. [\[Full article\]](#)

Meningococcal Disease

- The **United Kingdom (UK)**: Scotland reported one confirmed meningococcal disease case in a University of St Andrews student (STV News, 2026). NHS Fife East Region Health Protection Team identified close contacts and offered chemoprophylaxis under national guidance. Authorities assessed the risk to students and the wider community as low. MenB vaccination was offered to first-time university entrants under 25. [\[Full article\]](#)

Mpox

- **Poland**: The Chief Sanitary Inspectorate reported 52 mpox cases from January 1 to September 30, 2026, up from 21 during the same period in 2025 and eight in 2024 (Fakt, 2026). Most cases affected men. Reported symptoms included fever, severe headache, muscle aches, weakness, swollen lymph nodes, and fluid-filled blisters. Authorities warned of increasing infections. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Russia Federation**: Moscow Region reported one confirmed mpox case in a 27-year-old man treated at Domodedovo Hospital (MK Mosobl, 2026). He presented with skin rashes and high fever and recovered after 12 days of treatment. Authorities advised personal hygiene and avoiding close contact with people arriving from regions reporting mpox cases. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Spain**: The Basque Country reported its first mpox-associated death in October 2026, involving a 61-year-old immunocompromised man with cancer and other infections at Donostia Hospital (Diario Vasco, 2026). He reportedly acquired mpox from a fellow patient, but causation remained unconfirmed. Over 30 healthcare workers, relatives, and contacts underwent 21-day monitoring, with prophylactic measures implemented. [\[Full article\]](#)

West Nile Virus (WNV)

- **Greece** reported 20 new WNV cases in the latest week, bringing the total to 443 through October 8, 2026, including 47 deaths (Typosthes, 2026). Of these, 282 involved the central nervous system, and 38 patients remained hospitalized, including 15 in intensive care. All deaths occurred in people over 52 years, with a median age of 82. EODY classified 17 municipalities as high risk and advised continued vigilance. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Italy**: Piedmont Region reported the death of an 85-year-old woman in Collegno, Metropolitan City of Turin on October 3, 2026, following severe WNV infection



with meningitis and encephalitis (Mondo Sanità, 2026). Since May, 100 confirmed cases, including 99 locally acquired infections, were recorded. Authorities initiated epidemiological investigations, mosquito control, prevention activities, and blood donation screening. [Full article]

- **Netherlands** reported three new WNV cases and one additional death during October 1–7, 2026, bringing annual totals to 59 cases and 10 deaths (Sudinfo, 2026). RIVM confirmed all new infections resulted from infected mosquito bites. The deceased were elderly and/or had underlying conditions. [Full article]
- The **United States (US)**: Rhode Island reported its first human WNV case in 2026 in a Washington County resident in their 60s (Turn to 10, 2026). The patient developed symptoms in early September, was hospitalized, and was recovering. The infection was considered travel-associated (imported). Authorities continued mosquito surveillance and lowered the assessed risk due to seasonally low mosquito populations. [Full article]

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