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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

Anthrax

- **Indonesia:** Gunungkidul District, Special Region of Yogyakarta, confirmed one human anthrax case and identified two additional symptomatic individuals in Paliyan Subdistrict following suspected exposure to meat from a goat that died in August and was distributed through the local brandu tradition (Owrite, 2026). Authorities conducted PCR and culture testing and advised against handling or consuming sick or suddenly deceased animals. [\[Full article\]](#)

COVID-19

- **Viet Nam:** Hanoi reported seven new COVID-19 cases across seven wards and communes from October 2–9, 2026, bringing the total to 1,667, with no deaths reported (Vietnam.vn, 2026). COVID-19 cases remained stable, while seasonal influenza cases recently increased. Authorities continued surveillance and advised people with respiratory symptoms, particularly those at risk of severe illness, to seek medical assessment. [\[Full article\]](#)

Dengue

- **Malaysia:** Johor Bahru District, Johor, reported 156 dengue cases in epidemiological week 40 of 2026, while statewide dengue activity remained elevated (The Star, 2026). Cumulatively, 12,280 dengue cases had been reported in Johor, representing a 156.2% increase from the same period in 2025. Additionally, 14 dengue-related deaths had been recorded by epidemiological week 39, compared with nine deaths during the corresponding period in 2025. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **Philippines:** Manila, National Capital Region (NCR) reported 23 new dengue cases on October 12, 2026, bringing the total to 3,822 (Inquirer.net, 2026). The Manila Health Department urged residents to maintain clean surroundings, eliminate mosquito breeding sites, and practise proper health measures to prevent dengue transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)



Oriental Mindoro Province, MIMAROPA (Region IV-B) recorded 1,424 dengue cases and three deaths as of October 13, 2026, including 117 new cases during October 4–10 (Inquirer.net, 2026). Authorities intensified public awareness campaigns, community cleanups, and mosquito-breeding site removal. Residents were advised to eliminate stagnant water, use nets and repellents, wear protective clothing, and seek prompt medical care for symptoms. [[Full article](#)]

- **Singapore:** Dengue cases increased by nine to 80 during the week ending October 10, 2026, bringing the cumulative total to 2,650 as of October 12 (8world, 2026). Nine active clusters were detected, including two high-risk sites: Ho Ching and Kang Ching roads (93 cases) and Bishan Street 12 (14 cases). Authorities urged residents to eliminate breeding sites and remain vigilant during the May–October transmission season. [[Full article](#)]

HIV/AIDS

- **Indonesia:** Central Maluku District, Maluku Province, reported 107 HIV cases as of early October 2026 (Ameks Fajar, 2026). Among 77 people living with HIV with identified health status, 66 routinely received antiretroviral therapy (ART), while 11 had not started treatment. Authorities identified psychological, stigma-related barriers and promoted public education, psychosocial support, non-discrimination, and expanded healthcare access in remote areas. [[Full article](#)]

Leptospirosis

- The **Philippines** reported 13,158 leptospirosis cases as of October 7, 2026, a 48% increase from 8,910 during the same period in 2025 (Inquirer.net, 2026). The case fatality rate decreased to 5.34% from 10.47% in 2025. Authorities strengthened surveillance, replenished doxycycline supplies, and supported prophylaxis for eligible floodwater-exposed individuals. [[Full article](#)]

Malaria

- **Indonesia:** Jayawijaya District, Papua Pegunungan Province, reported 1,103 malaria cases as of October 3, 2026 (ANTARA News Papua, 2026). Authorities trained healthcare workers in malaria management and promoted routine testing. The district aims to eliminate malaria by 2027, supporting Indonesia's 2030 target, through community education, environmental sanitation, stagnant water removal, and mosquito breeding-site reduction. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- **Viet Nam:** Hanoi reported six new measles cases during September 25–October 2, 2026, bringing the total to 406 (Kienthuc, 2026). Hanoi CDC continued monitoring affected areas, investigating outbreaks, and strengthening surveillance for early detection and transmission control. Authorities promoted public awareness and encouraged residents to receive vaccinations according to the recommended schedule. [[Full article](#)]



Tuberculosis (TB)

- **Indonesia:** Tanjungpinang Municipality, Riau Islands Province, identified eight laboratory-confirmed TB cases among 1,601 samples tested through community screening at 37 locations under the Free Health Check programme (Radio Republik Indonesia, 2026). Confirmed patients received treatment, while household contacts received TB preventive therapy. Authorities promoted early detection and advised symptomatic individuals and close contacts to seek screening and appropriate medical care. [[Full article](#)]

Madiun Municipality, East Java Province, reported 777 TB cases against an annual detection target of 1,312, including 70 children, mostly under five (Tribun Jatim, 2026). Authorities screened 41 of 68 targeted locations using free health checks, contact investigations, Mantoux testing, and portable X-rays. The city aims for 90% treatment coverage in 2026 and TB elimination by 2030. [[Full article](#)]

Global Situation

Ebola

- **Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)** reported 8,978 confirmed Bundibugyo virus disease cases, 4,336 deaths, and 2,356 recoveries across seven provinces and 65 health zones as of October 10, 2026, with a case fatality rate of 48.3% (Outbreak News Today, 2026). A total of 945 patients were isolated. Authorities implemented contact tracing, screened over 250,000 travellers at borders, and conducted community awareness activities. [[Full article](#)]

Dengue

- **Bangladesh** reported 2,167 new dengue cases on October 13, 2026, bringing the total to 101,442 cases and 307 deaths (The Daily Star, 2026). Dhaka North identified 100 hotspots and intensified mosquito surveillance, breeding-site elimination, waste management, and public awareness amid concerns about underreporting. [[Full article](#)]

Kishoreganj District, Dhaka Division reported 43 new dengue cases and 32 recoveries in the 24 hours ending October 13, 2026, with 141 patients hospitalized (Somoyer Konthosor, 2026). A private initiative conducted mosquito-control spraying. Authorities urged residents to eliminate stagnant water, maintain cleanliness, and raise awareness to prevent transmission. [[Full article](#)]

Tangail District, Dhaka Division, reported 33 new suspected dengue admissions and three deaths on October 12, 2026 (Bangladesh Pratidin, 2026). A total of 129 patients were receiving treatment, with cumulative admissions reaching 1,599 at government hospitals and 389 at private hospitals. Authorities prepared five beds at each upazila health complex and promoted stagnant water removal and regular cleaning to control mosquito breeding. [[Full article](#)]



- **India:** Gandhinagar Civil Hospital admitted 87 security personnel with dengue and other febrile illnesses between late September and October 7, 2026 (Beacon Biosignals, 2026). Of these, 50 were discharged and 37 remained hospitalized. One death involving a 26-year-old CRPF member with confirmed dengue was under investigation. Authorities implemented fogging, insecticide spraying, health monitoring, and medical support. [\[Full article\]](#)

Bhopal District, Madhya Pradesh reported 13 new dengue cases from October 12-13, 2026, bringing the total to 137, including 21 cases in September (The Times of India, 2026). Authorities sanitized 50 nearby houses and implemented vector control, advising residents to eliminate stagnant water, clean storage containers, and use repellents. [\[Full article\]](#)

Haryana reported 111 new dengue cases during October 4–12, 2026, bringing the total to 614, with no deaths (The Times of India, 2026). Panchkula District recorded 77 cases and Gurgaon 71, while 28 patients remained hospitalized. Authorities conducted testing, inspections, fogging, and breeding-site removal, advising residents to eliminate stagnant water, use repellents, wear protective clothing, and seek medical care for fever. [\[Full article\]](#)

Diphtheria

- **Italy:** Veneto Region reported a laboratory-confirmed diphtheria case on October 11, 2026, in a 24-year-old man from Bangladesh, hospitalized in severe condition at Padua University Hospital (Il Gazzettino, 2026). The patient received isolation, antibiotics, and diphtheria antitoxin. Authorities identified 100 close and workplace contacts, all of whom received seven-day antibiotic prophylaxis and clinical monitoring. Vaccination began on October 12 for individuals without confirmed protection. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United States (US):** Erie County, New York, reported a travel-associated diphtheria case in October 2026 (Outbreak News Today, 2026). Potential exposure sites included four West Seneca School District schools. Authorities advised families to monitor symptoms through October 18 and ensure vaccinations were up to date. [\[Full article\]](#)

Malaria

- **Russian Federation:** Tula City, Tula Oblast, reported a laboratory-confirmed malaria case in a male resident following a family trip in Zanzibar, Tanzania (TSN24, 2026). The patient and his wife reportedly declined malaria prophylaxis before travel. He developed fever, chills, and digestive symptoms after returning approximately two weeks earlier, followed by liver and kidney complications requiring additional treatment. [\[Full article\]](#)

Measles

- **Bangladesh:** Habiganj District, Sylhet Division reported 46 new measles-related admissions on October 12, 2026, bringing current hospitalizations to 115 (Dhaka Times, 2026). Since January 1, the hospital recorded 3,987 admissions, 3,761 recoveries, and 103 referrals. Authorities urged public awareness and prompt medical consultation. [\[Full article\]](#)



- The **United States (US)**: Pennsylvania reported its sixth measles-associated death in 2026 following the death of a 39-year-old woman in Franklin County with underlying health conditions (WGAL, 2026). She had recently been diagnosed with measles and received treatment. Authorities urged healthcare professionals, first responders, and residents to follow public health guidance and emphasized vaccination as the best protection against measles. [[Full article](#)]

Rock County, Wisconsin, reported five probable measles cases under investigation on October 13, 2026, involving one family, with no cases outside the household (Rockford News First, 2026). The cases were unrelated to the southwestern Wisconsin outbreak. Wisconsin recorded 263 cases in 2026. Authorities recommended MMR vaccination, immunization record checks, good hygiene, mask use, and physical distancing when ill. [[Full article](#)]

Meningococcal Meningitis

- **Spain**: Ceuta reported one case of bacterial meningitis in a male aged 20–30 years in October 2026, among migrants arriving from Morocco on July 30 (OKDIARIO, 2026). The patient was found comatose outside Ceuta University Hospital and remained intubated in intensive care following diagnosis. Authorities recommended hygiene practices to reduce transmission. [[Full article](#)]

Mpox

- **Hong Kong (SAR)** reported one confirmed mpox case on October 13, 2026, in a 39-year-old man who had multiple high-risk sexual contacts at a Mong Kok sauna (HK01, 2026). He developed a rash and remained stable under isolation treatment. Authorities recommended temporary venue closure, investigated the premises, and advised visitors since September 14 to seek assessment if symptomatic. [[Full article](#)]

Rabies

- **Pakistan**: Sindh Province reported one rabies death in October 2026 involving a 38-year-old man from Tharparkar District, bringing the province's annual death toll to 38 (MM News, 2026). He died at Indus Hospital, Karachi, after developing severe symptoms approximately 2.5 months after a suspected rabid dog bite, despite receiving four vaccine doses. Inadequate wound cleaning was reported. [[Full article](#)]

Lahore City, Punjab Province, reported two rabies deaths following dog bites (24 News HD, 2026). The victims were a 60-year-old woman who died on October 12, 2026, in Mayo Hospital's isolation ward and a 90-year-old man whose rabies diagnosis was confirmed by doctors and who died at home after several days of hospital treatment. [[Full article](#)]

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