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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

- The **Philippines**: The Department of Health reported 1,532 confirmed COVID-19 cases as of July 11, 2026, a 70% decrease compared to 5,070 cases during the same period in 2025 (SunStar Cebu, 2026). Health authorities continued COVID-19 surveillance through regional offices and local government partners, while promoting medical consultation for symptomatic individuals and hygiene measures to reduce transmission. [[Full article](#)]
- **Viet Nam**: During the week of July 10–17, 2026, Hanoi recorded 96 COVID-19 cases, an increase of 26 cases compared with the previous week, according to the Hanoi Center for Disease Control (CDC) (Hanoi CDC, 2026). Health authorities noted that COVID-19 transmission continues at a low level, while maintaining surveillance and monitoring to detect any changes in disease activity. [[Full article](#)]

Dengue

- **Cambodia**: Health authorities reported more than 12,000 dengue cases nationwide in 2026, with infections rising sharply during the rainy season (Kampuchea Thmey, 2026). Authorities have urged residents to seek prompt medical care for symptoms such as high fever and to strengthen household mosquito control measures as transmission continues to increase across several provinces. [[Full article](#)]
- **Malaysia**: Sabah reported 3,301 dengue cases as of July 15, 2026, concentrated in Kota Kinabalu (1,123), Tawau (660), Sandakan (549), and Penampang (211) (The Borneo Post, 2026). Health authorities strengthened dengue surveillance, case investigation, vector control, fogging, larvicide application, and community engagement activities to reduce transmission and eliminate mosquito breeding sites. [[Full article](#)]
- The **Philippines**: Iloilo Province reported 117 new dengue cases from July 4–11, 2026, bringing the total to 1,069 cases with six deaths (Panay News, 2026). Cases were reported across 33 municipalities and Passi City, with clustering in 14 areas. The Provincial Health Office strengthened dengue surveillance, vector control, and community prevention measures, including elimination of mosquito breeding sites, personal protection, and early medical consultation to reduce severe outcomes. [[Full article](#)]



Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- **Viet Nam:** The Mekong Delta reported increased HFMD activity as of July 2026, with Can Tho, Dong Thap, and Ca Mau recording more than 2,660, 3,500, and 1,500 cases, respectively (Tuoi Tre News, 2026). Many severe cases involve children under three, linked to EV71 strain. Health authorities strengthened surveillance, hygiene measures, disinfection activities, and outbreak response, particularly among children under five years of age. [\[Full article\]](#)

Malaria

- **Indonesia:** Bone Bolango District, Gorontalo Province reported a resurgence of malaria in 2026, with 116 confirmed cases after maintaining zero reports, raising concerns over elimination status (RRI Gorontalo, 2026). The increase is linked to high mobility of mining workers from endemic areas. Authorities conducted epidemiological investigations and strengthened prevention through cross-sector coordination, targeting risks associated with population mobility from endemic areas. [\[Full article\]](#)

Bangka District Health Office in Bangka Belitung Province reported 148 confirmed malaria cases as of July 15, 2026, with 140 cases concentrated in Belinyu Subdistrict (RRI Sungailiat, 2026). Authorities launched targeted advocacy and prevention programs for forest workers and mobile populations on July 17, 2026, supported by the Ministry of Health. [\[Full article\]](#)

- **Viet Nam:** Ha Tinh Province reported five imported malaria cases since early 2026 (Bao Ha Tinh, 2026). Authorities strengthened surveillance, early detection, and response activities for communicable disease risks, including re-emerging infections. Health facilities enhanced service capacity through staff training, professional collaboration, and technology transfer with central hospitals. [\[Full article\]](#)

Measles

- **Indonesia:** Magelang Municipality, Central Java Province reported five confirmed measles cases so far in 2026, mostly among children with incomplete immunization (Radar Jogja, 2026). The health office promoted vaccination catch-up activities, urged parents to update children's immunization records, and emphasized vaccination as the primary measure to prevent measles transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Viet Nam:** Ha Tinh Province reported 12 measles cases since early 2026 (Bao Ha Tinh, 2026). The health authorities have strengthened surveillance, early detection, and outbreak response activities. Diagnostic and treatment capacity have been enhanced through staff training and referral support. [\[Full article\]](#)

Pertussis

- **Viet Nam:** Ha Tinh Province reported four pertussis cases since early 2026 (Bao Ha Tinh, 2026). Authorities strengthened surveillance, outbreak preparedness, and routine immunization, with more than 46.5% of children aged under one year fully vaccinated. Health facilities enhanced diagnostic and treatment capacity to support early detection and prevent further transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)



Hanoi reported six pertussis cases from July 3–10, 2026, bringing the total to 68 cases since the beginning of the year (Kienthuc, 2026). The Hanoi CDC strengthened case detection, outbreak management, risk communication, and vaccination promotion. Authorities emphasized routine immunization as a key measure to reduce transmission and prevent further outbreaks. [[Full article](#)]

Global Situation

COVID-19

- **Hong Kong (SAR):** The Centre for Health Protection reported 45 severe COVID-19 cases with seven deaths (China Press, 2026). COVID-19 test positivity reached 9.79%, while sewage surveillance indicated rising viral concentrations. Health authorities strengthened surveillance and advised hygiene practices and preventive measures to reduce transmission. [[Full article](#)]
- **India:** Andhra Pradesh reported 12 COVID-19 cases between June 26–July 16, with four deaths among patients with comorbidities (Times of India, 2026). On July 17, 2026, a 10-year-old boy in Kolkata tested positive for COVID-19 with pneumonia in the right lung; his condition is stable under hospital care, and his mother is in isolation pending testing. Pune also detected new cases, mostly mild. Health officials suspect a new Omicron subvariant and urged testing, vigilance, and vaccination. [[Full article](#)]

Dengue

- **China:** Wuxi reported five imported dengue fever cases as of July 2026, associated with travel from Indonesia, Thailand, and the Maldives (163.com, 2026). Residents and travelers were advised to adopt personal protection measures to reduce mosquito-borne disease risks. [[Full article](#)]
- **Taiwan (Province of China):** On July 16, 2026, two new imported dengue fever cases were confirmed in Daliao District, involving a 27-year-old Vietnamese new immigrant and a 21-year-old Cambodian student, raising the city's total to 18 cases (7 local, 11 imported) (Owlting, 2026). The Health Bureau initiated investigations, source removal, and campus inspections, identifying four breeding sites. [[Full article](#)]

Malaria

- **India:** Health authorities in Gujarat reported 486 confirmed malaria cases in 2026 following a record 9.4 million malaria tests conducted statewide under enhanced monsoon surveillance (News Nation TV, 2026). In response, more than 19,500 health teams carried out house-to-house screening, identifying additional fever cases and initiating prompt treatment. [[Full article](#)]
- **Germany:** Frankfurt Airport reported four malaria cases among airport employees in July 2026, likely associated with an infected mosquito transported on a flight from a tropical region (Index.hu, 2026). The risk of additional cases was assessed as low. Authorities maintained vector control measures and advised staff with fever or influenza-like symptoms to seek medical evaluation. [[Full article](#)]



- **Republic of Korea:** Siheung City, Gyeonggi Province reported its first malaria case of 2026 in a patient with fever and muscle pain (Shinailbo, 2026). Health authorities conducted epidemiological investigations, strengthened vector control and prevention measures, and promoted personal protection measures, including repellent use, protective clothing, and elimination of mosquito breeding sites to reduce further transmission. [[Full article](#)]
- **Ukraine** reported nine malaria cases as of July 16, 2026, including four confirmed and five probable cases, all imported from endemic regions (Meta.ua, 2026). All patients received appropriate treatment, with effective therapies available nationally. Health authorities strengthened surveillance and public awareness activities to prevent severe complications and deaths associated with malaria transmission. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- **Pakistan:** As of the first 26 weeks of 2026, the Sindh Health Department reported 53 measles-related child deaths, contributing to 102 deaths nationwide (24 News HD, 2026). Sindh recorded 7,105 suspected cases, with 2,280 laboratory-confirmed, while Pakistan overall reported 29,066 suspected and 8,309 confirmed cases. Health experts stressed the urgent need for timely vaccination, strengthened surveillance, and emergency preventive measures to contain the growing measles outbreak. [[Full article](#)]
- The **United States (US):** Maryland reported five new measles cases in Carroll County on July 13, 2026, increasing the state's total to nine cases so far in 2026 (WTOP, 2026). The cases were associated with travel-related exposure and possible exposure at Carroll Hospital Center's emergency department. Health authorities strengthened surveillance, risk communication, and MMR vaccination promotion to reduce further transmission. [[Full article](#)]

Mpox

- **Germany:** Berlin has recorded 125 mpox cases so far in 2026, prompting public health authorities to renew calls for vaccination among at-risk groups (Die Zeit, 2026). Most cases have occurred among unvaccinated individuals, with transmission continuing primarily through close physical contact. Health officials are urging eligible residents to complete the two-dose mpox vaccination series to reduce the risk of infection and further spread. [[Full article](#)]

Rabies

- **Sri Lanka** reported 20 rabies-related deaths as of July 18, 2026, including four in Puttalam District (News First, 2026). Health authorities emphasized the importance of community participation and adherence to preventive measures to reduce rabies' transmission and mortality. Officials continued promoting public cooperation in rabies prevention activities nationwide. [[Full article](#)]



Rift Valley Fever

- **Uganda:** Kabale District reported three laboratory-confirmed Rift Valley fever deaths between May 21 and June 18, 2026 (Nile Post, 2026). No active human cases were reported recently, although livestock miscarriages suggested ongoing transmission. Authorities strengthened surveillance, public awareness, and cross-border monitoring, and integrated Rift Valley fever surveillance into Ebola preparedness activities. [[Full article](#)]

Typhoid

- The **United Kingdom** Health Security Agency (UKHSA) reported 287 travel-related typhoid and paratyphoid fever cases during the first six months of 2026 (The Cool Down, 2026). The cases were associated with overseas travel. Health authorities emphasized travel health precautions, including food and water hygiene, and timely medical consultation to reduce infection and transmission risks. [[Full article](#)]

West Nile Virus (WNV)

- **Italy:** Veneto reported nine WNV cases as of July 2026, including six hospitalized cases, with no deaths (L'Arena, 2026). Cases were concentrated in the southeast area between Casaleone and Villa Bartolomea. Health authorities strengthened vector control activities to eliminate mosquito breeding sites and reduce transmission risk. [[Full article](#)]
- The **United States (US):** Louisiana confirmed its first human WNV case of 2026, following evidence of WNV activity in mosquito pools across 13 parishes this year (WDSU, 2026). In response, the Louisiana Department of Health has intensified surveillance and urged residents to avoid mosquito bites, use repellents, and eliminate standing water. In 2025, Louisiana recorded 86 human cases and four deaths from WNV. [[Full article](#)]

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