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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

COVID-19

- **Thailand** reported 64,937 new COVID-19 cases from August 9 to September 8, 2026, bringing the cumulative total to 135,667 cases and 26 deaths from January 1 to September 15 (Bangkok Post, 2026). Chon Buri, Bangkok, and Phuket reported the highest case numbers. Health officials urge the public to monitor outbreaks and take preventive measures during rainy weather. Dominant strains were NB.1.8.1 and JN.1; six PQ.16.1.1. [Full article]

Dengue

- The **Philippines:** Albay Province reported 91 new dengue cases as of September 17, 2026, clustered across 15 barangays in eight municipalities/cities (Provincial Information Office of Albay, 2026). Bacacay, Santo Domingo, and Tiwi reported the highest numbers, with 16, 13, and 10 cases, respectively. Sta. Misericordia in Santo Domingo had seven cases. The Provincial Incident Management Team reported the data. [Full article]

- **Viet Nam:** Hanoi reported a family cluster of three dengue cases in September 2026, involving a 72-year-old woman, her university-age granddaughter, and a third-grade boy (Lao Động, 2026). The grandmother and granddaughter required hospitalization for severe fatigue and bleeding. Doctors advised early medical evaluation and mosquito-control measures during the rainy season. [Full article]

Hai Phong reported 39 new dengue cases during epi-week 37 (September 13–19, 2026), with no deaths (Lao Động, 2026). Since January, 278 cases have been reported, including 249 confirmed cases, with 12 active outbreaks among 47 identified outbreaks. An Bien, An Hai, and Cat Hai were considered higher-risk areas. Authorities continued sanitation, mosquito-control spraying, larval-source reduction, and public awareness activities. [Full article]

Leptospirosis

- **The Philippines:** Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Region (Region I), reported 32 leptospirosis cases and one confirmed death as of September 16, 2026 (Philippine News Agency, 2026). Health authorities advised avoiding unnecessary contact with floodwaters and seeking medical attention if symptoms develop after exposure. A leptospirosis fast lane is available at Mariano Marcos Memorial Hospital and Medical Center, while the Department of Health activated lanes at designated facilities. [Full article]

Malaria

- **Indonesia:** Kutai Timur District, East Kalimantan Province, reported 118 malaria cases during August–September 2026, with Sandaran District recording the highest number at 22 cases (ANTARA News, 2026). Cases were reported by hospitals and health facilities to the local Health Office. Epidemiological investigations are ongoing to identify transmission sources and additional cases, particularly near forests and land-clearing areas. [Full article]

Global Situation

Avian Influenza

- **Bangladesh:** The WHO reported a fourth human H5N1 case in Bangladesh in a child from Rangpur Division, confirmed on August 30 (A Flu Diary, 2026). The child developed symtomps and remained hospitalized with clinical improvement. Exposure to ducks and chickens, including sick poultry, was reported. Close contacts remained asymptomatic under monitoring. [Full article]

Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF)

- **Iran:** Yazd Province reported 11 CCHF cases among residents since the beginning of 2026, including the death of a 38-year-old female housewife approximately 10 days ago (Ghatreh, 2026). According to Yazd University of Medical Sciences, Yazd Province has reported the highest number of identified CCHF cases in Iran since the beginning of the year. [Full article]

Dengue

- **Bangladesh:** Chattogram District reported 1,012 new dengue cases and eight deaths during the first 15 days of September 2026, bringing the total to 3,048 cases and 13 deaths since January (Times of Bangladesh, 2026). Cox's Bazar reported 3,879 cases and six deaths among Rohingya refugees in 2026. Authorities are conducting larval elimination, insecticide spraying, and public awareness activities through October. [Full article]

Kishoreganj District, Dhaka Divion reported 25 new dengue cases in the 24 hours preceding September 17, 2026, bringing the 2026 total to 1,117 cases (Daily Inqilab, 2026). A total of 109 patients were receiving treatment at government and private hospitals, while 29 were discharged during the same period. No dengue-related deaths were reported. Health authorities continued medical care amid increasing hospital patient loads. [Full article]

- **India:** Ahmedabad, Gujarat, reported 156 dengue cases at Asarwa Civil Hospital from September 1–16, 2026, up from 94 in entire August (Patrika, 2026). Meanwhile, Sola Civil Hospital reported 214 positive cases among 552 suspected dengue patients during the preceding week. [Full article]

  Prayagraj District, Uttar Pradesh reported 14 dengue cases from September 1–16, 2026, bringing the total to 32 cases since January 1 (Times of India, 2026). More than 10 students living in rented accommodation in Govindpur and Salori also tested positive. Health authorities and Prayagraj Municipal Corporation surveyed over 10,000 houses, identified mosquito breeding sites at 32 locations, and intensified control measures across 12 low-lying areas. [Full article]

  Italy: Tuscany reported at least 22 locally acquired and 33 imported dengue cases in September 2026, with no hospitalizations (La Nazione, 2026). Cases occurred in the Florence area, including Florence, Sesto Fiorentino, Signa, Bagno a Ripoli, and Fiesole; no confirmed cases were reported in Calenzano. Authorities conducted targeted disinfestation and advised eliminating standing water and using larvicides, repellents, and protective clothing. [Full article]

- **Sri Lanka** reported 2,590 new dengue cases in September 2026, bringing the cumulative total to 98,081 cases and 74 deaths this year (Ada Derana, 2026). Western Province reported the highest number of cases, with 51,679. A total of 35 Health divisions remain classified as high-risk dengue zones. [Full article]

Diphtheria

- **France:** On September 11, 2026, one diphtheria case was detected in a patient hospitalized at Dunkirk Hospital Center and subsequently transferred to Lille University Hospital, where the patient remains hospitalized and is receiving treatment (Agence Régionale de Santé Hauts-de-France, 2026). The Hauts-de-France Regional Health Agency provided post-exposure prophylactic antibiotics, assessed vaccination status, and is investigating other high-risk contacts, including those in coastal camps. [Full article]

Legionellosis

- **Switzerland:** Wetzikon, Canton of Zurich, reported a legionellosis-associated death in a middle-aged woman with pre-existing conditions (SRF, 2026). Since January 2025, 33 cases have been recorded, with most patients requiring hospitalization; no common source has been identified. Authorities are conducting targeted source investigations and developing guidance for property managers on domestic water-system safety. Drinking water remains safe. [Full article]

Leptospirosis

- **China:** On September 16, 2026, Qingyuan, Guangdong Province, reported leptospirosis in a 12-year-old boy who developed high fever, vomiting, confusion, severe myalgia, sepsis, and septic shock following outdoor swimming (News China, 2026). He was initially treated at home and a local hospital before transfer to a higher-level facility. He was diagnosed with toxic-type meningoencephalitic leptospirosis and subsequently stabilized. [Full article]

Measles

- The **United States (US):** Pennsylvania reported 38 new measles cases over the previous two days, bringing the 2026 total to 731 cases (Report Informasiya Agentliyi, 2026). Four measles-associated deaths were reported in August, the first in Pennsylvania in 35 years, involving two infants from Lancaster County, an 18-year-old from Mifflin County, and a 40-year-old woman from Jefferson County. Authorities increased immunization campaigns and public health education. [Full article]

  Vernon County, Wisconsin reported two new measles cases, bringing the 2026 state total to 166 cases (We Are Green Bay, 2026). Health officials are investigating potential links to the ongoing outbreak. Five measles-related hospitalizations have been reported in 2026. No known public exposure locations have been identified in connection with the new cases. [Full article]

  Collier County, Florida, reported three new measles cases in September 2026, bringing the outbreak total to 113 cases (News-Press, 2026). The county was an outbreak epicentre earlier in 2026, with many cases linked to Ave Maria University. [Full article]

Meningococcal Disease

- **France:** One case of invasive meningococcal disease was confirmed on September 17, 2026, in a first-grade student at a primary school in Saint-Denis (Zinfos 974, 2026). The child was hospitalized and reported to be in stable condition. Health and education authorities identified close contacts and advised exposed students and adults to seek medical assessment for post-exposure antibiotic prophylaxis. [Full article]

Mpox

- **Australia:** Victoria reported 52 new mpox cases since August 1, 2026, bringing the national total to 240 cases, including 119 in Victoria, 67 in New South Wales, 39 in Western Australia, nine in Queensland, and six in South Australia (RACGP, 2026). GPs are urged to test symptomatic patients regardless of sexual orientation, vaccination status, or travel history. Eligible people at increased risk are advised to receive mpox vaccination. [Full article]

- **Hong Kong (SAR):** Two new mpox cases were reported, bringing the 2026 total to 23 cases, including 18 local and five imported cases (ON.CC, 2026). The patients, aged 48 and 30 years, were hospitalized in stable condition after developing fever and rash. Both reported high-risk contact with men during the incubation period. Epidemiological investigations and contact tracing are ongoing. [Full article]

Pertussis

- **Russian Federation:** Nizhnevartovsk, Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Okrug–Ugra, reported 10 pertussis cases among pupils at a kindergarten (Life.ru, 2026). All affected children received medical care, and investigations into the circumstances are ongoing. The report did not specify the children's ages, sex, hospitalization status, or date of case detection. [Full article]

Rabies

- **Iran:** A 4-year-old child in Tabriz, East Azerbaijan Province died from rabies following a stray dog attack in Akhmaqieh (Safhe Siasat, 2026). The child received treatment for four weeks before death. Rabies infection was confirmed by the Pasteur Institute of Iran, according to the head of the Department of Communicable Diseases at Tabriz University of Medical Sciences. [Full article]

Typhoid

- **Japan:** Okayama City reported one typhoid fever case on September 11, 2026, involving a man in his 20s who entered Japan from South Asia on August 17 (Yomiuri Shimbun, 2026). He developed fever, diarrhoea, and fatigue and sought medical care on September 7 and 10. He remains hospitalized, with symptoms improving. This was the city's second case in 2026. [Full article]

West Nile Virus (WNV)

- **Canada:** Simcoe County, Ontario, reported one human WNV case, five infected birds, and one infected horse so far in 2026 (CTV News, 2026). Residents and visitors were advised to use insect repellent, wear protective clothing, remove standing water, maintain window and door screens, and seek medical care for severe symptoms. [Full article]
- **Italy:** Lazio reported 93 WNV cases as of September 16, 2026, including 48 neuroinvasive, 39 febrile, and six blood donor cases (Roma Today, 2026). Rome recorded 33 cases, including 17 in ASL Roma 1, while Latina reported 32; Viterbo and Frosinone reported three and two cases, respectively. Two Usutu virus infections were also identified among blood donors. Authorities continued surveillance and vector control and advised mosquito-bite prevention and elimination of stagnant water. [Full article]
- **Netherlands** reported a fourth WNV-associated death in 2026 following infection through a blood transfusion; the direct contribution of WNV to the death remains uncertain (Dutch News, 2026). The national total reached 28 human cases, including 10 reported in the preceding week. Since September 10, 30 additional infected horses were reported, bringing the annual total to 88, with about 100 infected birds. [Full article]

- **Spain:** Extremadura confirmed three new WNV cases in 2026 among men aged 49, 69, and 77 years, bringing the regional total to 51 cases and two deaths (Radio Interior, 2026). One new patient required hospitalization, with seven patients currently hospitalized. Authorities strengthened surveillance across eight health areas and Culex monitoring using 10 fixed and one mobile trap, and advised mosquito-bite prevention and elimination of standing water. [Full artilce]
- The **United States (US):** Georgia confirmed one WNV-associated death in 2026, bringing the statewide total to eight human cases (Telemundo Atlanta, 2026). Mosquito traps tested positive in several counties, including Chatham, Fulton, and DeKalb. The Georgia Department of Public Health urged residents to prevent mosquito bites and eliminate standing water to reduce transmission risk. [Full article]

  Cochise County, Arizona, confirmed two human WNV cases, with a third case considered probable in the Sierra Vista area as of September 10, 2026 (KWCD Country, 2026). Local health officials reported increased mosquito activity following summer rainfall. The county urged residents to take precautions against mosquito exposure to reduce infection risk. [Full article]

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