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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:** Klaten District, Central Java Province, reported 124 dengue cases and one death as of epi-week 32 of 2026, down from 419 cases and three deaths during the same period in 2025 (Media Indonesia, 2026). Authorities urged continued vigilance and preventive measures to prevent resurgence. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Malaysia:** Pahang reported 24 new dengue cases during August 9–15, 2026, bringing the total to 690 cases and two deaths (Sin Chew Daily, 2026). Authorities urged source reduction, elimination of stagnant water, mosquito-bite prevention, and cooperation with health workers. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **The Philippines:** Manila reported 14 new dengue cases on August 20, 2026, bringing the total to 2,314 cases since January 1 (Philstar, 2026). Authorities continued daily surveillance and urged residents to maintain environmental sanitation, eliminate stagnant water to reduce mosquito breeding, and seek prompt medical care if symptoms develop. [\[Full article\]](#)

Leptospirosis

- **The Philippines:** Manila reported 11 new leptospirosis cases on August 20, 2026, bringing the total to 170 cases (Philstar, 2026). Authorities urged residents to maintain environmental hygiene, avoid floodwater exposure, and seek prompt medical care if symptoms develop. [\[Full article\]](#)

Palawan Province, MIMAROPA (Region IV-B) reported 54 leptospirosis cases and five deaths by epi-week 31 (August 13), including 12 cases and two deaths in Puerto Princesa City (Palawan News, 2026). MIMAROPA reported 152 cases, including 60 in Oriental Mindoro, with no barangay clusters during weeks 29–31. DOH advised flood avoidance, protective measures, prompt consultation, and supervised doxycycline prophylaxis. [\[Full article\]](#)

Iloilo City reported has reported 21 leptospirosis cases in 2026 (Panay News, 2026). The City Health Office advised exposed residents to monitor symptoms and seek prompt medical care. [\[Full article\]](#)



Navotas City, Metro Manila, reported a leptospirosis death in August 2026 involving a 17-year-old student following a rat bite and floodwater exposure (GMA News, 2026). On August 20, San Lazaro Hospital reported 26 admissions, bringing the total to 96 cases since January. Health authorities warned of severe renal and pulmonary complications and urged prompt medical consultation following floodwater exposure. [\[Full article\]](#)

Abra Province has reported 645 dengue cases and three deaths in 2026 across 26 of 27 municipalities (Remate Online, 2026). Bucay recorded the highest number of cases (98), followed by Pilar (92, including two deaths), Bangued (76), and La Paz (60). Authorities intensified surveillance, larval control, community clean-up, and distributed 3,600 bed nets to selected beneficiaries. [\[Full article\]](#)

Rabies

- **Viet Nam:** Dong Nai Province reported a rabies death in August 2026 in a 10-year-old boy following exposure to an unvaccinated family dog (Tuổi Trẻ Online, 2026). Tay Ninh reported nine human deaths. Authorities emphasized wound cleansing, prompt post-exposure vaccination, animal vaccination, and rabies surveillance. [\[Full article\]](#)

Global Situation

Crimean-Congo Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF)

- **Kazakhstan:** Turkestan Region reported eight CCHF cases as of August 2026, including cases among Uzbek citizens following tick bites in melon fields (Podrobno.uz, 2026). Six cases were associated with livestock contact and one with grass mowing. Surveillance tested >35,000 ticks, detecting CCHF virus in 55. Authorities advised protective clothing, body checks, and livestock treatment. [\[Full article\]](#)

Dengue

- **India:** Patna District, Bihar, reported 10 new dengue cases within 24 hours in August 2026, bringing the total to 131 cases. Monthly cases increased from 26 in July to 61 in August. Authorities conducted fogging and larviciding around affected households. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United States (US):** Florida reported 23 locally acquired dengue cases this summer alone; an additional 86 travel-associated cases were reported statewide (The St. Augustine Record, 2026). Mosquito-borne illness alerts remained active in three counties. Authorities advised mosquito-bite prevention, including repellents, protective clothing, and bed nets. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Russian Federation:** Ufa City, Republic of Bashkortostan, reported two imported dengue cases confirmed by laboratory testing as of August 20, 2026. One case was acquired following travel to Phuket, Thailand, in March, and the other after visiting Abu Dhabi, UAE, in July. Authorities advised travellers to use mosquito repellents and nets and disclose recent travel history when seeking care. [\[Full article\]](#)



Diphtheria

- **Italy:** Palermo City, Sicily Region reported a suspected diphtheria death on August 20, 2026, involving a 4-year-old unvaccinated girl who developed fever, vomiting, and anorexia before dying despite intensive care; laboratory confirmation is pending (Live Sicilia, 2026). A 4-year-old cousin with similar symptoms was hospitalized. Authorities initiated an investigation, contact assessment, autopsy, and vaccination of the girl's siblings. [\[Full article\]](#)

Hantavirus

- **Russian Federation:** Mari El Republic reported eight new suspected Haemorrhagic Fever with Renal Syndrome (HFRS) cases over the past week in Yoshkar-Ola, Volzhsk, and five districts (MK Mari, 2026). Three cases were associated with forest or fishing exposure, three with gardening, and two with household activities. Federal Service for Surveillance on Consumer Rights Protection and Human Well-Being (Rospotrebnadzor) advised prompt medical care and emphasized prevention of rodent exposure. [\[Full article\]](#)

Malaria

- **India:** Lucknow District, Uttar Pradesh reported 207 malaria cases through August 19, 2026, compared with 676 cases in 2025 and 492 in 2024 (Amrit Vichar, 2026). Authorities emphasized vector control, elimination of mosquito breeding sites, and public awareness. Pest-control practices at a health facility were also reviewed to strengthen prevention measures. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Ukraine:** Lviv Region reported its fifth imported malaria case on August 19, 2026, involving a 25-year-old man with laboratory-confirmed *Plasmodium falciparum* infection following travel to a malaria-endemic West African country without chemoprophylaxis (ZAXID.NET, 2026). He was hospitalized and received specific antimalarial treatment. Authorities emphasized chemoprophylaxis before travel to endemic areas. [\[Full article\]](#)

Measles

- **Sweden** reported 24 measles cases linked to the Urkult festival in Sollefteå Municipality, held through August 1, 2026 (Göteborgs-Posten, 2026). Most cases were among unvaccinated children aged <18 years, with cases reported across several regions, including Västra Götaland and Sörmland. Health authorities initiated contact tracing and advised suspected cases to contact healthcare services by telephone or digitally. [\[Full article\]](#)

Sörmland Region reported two confirmed measles cases linked to the Urkult festival in Västernorrland County, held from July 30 – August 1, 2026 (SVT Nyheter, 2026). Both cases were aged <20 years and unvaccinated. Contact tracing was initiated, with exposed individuals to be notified. Authorities advised to monitor for symptoms, seek medical advice by telephone, and consider vaccination. [\[Full article\]](#)

Göteborg Municipality, Västra Götaland County reported a measles case in a secondary-school student linked to the Urkult festival, bringing the outbreak total to 24 (Sveriges Radio, 2026). Contact tracing is ongoing across nine regions. Authorities anticipate additional cases given the 21-day incubation period. [\[Full article\]](#)



Mpox

- **Hong Kong (SAR)** confirmed an imported mpox case on August 20, 2026, in a 39-year-old man who developed symptoms following high-risk contact in Thailand (METROHK.com.hk, 2026). He tested positive and was isolated in stable condition. No epidemiological link to previous local cases was identified. Since 2022, 96 cases (76 local, 20 imported) have been reported. Authorities urged vaccination for high-risk groups and avoidance of close contact. [[Full article](#)]

Rabies

- **Pakistan:** Karachi reported a rabies death in August 2026, involving a 24-year-old man who died two months after a stray dog bite without post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) (Pakistan Observer, 2026). He developed severe neurological symptoms and died despite supportive care. At least 18 rabies deaths and >30,000 dog-bite cases reported in Karachi this year. Authorities emphasized prompt wound washing, vaccination, and rabies immunoglobulin when indicated. [[Full article](#)]

West Nile Virus (WNV)

- **France:** Essonne reported three WNV cases in August 2026, including two in Saint-Michel-sur-Orge and one in Sainte-Geneviève-des-Bois (Le Journal Toulousain, 2026). The Regional Health Agency and mosquito-control authorities initiated local surveillance, and alerted health professionals. Public information on mosquito-bite prevention was strengthened, with continued monitoring of affected areas. [[Full article](#)]
- **Greece** reported 47 new locally acquired WNV cases during the week ending August 19, 2026, bringing the cumulative total to 157 cases. Overall, 116 cases had CNS involvement and 13 deaths were reported (TheTOC, 2026). EODY continued epidemiological surveillance and mosquito-control measures in affected and high-risk municipalities. [[Full article](#)]
- **Italy:** Chieti, Abruzzo Region reported a 75-year-old woman hospitalized with severe neurological symptoms due to WNV infection, remaining in guarded condition as of August 19, 2026 (Secolo d'Italia, 2026). Nationally, 312 confirmed cases and 13 deaths so far in 2026, including 156 neuroinvasive cases. Authorities continued coordinated surveillance and emphasized strengthened diagnostic capacity and monitoring of mosquito-borne diseases. [[Full article](#)]
- **Spain:** Andalusia reported two new mild WNV cases in San Juan de Aznalfarache and Villamanrique de la Condesa in 2026, bringing the total to 49 cases (Diario de Sevilla, 2026). Cases were concentrated in Seville and Huelva provinces. Authorities intensified human, animal, and entomological surveillance, mosquito control, and public prevention measures. [[Full article](#)]

Dos Hermanas Municipality, Seville Province reported one new severe neuroinvasive WNV case on August 19, 2026, bringing the cumulative total to 47 cases (Andalucía Información, 2026). Authorities maintained enhanced human, animal, and entomological surveillance and mosquito-control measures across 27 municipalities. [[Full article](#)]



- The **United States (US)**: Delta County, Colorado, confirmed one human WNV case in a person aged >80 years from the North Fork area (Western Slope Now, 2026). Multiple mosquito pools also tested positive, indicating active local virus circulation. Health authorities continued mosquito surveillance and prevention measures to reduce the risk of further transmission. [[Full article](#)]

New York City reported its first human WNV case of 2026 on August 19 (Daily Mail, 2026). The infection was reportedly acquired following outdoor exposure in and around the city. Nationally, 222 cases have been reported in 2026. NYC intensified mosquito surveillance and control after WNV-positive mosquito samples were detected across all five boroughs since June. [[Full article](#)]

Austin-Travis County, Texas, reported its first human WNV case of 2026 in August. WNV-positive mosquito pools also detected in Williamson and Hays counties (KUT, 2026). Austin Public Health advised residents to use insect repellent, cover exposed skin, and eliminate standing water. [[Full article](#)]

Michigan reported its first human WNV case on August 20, 2026, detected through routine blood-donor screening in Kent County (CBS News Detroit, 2026). WNV was also detected in mosquito populations in several Michigan counties, including Kent. As of August 18, the CDC reported 222 human cases across 32 states. [[Full article](#)]

Onondaga County, New York, reported its first human WNV case on August 20, 2026, involving a man from Liverpool who was hospitalized and subsequently discharged (LocalSYR, 2026). Health authorities continued mosquito surveillance and testing and advised residents to take measures to prevent mosquito bites. [[Full article](#)]

Zika

- **Spain**: Navarra reported one of three confirmed Zika cases nationally in 2026, alongside eight dengue and seven chikungunya cases, all associated with travel to endemic areas (Noticias de Navarra, 2026). Authorities strengthened *Aedes albopictus* surveillance and advised travellers on mosquito-bite prevention and medical evaluation after travel. [[Full article](#)]

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