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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 Manila City government reported three new COVID-19 cases, bringing the cumulative total to 60 since January 2026 (Juander Radyo, 2026). Authorities continued surveillance and urged residents to maintain hygiene measures and adopt preventive behaviours during the rainy season to reduce transmission risks. [[Full article](#)]

Dengue

- **Indonesia**: Garut District, West Java Province reported 869 confirmed dengue cases and three deaths between January and July 2026, associated with unpredictable weather and poor environmental sanitation, particularly in rural areas (Media Indonesia, 2026). Health authorities intensified fogging, larval inspections, public education, and community participation in a community-based vector surveillance programme to reduce mosquito breeding and transmission. [[Full article](#)]

The **East Kalimantan Provincial** Health Office reported 1,530 dengue cases and two deaths in Mahakam Ulu and Bontang as of July 2026 (Merdeka.com, 2026). Health authorities strengthened integrated case management, early detection, rapid treatment, and coordination between primary care and referral hospitals. [[Full article](#)]

- **Malaysia**: Pahang reported 34 dengue cases between July 12 and 18, 2026, bringing the cumulative total reached 570 cases with one death in 2026 (JKN Pahang, 2026). Health authorities strengthened dengue prevention efforts by promoting elimination of mosquito breeding sites, personal protection, and early medical care. [[Full article](#)]
- **Singapore**: The National Environment Agency reported 120 new dengue cases in the week ending July 18, 2026, bringing the cumulative total to 1,563 cases, including one death, as of July 20, 2026 (8world, 2026). Authorities intensified mosquito surveillance and vector control activities in active transmission areas. [[Full article](#)]
- **Viet Nam**: Ho Chi Minh City reported 872 dengue cases during week 28 (July 6–12, 2026), a 44.7% increase compared with the four-week average and bringing the cumulative total to 21,436 cases (VTV, 2026). Health authorities promoted mosquito control, hygiene measures, and timely medical care. [[Full article](#)]



Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- **Viet Nam:** Lam Dong Province reported 3,072 HFMD cases, including two child deaths in Ta Nang commune associated with Enterovirus 71 as of July 21, 2026 (Suc Khoe Doi Song, 2026). Authorities strengthened surveillance, rapid response, healthcare worker training, community education, monitoring of children under five, and household disinfection to reduce transmission. [[Full article](#)]

HIV/AIDS

- **Indonesia:** Blitar District, East Java Province reported 74 new HIV cases from January to June 2026, with the highest proportion among men who have sex with men (21 cases) (Berita Satu, 2026). Additional cases were identified among prison inmates, TB patients, female sex workers, and others. Health authorities strengthened HIV screening, early testing, treatment adherence, and stigma-free community support to reduce transmission. [[Full article](#)]

Leptospirosis

- **Indonesia:** The Semarang City Health Office in Central Java Province reported six leptospirosis-related deaths as of July 20, 2026, associated with rodent-borne bacteria in flood-prone and densely populated areas (Akurat.co, 2026). Health authorities intensified rat control operations and urged residents to maintain environmental hygiene, reduce rodent populations, and seek prompt medical care for compatible symptoms after floodwater exposure. [[Full article](#)]
- **The Philippines:** Iloilo Province reported 69 leptospirosis cases, including eight deaths, from January 4 to July 11, 2026, compared with 72 cases and two deaths during the same period in 2025 (Panay News, 2026). Most cases were associated with floodwater exposure. The Provincial Health Office promoted avoidance of contaminated water, protective measures, and early medical consultation. [[Full article](#)]

Malaria

- **Indonesia:** The Nunukan District Health Office in North Kalimantan Province reported 13 malaria cases in East Sebatik, mostly imported, due to high cross-border mobility (Mata Kaltara, 2026). Authorities strengthened malaria prevention, environmental hygiene, and targeted fogging. [[Full article](#)]

Mpox

- **Indonesia:** The Ministry of Health reported 92 cumulative mpox cases since the first detection in 2022, including one death associated with comorbidities, as of mid-July 2026 (Seputar Papua, 2026). Most cases were Clade IIb across eight provinces. No new cases were reported in 2025, while four cases were reported in 2026 as of June. Health authorities strengthened surveillance, referral capacity, early detection, hygiene promotion, and stigma-free access to care. [[Full article](#)]
- **Thailand:** A 37-year-old male in Bangkok was confirmed with mpox Clade 1b on July 16, 2026, following PCR testing of pustule fluid (Siam Rath, 2026). The patient presented with fever, chills, body aches, and widespread pustular lesions and received medical



treatment for two weeks. Health authorities advised self-isolation until lesions fully healed to reduce transmission risk. [\[Full article\]](#)

Tuberculosis (TB)

- **Indonesia:** Sragen District, Central Java Province confirmed 88 TB cases from June 13 to July 14, 2026, with contact tracing conducted among 190 individuals (Solo Pos, 2026). Health authorities deployed 208 police officers to support case investigation, patient assistance, and community education. Authorities strengthened collaboration to reduce stigma, improve early detection, and prevent TB transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)

Rabies

- **Viet Nam:** The Center for Disease Control reported five rabies deaths in Ho Chi Minh City in 2026 among individuals without prior vaccination and with inadequate wound management (Thanh Nien, 2026). Southern Viet Nam recorded 20 deaths, with 30 nationwide in the first half of 2026. Authorities strengthened surveillance, veterinary coordination, and public education on wound care and timely vaccination. [\[Full article\]](#)

Global Situation

Chandipura Vesiculovirus Infection

- **India** reported 12 confirmed Chandipura virus cases and 8 deaths in 2026, including a 2-year-old girl from Rajasthan who died in Gujarat's Banaskantha district on July 19. Gujarat recorded 63 suspected cases. Authorities intensified surveillance, household screening, laboratory testing, vector control measures, and public advisories during the monsoon season. [\[Full article\]](#)

COVID-19

- **Taiwan (Province of China):** The Centers for Disease Control reported 4,766 new COVID-19 cases, five deaths, and 25 severe cases in the week ending July 21, 2026, representing a 66.5% increase from the previous week (Taipei Times, 2026). Severe outcomes mainly occurred among older adults with chronic conditions and incomplete vaccination. Health authorities urged updated vaccination, testing for symptoms, and planned KP.2-targeted vaccines in October. [\[Full article\]](#)

Dengue

- **Bangladesh:** The Directorate General of Health Services reported one dengue death in Dhaka South City Corporation and 338 hospitalizations on July 21, 2026, bringing the cumulative total to 11,195 cases and 38 deaths nationwide (The Daily Star, 2026). Currently, 1,032 patients remain hospitalized. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **France:** The Occitanie Regional Health Agency reported the first autochthonous dengue case of the 2026 season in Carmaux, Tarn on July 20, 2026 (France 3 Régions, 2026). Since May 1, the region reported 22 imported cases and one local case. Authorities strengthened epidemiological investigation, vector control, and environmental inspections to reduce mosquito breeding and transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)



- **Sri Lanka** has reported 58 dengue deaths; officials evaluated the suitability of Takeda's Qdenga vaccine for national use based on scientific evidence and recommendations (Lanka Newspapers, 2026). Authorities continued vector control, community awareness, and early medical consultation for suspected cases. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- **Australia** reported measles activity continued as of July 21, 2026, with 53 cases in New South Wales, 30 in Victoria, 18 in Queensland, and five in Western Australia (ReliefWeb, 2026). Queensland Health issued two new alerts on July 19 after confirmed cases were infectious in public settings. Authorities maintain a red alert and strongly urge two doses of measles-containing vaccine for anyone born since 1966, particularly before overseas travel. [[Full article](#)]
- **Bangladesh:** The Directorate General of Health Services reported four child deaths associated with measles symptoms on July 21, 2026, bringing the cumulative death toll to 797 since March 15 (Chandpur Times, 2026). During the same period, 1,088 infections were recorded, including 130 confirmed measles cases. Most cases required hospitalization, with over 98,000 children discharged after recovery. [[Full article](#)]
- **Maldives:** The Health Protection Agency confirmed 22 new measles cases in the Greater Malé area during the previous week, bringing the national total to 166 cases in 2026 (Edition, 2026). Authorities strengthened vaccination activities, including contact vaccination, and promoted completion of two-dose immunization, early medical consultation, and isolation of symptomatic individuals. [[Full article](#)]
- The **United States (US):** The Delaware Division of Public Health confirmed the state's first measles case in more than a decade on July 20, 2026, involving an unvaccinated adult male from Kent County (WBOC, 2026). Authorities conducted contact tracing, assessed vaccination status, promoted MMR immunization, and advised early medical consultation to reduce transmission and complications. [[Full article](#)]

The **Shelby County** Health Department in Tennessee confirmed the county's first measles case of 2026 on July 21, 2026, linked to international travel (WREG, 2026). The case resulted in exposure alerts after visits to public locations during the infectious period. Authorities advised symptom monitoring and timely consultation after potential exposure. [[Full article](#)]

Pennsylvania reported more than 100 measles cases as of late July 2026, including 10 new cases in the previous week (FOX43, 2026). Approximately 41% of cases involved children, with Lancaster County was the most affected areas. Health officials warned that crowded classrooms may accelerate transmission and urged families to ensure children receive the two-dose MMR vaccine before the new school year. [[Full article](#)]

Mpox

- **Australia:** Western Australia reported 36 mpox cases in 2026, surpassing totals reported in 2025 (28 cases) and 2024 (23 cases) (Countryman, 2026). Cases occurred mainly among gay, bisexual, and men who have sex with men, with additional cases among heterosexual men and women. Health authorities promoted early testing, vaccination, and preventive measures to reduce transmission. [[Full article](#)]



West Nile Virus (WNV)

- The **United States (US)**: The Louisville Metro Department of Public Health in Kentucky confirmed the first human WNV case of 2026, compared with 12 cases reported in 2025 (WLKY, 2026). Mosquitoes in the Wyandotte/Oakdale neighbourhood also tested positive last week. In response, authorities scheduled mosquito fogging and continue urging preventive measures to reduce transmission risk. [Full article]

Zika

- **France**: The Occitanie Regional Health Agency reported two imported Zika virus cases since May 1, 2026, with no local transmission detected (France 3 Régions, 2026). Cases were associated with travel to endemic areas. Authorities strengthened epidemiological surveillance and mosquito control measures to prevent arbovirus transmission during the summer season. [Full article]

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