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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*

- **Malaysia:** Perak reported 15 new dengue cases on September 6, bringing the total to 2,022 cases, ranking sixth nationally (Sin Chew Daily, 2026). By epi-week 34, there were 1,941 cases had been reported, a 50% increase from the same period in 2025. Perak also reported 23 chikungunya and 70 malaria cases. Health authorities promoted mosquito-control measures, including surveillance and planting mosquito-repellent vegetation. [Full article]
- **The Philippines:** Ilocos Norte Province reported 115 new dengue cases since late August, bringing the total to 1,583 cases as of September 7, 2026 (Philippine News Agency, 2026). Authorities are validating a suspected dengue-related death in Nueva Era and intensified surveillance, vector control, and community prevention measures. [Full article]
- **Viet Nam:** The Gia Lai Department of Health reported 312 dengue cases during the preceding week, 109 fewer than the previous week, with no deaths (Vietnam.vn, 2026). Cumulative cases reached 5,680, including one death, representing an increase of 3,782 cases from the same period in 2025. Health authorities intensified environmental sanitation, larval source reduction, vector control, community communication, and chemical spraying. [Full article]

  On September 7, 2026, the **Dak Lak Provincial** Center for Disease Control reported 521 new dengue cases during the past week, down from 600 cases in epi-week 34 (Lao Động, 2026). Buon Ma Thuot reported the highest weekly total (167), followed by Ea H'leo (84) and Cu M'gar (58). Health authorities intensified daily surveillance, reporting, outbreak detection, response, and preparedness. [Full article]

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

- **Thailand** has reported 53,362 HFMD cases, including 5,408 hospitalizations and one death in 2026 (Outbreak News Today, 2026). Children aged 0–4 years were most affected, followed by those aged 5–9 and 10–14 years. On September 4, the Department of Disease Control urged schools and childcare centres to strengthen screening, hygiene, cleaning, and monitoring. [Full article]

- **Viet Nam:** Can Tho City, Mekong Delta Region reported nearly 2,000 HFMD cases as of August 2026, a 69% increase from the same period in 2025 (Lao Động, 2026). EV71 was detected in approximately 50% of cases and is associated with severe complications. Authorities recommended hand hygiene, avoiding exposure, early recognition, and prompt hospitalization. [Full article]

### *HIV/AIDS*

- **Indonesia:** Aceh Tengah District, Aceh Province, reported 13 newly identified HIV/AIDS cases, bringing the total to 89 cases (58 HIV and 31 AIDS) from 2018 through August 2026 (Tribun Gayo, 2026). All 31 AIDS patients reportedly died, with delayed detection and severe opportunistic infections contributing to mortality. Health authorities expanded confidential screening and mobile, free voluntary counselling and testing services. [Full article]

### *Leptospirosis*

- The **Philippines:** Quezon City, National Capital Region (NCR), reported 47 leptospirosis cases from September 4 – 7, 2026, bringing the total to 738 cases and 47 deaths so far in 2026 (ABS-CBN News, 2026). Cases exceeded the epidemic threshold by epidemiological week 32 and were 29% higher than in 2025. District 2 (Commonwealth and Batasan) and Tatalon in District 4 were most affected. Authorities intensified active case finding and monitoring. [Full article]

  **Manila** reported 12 new leptospirosis cases on September 7, bringing the total to 982 cases and 35 deaths as of September 7, 2026, exceeding the epidemiological threshold (Philstar.com, 2026). Several district hospitals reached full capacity. Free doxycycline was distributed through 44 health centres and seven hospitals to flood-affected residents. [Full article]

### *Malaria*

- The **Philippines:** Palawan Province, MIMAROPA (Region IV-B) reported 2,858 malaria cases from January – August 2026, including 2,793 cases in municipalities and 65 in Puerto Princesa City, exceeding the 1,830 cases reported in 2025 (DYS P Super Radyo Palawan, 2026). The Department of Health continued malaria-elimination interventions, particularly in municipalities in southern Palawan. [Full article]

### *Rabies*

- **Viet Nam:** Gia Lai reported a rabies-related death in a 6-year-old boy from Ia Tôr commune (Báo Gia Lai, 2026). The child was bitten by dogs 2–5 months earlier and did not receive post-exposure prophylaxis. He developed illness on September 5 and died on September 7. Three household members were potentially exposed. Local health authorities are investigating the case and epidemiological exposures. [Full article]

### *Tuberculosis (TB)*

- **Indonesia:** Sinjai District, South Sulawesi Province, reported 371 TB cases from January – August 2026, identified among 4,100 suspected cases screened (Berita Sulsel, 2026). On September 7, authorities launched an integrated TB contact-tracing and free health-check campaign targeting 6,400 people at 64 sites through November. [Full article]

### *Typhoid*

- The **Philippines:** The Department of Health (DOH) reported 590 typhoid fever cases nationally from August 2 – 15, 2026, a 20% decrease from 740 cases during July 19–August 1 (SunStar, 2026). Since January, 10,708 cases have been recorded, 41% lower than during the same period in 2025. The DOH emphasized hand hygiene, including proper 20-second handwashing before and after food preparation and meals and after toilet use. [Full article]

## Global Situation

### *Chikungunya*

- **France:** Val-de-Marne Department, Île-de-France Region, reported four new chikungunya cases, bringing the total to five so far in 2026 (Citoyens, 2026). All patients developed symptoms in late August, with no hospitalization. *Aedes albopictus* was detected, prompting door-to-door outreach and multiple vector-control operations. Residents were advised to seek care and eliminate standing water. [Full article]
- **Pakistan:** Nowshera District, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, reported eight new chikungunya cases in Ziarat Kaka Sahib, bringing the total confirmed cases in Spin Kanai Union Council to 14 (Dawn, 2026). All cases were receiving home-based care, with no deaths reported. Health authorities expanded surveillance and active case finding, and implemented larviciding, indoor residual spraying, vector surveillance, testing, referral, and community awareness activities. [Full article]

### *Dengue*

- **Bangladesh:** Gazipur District, Dhaka Division reported 62 dengue cases and one dengue-related death during the 24 hours from September 7 – 8, 2026 (Dainik Naya Diganta, 2026). Health authorities urged residents to strengthen mosquito-control measures, eliminate potential breeding sites, and seek early medical care for symptoms including fever, headache, and body aches to reduce the risk of severe disease and death. [Full article]
- **India:** West Bengal reported more than 500 dengue cases in the preceding seven days, bringing the total to over 4,500 confirmed cases as of early September 2026 (Mid-Day, 2026). Murshidabad reported the highest burden, followed by Kolkata. Health authorities intensified statewide surveillance, including door-to-door visits and immediate blood testing of symptomatic individuals during the monsoon season. [Full article]

### *Legionellosis*

- **Austria** reported 32 legionellosis cases linked to an outbreak in the Linz area, including three deaths, with investigations identifying a contaminated cooling tower as the most likely source of infection (Kurier, 2026). Separately, an 82-year-old woman in Lower Austria died from legionellosis, with authorities suspecting she was infected in her residence. Public health investigations and environmental testing remain ongoing, while officials continue to monitor for additional cases. [Full article]

- **Spain:** Health authorities detected a legionellosis outbreak in the Pamplona metropolitan area, with 31 confirmed cases reported as of September 8, 2026 (Kurier, 2026). Epidemiological investigations are underway to identify the source of infection. Authorities have intensified surveillance and monitoring. The outbreak represents one of the largest recent legionellosis clusters reported in the region. [Full article]

### *Malaria*

- **India:** Panipat District, Haryana reported seven malaria cases. Health authorities intensified surveillance, fever screening, vector-control activities, and public awareness measures (Dainik Tribune, 2026). Residents were urged to prevent mosquito breeding and seek prompt medical care for fever and other symptoms suggestive of vector-borne disease. [Full article]

### *Measles*

- **Bangladesh:** The Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) reported 79 new laboratory-confirmed measles cases, 1,157 suspected cases, and two additional deaths among patients presenting with measles symptoms in the 24 hours ending September 8, 2026 (The Financial Express, 2026). Since March, the outbreak has reached 19,835 confirmed cases, including 100 deaths. [Full article]

  **Mongla Upazila,** Bagerhat district reported 5 new measles cases, bringing the district's total to 159 cases over the past three months (NTV Bangladesh, 2026). Health authorities have intensified surveillance, case management, and vaccination activities, particularly among children, to contain further spread. [Full article]

- **Japan:** Fukuoka Prefecture recently reported its fifth measles case of 2026 in a man in his 20s from Onojo City (NTV Japan, 2026). He developed fever on August 28, followed by rash and conjunctival congestion on September 3; no overseas travel was reported. Authorities advised suspected cases to contact healthcare facilities in advance and avoid public transport. [Full article]

- **The United States (US):** Warren County, Pennsylvania, reported two new measles cases, bringing the county total to six cases (YourErie, 2026). Pennsylvania's statewide outbreak reached 594 cumulative measles cases in 2026. Health authorities are conducting contact tracing and exposure investigations and continue to urge residents to ensure they are up to date with measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccination. [Full article]

### *Mpox*

- **Kenya** has confirmed 1,298 mpox cases and 19 deaths across 40 counties. Mombasa reported the highest number of cases (452), followed by Nairobi (320) (KBC, 2026). Seven counties were identified as highest-risk areas, particularly along transport corridors. The Ministry of Health strengthened hygiene, surveillance, vaccination, public awareness, and border screening measures to limit transmission. [Full article]

- **Pakistan:** Muzaffargarh District, Punjab Province, reported two laboratory-confirmed mpox cases at Nishtar Hospital, involving a 38-year-old woman and a 20-year-old man (Urdu Point, 2026). Neither patient had a reported travel history; both presented with body rashes and were admitted four days before confirmation. Samples tested positive at the Institute of Public Health, Lahore. Patients were isolated and treated according to standard protocols. [Full article]

### *Pertussis*

- **New Zealand:** Auckland and Northland reported 33 confirmed pertussis cases over a four-week period last month (NZ Herald, 2026). Although case numbers recently declined, health authorities anticipated additional cases, particularly in schools. The National Public Health Service Northern Region continues to monitor the situation and warned of ongoing transmission. [Full article]

### *West Nile Virus (WNV)*

- **France:** Vaucluse, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (PACA) Region, reported six human WNV cases as of August 31, 2026, contributing to 18 cases across the region (La Provence, 2026). Numerous animal infections, particularly among horses, were also reported in Vaucluse and surrounding areas. Health authorities continued surveillance of human and animal cases and vector transmission, given ongoing *Culex* mosquito activity. [Full article]
- **Italy:** Mantua Province, Lombardy, reported three new WNV cases, bringing the provincial total to 16 since surveillance began (Gazzetta di Mantova, 2026). Cases comprised six neuroinvasive infections, five detected through blood-donor screening, and five West Nile fever cases. Nationally, 521 human cases and 26 deaths have been reported. Authorities advised mosquito-bite prevention, stagnant-water elimination, repellents, and protective clothing. [Full article]
- **Russian Federation:** Lipetsk Oblast reported four new WNV cases, including two women, one man, and an 8-year-old child, all without travel outside the city during the preceding two weeks, suggesting local mosquito-borne transmission (Pravda, 2026). Authorities advised repellents, mosquito nets, and prompt medical evaluation for high fever. [Full article]
- **Spain:** Extremadura confirmed six new WNV cases in September 2026, involving four men and two women aged 29–80 years from Don Benito, Medellín, and Miajadas, bringing the cumulative total to 40 cases and two deaths (El Periódico Extremadura, 2026). Four patients remain hospitalized. Authorities continued epidemiological surveillance and mosquito-control activities and advised residents to avoid mosquito bites and eliminate breeding sites. [Full article]
- The **United States (US):** California reported 86 WNV cases as of September 4, 2026, the highest activity in five years, compared with 22 cases during the same period in 2025 (KCRA, 2026). Health authorities advise mosquito repellent use, prompt medical evaluation of symptoms, and removal of standing water. [Full article]

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