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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

- The **Philippines**: Bacolod City, Negros Occidental Province, Western Visayas (Region VI) reported 666 dengue cases and five deaths as of epi-week 36 (September 6–12), 2026, a 15.5% decrease from the same period in 2025 (Panay News, 2026). Authorities advised eliminating breeding sites, personal protection, early consultation, and supporting fogging and spraying activities. [\[Full article\]](#)

Davao Region (Region XI) recorded 10,808 cumulative dengue cases as of September 5, 2026, a 1.2% decrease from 10,936 during the same period in 2025 (Sun Star, 2026). Health authorities emphasized “search and destroy” measures and the enhanced control measures to eliminate mosquito breeding sites, noting that fogging targets adult mosquitoes only. [\[Full article\]](#)

- **Viet Nam**: Ho Chi Minh City reported 32,626 dengue cases in 2026, including 1,544 cases in the latest reported week (Viet Nam News, 2026). Hospitalizations increased from over 600 in June to nearly 900 during the first half of September. Health stations deployed task forces for breeding-site elimination, and environmental sanitation. The CDC coordinated surveillance and control measures. [\[Full article\]](#)

Leptospirosis

- The **Philippines**: Four students from a national high school in Santa Maria, Bulacan, reportedly died following leptospirosis infection from September 1–15, 2026 (Philstar, 2026). The students were aged 8–12 years. Authorities advised avoiding contact with potentially contaminated floodwater, using protective measures, and seeking prompt medical consultation following exposure. [\[Full article\]](#)

Measles

- **Indonesia**: Banjar Municipality, West Java Province, confirmed 12 measles cases out of 75 suspected cases among children aged under five years recorded between January and September 2026 (Media Indonesia, 2026). All patients recovered following treatment. The Health Office launched outbreak response immunization (ORI) targeting 14,385 children under five, with 2,600 vaccinated across 10 health centres, and advised health workers to strengthen precautions and early detection. [\[Full article\]](#)



Global Situation

Chikungunya

- **India:** Mumbai District, Maharashtra recorded 13 chikungunya cases during September 1–15, 2026, compared with 32 cases in August (Times of India, 2026). Monitoring in affected areas was intensified, and residents were advised to take preventive measures against vector-borne diseases. [[Full article](#)]

Dengue

- **Bangladesh** recorded 1,232 new dengue hospital admissions and two deaths in a 24-hour period ending September 19, 2026, bringing the cumulative death toll to 178 (Dhaka Times, 2026). Since January, 60,379 patients had been hospitalized, including 56,070 recovered and discharged. At the time of reporting, 1,232 patients remained hospitalized and were receiving treatment nationwide. [[Full article](#)]

Gopalganj District, Dhaka Division reported 1,101 dengue patients treated as of 19 September 2026 (Bangladesh Pratidin, 2026). The district also reported its first dengue-associated death of the season, involving an 18-year-old man who died while receiving treatment at Gopalganj Medical College Hospital. The patient reportedly acquired the infection in Dhaka, where he lived with his mother. [[Full article](#)]

- **India:** Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh reported eight new dengue cases on September 21, 2026, bringing the total to 110 cases (Live Hindustan, 2026). The recent cases included a child, two adolescents, and five adults. The Health Department advised residents to take preventive measures and seek prompt medical care if symptoms develop. [[Full article](#)]

Tamil Nadu reported 244 new dengue cases on September 15, 2026, bringing the total to 16,577 cases and nine deaths (One India, 2026). Three Anna University students in Chennai reportedly died from dengue within four days. Chennai reported 87 dengue cases among 156 fever-related hospital admissions on the same day. [[Full article](#)]

- **Nepal:** Kavrepalanchok District, Bagmati Province reported 32 confirmed dengue cases between July 16 and September 17, 2026, including three new cases in the preceding 24 hours (Online Khabar, 2026). District Public Health Office intensified risk communication and sanitation measures and advised eliminating stagnant water, preventing mosquito bites, wearing long sleeves, and seeking testing if symptoms develop. [[Full article](#)]

Baglung District, Gandaki Province reported 1,403 dengue cases since mid-July 2026, including 1,224 treated at Dhaulagiri Hospital (The Himalayan Times, 2026). Gandaki Province recorded 2,311 dengue cases over nine months. Authorities intensified mosquito-breeding-site elimination, including confiscating rainwater-collecting tyres, and urged vigilance for severe symptoms and dengue prevention. [[Full article](#)]

- **Taiwan (Province of China):** Changhua County reported its first locally acquired dengue case of 2026 on September 17, involving a man in his 30s hospitalized with recurrent fever; dengue virus serotype 1 was detected (Yahoo News Taiwan, 2026). Taiwan had reported 168 confirmed cases, including 11 locally acquired and 157 imported cases, with no deaths reported. Authorities initiated vector-control measures, environmental assessments, source reduction, health education, and contact monitoring. [[Full article](#)]



Hantavirus

- **Germany:** Kreis Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen reported 22 hantavirus infections so far in 2026, with the northern part of the district particularly affected (Westfälische Nachrichten, 2026). Puumala virus was reported as the predominant variant. The Kreisgesundheitsamt highlighted the potential for severe disease and provided information on infection risks and effective preventive measures. [\[Full article\]](#)

Measles

- **Bangladesh** reported four suspected measles deaths on September 20, 2026, bringing the 2026 total to 1,057 deaths, including 101 confirmed and 956 suspected (Bhaskar Hindi, 2026). In the preceding 24 hours, 1,148 new suspected and 88 laboratory-confirmed cases were reported, bringing totals to 179,814 suspected and 20,562 confirmed cases. Since March 15, 158,589 patients with measles-like symptoms were hospitalized, with 152,225 recovered. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Italy** reported 640 measles cases, including 548 laboratory-confirmed cases, the highest number in the EU/EEA Region (Virgilio, 2026). A total of 537 cases were reported during January–June and 29 in July. Among cases with vaccination information, 73.1% were unvaccinated. ECDC indicates that $\geq 95\%$ two-dose vaccination coverage is needed to interrupt measles transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Papua New Guinea** reported eight laboratory-confirmed measles cases as of epi-week 36 fo 2026, with the latest case reported on August 28, across several regions (Relief Web, 2026). Rubella cases increased to 16, with the latest reported on August 29. Measles-rubella vaccination for children under seven continued, while the measles red alert remained in place. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United States (US):** Vernon County, Wisconsin reported two new measles cases in 2026, the first cases outside the initial southwestern outbreak area (Channel 3000, 2026). The state total reached 164 cases, with most reported in Iowa, Grant, and Lafayette counties. Health authorities advised residents to verify vaccination status and receive two-dose MMR vaccination if indicated and urged exposed or symptomatic individuals to contact healthcare providers promptly. [\[Full article\]](#)

Minnesota reported one confirmed measles case on September 17, 2026, in an unvaccinated adult in Fillmore County who had travelled between states (WDIO, 2026). The Minnesota Department of Health is investigating to identify potentially exposed contacts at risk of infection. Minnesota has reported 18 measles cases in 2026, compared with 164 in Wisconsin and 3,294 nationwide. [\[Full article\]](#)

Mpox

- **Hong Kong (SAR)** confirmed an mpox case on September 19, 2026, in a 25-year-old man; his condition was stable (Hong Kong China News Agency, 2026). This brought the 2026 total to 26 cases, including 21 local and five imported cases, with 17 cases reported since August. All 17 recent cases involved male patients reporting male-male contact and high-risk sexual activity during the incubation period. [\[Full article\]](#)



- **South Africa** reported 13 new mpox cases from August 13 to September 17, 2026, bringing the total to 18 confirmed and one probable case (Africa Newsroom, 2026). Cases were distributed as 15 in Western Cape, three in Gauteng, and one in KwaZulu-Natal. Patients ranged from 23–50 years; 18 were male and one female. Authorities strengthened surveillance and early detection, promoted preventive measures, and secured limited mpox vaccines and treatment. [[Full article](#)]
- **Spain:** Ceuta reported one confirmed mpox case on September 18, 2026, in a 13-year-old unaccompanied Moroccan minor who arrived during the migration influx in late July (Yabiladi, 2026). The patient was isolated at a child protection centre and receiving care. Epidemiological surveillance was initiated to identify contacts and prevent transmission. No other suspected cases were detected, and the situation at the centre remained under control. [[Full article](#)]

West Nile Virus (WNV)

- **Canada:** Ottawa, Ontario Province reported its third human WNV case as of September 17, 2026, following two cases reported the previous week (CTV News, 2026). A total of 24 mosquito pools tested positive for WNV during summer 2026. Ottawa Public Health advised residents to prevent mosquito bites by using repellent, wearing long sleeves and pants, and eliminating standing water around homes. [[Full article](#)]
- **Italy:** Oristano Province, Sardinia, reported one new WNV case in 2026 involving a man aged over 60 years who was hospitalized (L'Unione Sarda, 2026). This brings the total to 28 cases, including four deaths. Health authorities initiated an epidemiological investigation, prophylaxis activities, and disinfection around the patient's residence, and advised mosquito-bite prevention and removal of standing water. [[Full article](#)]
- **Netherlands** reported 10 new human WNV cases on September 17, 2026, bringing the 2026 total to 28 cases and four deaths (RIVM, 2026). One patient acquired infection through blood transfusion and subsequently died; the cause of death remained unclear. Other cases were acquired through mosquito bites. In 2026, 88 infected horses, 100 infected birds, and one infected mosquito were reported. [[Full article](#)]
- **Spain:** Extremadura confirmed three additional WNV cases, involving two women and one man, bringing the total to 55 cases and two deaths (Radio Interior, 2026). Two patients required hospitalization; one was asymptomatic and detected through blood screening. Authorities strengthened surveillance across eight health areas alongside vector-control and mosquito-bite prevention measures. [[Full article](#)]
- The **United States (US):** The Massachusetts Department of Public Health reported its eighth human WNV case in 2026, involving a woman in her 30s exposed in Middlesex County (Western Mass News, 2026). Seven of eight cases were linked to parts of Middlesex and Suffolk counties classified as high risk. Since mid-June, 327 mosquito samples tested positive for WNV across several counties; no animal cases were reported. [[Full article](#)]



Zika

- **China:** Shanghai reported one Zika virus disease case in a resident who developed fever, headache, and rash after returning from a 10-day trip to Southeast Asia (Shanghai Online, 2026). Zika virus nucleic acid testing was positive. His condition improved after one week of isolation and treatment. Authorities advised mosquito control, avoiding mosquito bites, and seeking medical care if symptoms develop after travel. [[Full article](#)]

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