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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:** Natuna District, Riau Islands Province, reported 36 dengue cases from January to mid-August 2026, including 28 cases during July–August across several sub-districts with no deaths reported (Tribun Batam, 2026). Health authorities conducted epidemiological investigations, fogging, and Abate distribution, and urged residents to intensify preventive measures and seek prompt care for symptoms. [[Full article](#)]
- **Malaysia:** Perak reported 1,716 dengue cases and one death as of August 8, 2026, a 38.6% increase compared with the same period in 2025 (Oriental Daily News, 2026). Authorities proposed legal measures, including clearance orders and potential property auctions, and urged residents to eliminate water-holding containers. [[Full article](#)]

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- **Indonesia:** Batam City, Riau Islands Province, has confirmed 493 cases of HFMD across 23 health facilities from January to August 13, 2026 (Batam News, 2026). Weekly cases increased from 19 in epi-week 29 to 29 in week 30, before declining to 10 in week 31. Health authorities strengthened health education, the promotion of healthy behaviors in homes and schools, clinical management, and timely reporting through rapid surveillance systems. [[Full article](#)]

Malaria

- **Indonesia:** Riau Province reported 2,764 malaria cases as of August 13, 2026, with 89% from Rokan Hilir and 8% from Indragiri Hilir (Tribun Pekanbaru, 2026). Although all 12 districts have received malaria elimination certification, Rokan Hilir has experienced ongoing surge since 2021. The provincial health office launched a school-based programme engaging students in malaria prevention through hygiene and awareness activities. [[Full article](#)]



- The **Philippines**: MIMAROPA reported 2,290 malaria cases with no deaths from January to August 1, 2026, with 38% in children aged 1–10 years (Philippine Information Agency, 2026). Palawan, particularly Rizal municipality, reported the highest incidence. DOH MIMAROPA intensified surveillance, heat mapping, and vector control, alongside dengue monitoring, to guide targeted interventions and sustain prevention during the rainy season. [[Full article](#)]
- **Viet Nam**: A 30-year-old man returning from Nigeria developed severe Plasmodium falciparum malaria and was successfully treated at Ho Chi Minh City Hospital for Tropical Diseases (Bach Mai Government, 2026). The southern region reported 17 imported cases, including 14 in Ho Chi Minh City. Nationally, 69 cases were reported as of August 10, including 52 imported, 17 locally acquired, 11 severe cases, and one death. Authorities strengthened surveillance, early diagnosis and treatment, and antimalarial drug stock coordination. [[Full article](#)]

Melioidosis

- **Thailand**: Sa Kaeo Province reported its second melioidosis death of 2026 on August 12, involving a 48-year-old woman with diabetes following soil exposure while grass plucking (Dailynews, 2026). This brings the national total to 1,937 cases and 91 deaths since January. Authorities urged high-risk groups to avoid muddy water, wear protective boots, and practise immediate hygiene after exposure. [[Full article](#)]

Rabies

- The **Philippines**: General Santos City, Soccsksargen (Region XII) reported a suspected rabies death on August 6, 2026, involving a 4-year-old boy who developed symptoms more than one month after a stray dog bite to the face and ear (GMA Network, 2026). Despite receiving three doses of post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), he developed hydrophobia after missing the fourth dose. Authorities are tracing the dog, vaccinating animals, and emphasizing timely completion of PEP. [[Full article](#)]

Global Situation

Chikungunya

- **France**: As of August 10, 2026, Santé publique France reported three autochthonous chikungunya clusters in mainland France, involving 15 cases in the Tarn and Gironde departments (Outbreak News Today, 2026). Since May 1, there have been 105 imported chikungunya cases reported. Authorities are conducting epidemiological investigations and implementing prevention and control measures to limit further transmission. [[Full article](#)]

Crimean-Congo Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF)

- **Spain**: Salamanca confirmed a CCHF case on August 13, 2026, involving a 71-year-old man who was transferred to Gómez Ulla Hospital in Madrid under strict isolation following treatment in Salamanca (La Razón, 2026). Infection was confirmed by the National Center for Microbiology. Contacts were identified for monitoring, while authorities reinforced tick-bite prevention and protective measures for healthcare workers. [[Full article](#)]



Dengue

- **Taiwan (Province of China):** Tainan City reported its sixth imported dengue case on August 13, 2026, in a Vietnamese woman in her 60s who developed fever after arrival and was confirmed by PCR (CDNS, 2026). Authorities initiated emergency insecticide spraying, breeding-site elimination, and vector-density surveys. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United States (US):** Florida reported 54 dengue cases as of August 13, 2026, including eight locally acquired cases in Hillsborough County and two in Pinellas County (WFLA, 2026). Health authorities intensified mosquito control through spraying, trapping, and door-to-door inspections in affected areas. Residents were urged to follow the “Three D’s” to reduce transmission risk. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Sri Lanka:** The National Dengue Control Unit reported 91,059 dengue cases and 68 deaths as of August 12, 2026, with 5,714 cases in August and 29,971 in July, the peak month (Ada Derana, 2026). Authorities classified 119 MOH areas as high risk and urged intensified mosquito-breeding site elimination. [\[Full article\]](#)

Leptospirosis

- **India:** Thiruvananthapuram District, Kerala, reported 30 confirmed leptospirosis cases over a two-week period in early August 2026 (Mathrubhumi, 2026). Three deaths were recorded in Kumarapuram, Palode, and Kuttichal. [\[Full article\]](#)

Malaria

- **India:** Ludhiana District, Punjab, reported 47 confirmed malaria cases as of mid-August 2026. High-risk areas were identified in several urban and rural localities (The Tribune, 2026). Health authorities are conducting awareness campaigns and inspections to identify and control mosquito-breeding sites and reduce malaria transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)

Behar District, West Bengal, reported 63 malaria cases from January 1 to August 7, 2026, up from 43 during the same period in 2025 (Bartaman Patrika, 2026). Surveillance teams remain active, with blood testing available at over 500 sub-health centres and referral of confirmed cases to higher-level facilities. [\[Full article\]](#)

Measles

- The **United States (US):** Santa Barbara County, California, confirmed its first measles case since 2019 on August 10, 2026, linked to international travel (Noozhawk, 2026). County health authorities are investigating potential exposures and coordinating with healthcare providers to prevent further transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)

Wisconsin reported 23 measles cases in 2026 as of August 13, including 15 confirmed cases in Iowa and Lafayette counties and six additional probable cases (Channel 3000, 2026). Approximately 60% of cases occurred among children under 18, with nearly all unvaccinated. Authorities conducted exposure investigations, issued community alerts, and urged MMR vaccination amid coverage below the 95% threshold needed to prevent outbreaks. [\[Full article\]](#)



Rabies

- **India:** Vadodara District, Gujarat, reported a suspected rabies case in August 2026 involving a young man who developed severe symptoms after a stray dog bite and did not receive timely post-exposure vaccination (Agniban, 2026). He was admitted to Gotri Hospital and later transferred to the Infectious Diseases Hospital. Health authorities emphasized immediate post-exposure vaccination following dog bites and avoiding contact with suspected rabid animals. [[Full article](#)]

West Nile Virus (WNV)

- **Greece:** Trikala Municipality, Thessaly, reported one WNV case as of August 12, 2026, bringing the regional total to 14 cases (Trikala Enimerosi, 2025). Nationwide, 110 domestic cases were reported, including 81 with central nervous system manifestations and nine deaths, all among persons aged over 65. EODY recommended strengthened surveillance and personal mosquito-bite prevention measures. [[Full article](#)]
- **Spain:** On August 12, 2026, two new WNV disease cases were reported in Seville Province, Andalusia, including one each in Coria del Río and Villamanrique de la Condesa; both cases were mild (El Español, 2026). This brought the total to 31 cases in Andalusia, including nine neuroinvasive cases and one death in an 82-year-old person with underlying conditions. Authorities intensified human, animal, and entomological surveillance and mosquito-control measures. [[Full article](#)]

Bollullos de la Mitación, Seville Province, reported a new WNV disease case in a man with mild symptoms and a favorable clinical course, bringing the Andalusia total to 35 cases (Diario de Sevilla, 2026). Authorities maintained 20 municipalities under alert and intensified entomological, animal, and human surveillance, public communication, and mosquito-control measures. [[Full article](#)]

- The **United States (US):** Butte County, California, reported its first WNV death in August 2026, involving an elderly patient (CBS Sacramento, 2026). This was the third WNV death statewide, with 18 cases reported in California, including six in Butte County. Authorities urged residents to use repellents, wear protective clothing, eliminate standing water, and use mosquitofish to reduce mosquito-borne transmission. [[Full article](#)]

Hays County, Texas, confirmed its first human WNV case on August 13, 2026, verified by the state laboratory (KUT 90.5, 2026). Texas has reported 23 cases statewide this season, compared with 181 nationwide. Eight mosquito traps in Hays County tested positive in July. Authorities urged residents to use repellents, wear protective clothing, eliminate standing water, and seek prompt medical care for symptoms. [[Full article](#)]

Dallas County, Texas, confirmed its first human WNV case on August 11, 2026, in a resident in their early 50s with West Nile neuroinvasive disease (KERA News, 2026). Authorities urged residents to use EPA-registered repellents, wear protective clothing, limit outdoor activity at dusk and dawn, and eliminate standing water. [[Full article](#)]



Zika

- **France:** Between May 1 and August 9, 2026, 10 imported Zika virus cases were reported in mainland France; all were imported cases (Outbreak News Today, 2026). Surveillance had been enhanced during the *Aedes albopictus* active season from May to November. Public health authorities continue case investigations and vector-borne disease surveillance to prevent local transmission during the seasonal risk period. [Full article]

Strasbourg, Grand Est reported an imported Zika virus case on August 12, 2026, in a traveler returning from a tropical country (L'Alsace, 2026). Vector control measures, including overnight insecticide spraying, were scheduled in three locations visited during the viremic period. Residents were advised to remain indoors, close windows, and follow safety precautions during the intervention. [Full article]

- The **United States (US):** New Jersey confirmed its first travel-associated Zika virus case since 2020 in a Middlesex County resident (NJ, 2026). This marked the sixth imported cases reported nationally in 2026; no locally acquired transmission was detected. Authorities emphasized mosquito-bite prevention and elimination of stagnant water, particularly for pregnant women due to the risk of congenital complications. [Full article]

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