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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

- **Viet Nam:** Hanoi recorded 13 new COVID-19 cases from September 11–18, 2026 across 12 wards and communes (Hanoi CDC, 2026). Cumulatively, 1,648 cases have been reported with no deaths. Local health stations strengthened case detection and surveillance at healthcare facilities and in the community, while health authorities continued promoting infectious-disease prevention measures and routine vaccination. [\[Full article\]](#)

Dengue

- **Indonesia:** Malang Raya, East Java Province reported 796 dengue cases from January to September 21, 2026, with eight deaths in Malang District (DPRD Provinsi Jawa Timur, 2026). Authorities called for strengthened prevention, coordinated cross-regional action, healthcare preparedness, early detection, and sustained mosquito-breeding-site elimination. Residents were urged to maintain environmental cleanliness, participate in community clean-up activities, and seek medical care for suspected dengue symptoms. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **Philippines:** Manila, National Capital Region (NCR) recorded 54 new dengue cases on September 22, 2026, bringing the cumulative total to 3,209 cases from January 1 to September 22, 2026, according to the Manila City Health Department's daily report (Manila Bulletin, 2026). [\[Full article\]](#)

Albay Province, Bicol Region (Region V), reported 82 new dengue cases on September 21, 2026, clustered in 11 barangays across four local government units (PIO Albay, 2026). One dengue-related death in Bacacay brought the cumulative death toll since January 4 to 15. Authorities urged residents to follow the 4S Kontra Dengue campaign, particularly "Search and Destroy," by eliminating stagnant water and mosquito-breeding sites. [\[Full article\]](#)



- **Singapore** reported 76 new dengue cases in the week ending September 19, 2026, three more than the previous week, following three consecutive weeks of decline (8 world, 2026). As of September 22, 2,424 cases had been reported cumulatively so far in 2026. Eleven active dengue clusters remained, including one “red zone” with 74 cumulative cases. Authorities urged continued removal of mosquito breeding sites during the May–October peak season. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Viet Nam:** Hanoi reported 349 dengue cases across 84 wards and communes during September 11–18, 2026 (Kiến Thức, 2026). Cumulatively, 3,206 cases and no deaths were reported across 118 wards and communes so far in 2026. Hanoi CDC strengthened outbreak surveillance and environmental sanitation, while local health stations intensified case detection and community monitoring. [\[Full article\]](#)

Dong Thap Province recorded 172 dengue cases in week 37 of 2026, a 38% decrease from the previous four-week average (Vietnam.vn, 2026). Cumulatively, over 6,900 cases were reported in 2026, a 58.3% increase from the same period in 2025, including 141 severe cases and one death. High-incidence areas included Phu Huu, My Thanh, Chau Thanh, Trung An, and Kim Son. [\[Full article\]](#)

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- **Viet Nam:** Dong Thap Province reported 197 HFMD cases in week 37 of 2026, an 18% increase from the previous four-week average (Vietnam.vn, 2026). Since January, 5,383 cases, including 134 severe cases (Grade 2b and above) and one death, were reported. Authorities strengthened outbreak response through classroom cleaning, toy disinfection, and close case monitoring in preschools and kindergartens. [\[Full article\]](#)

Legionellosis

- **Thailand** reported four new legionellosis cases under surveillance, bringing the 2026 total to 44 cases and one death (Than Settakij, 2026). From 2013–2026, Thailand recorded 371 cumulative cases and seven deaths. The first case was reported in 1984. Prevention measures include cleaning and disinfecting air-conditioning, cooling and water systems, strengthening prevention in hotels and spas, and monitoring vulnerable groups, particularly older adults and smokers. [\[Full article\]](#)

Leptospirosis

- The **Philippines** reported 10,083 leptospirosis cases and 524 deaths (CFR 5.2%) from January–September 12, 2026, with cases increasing 34% and deaths decreasing 34% from the same period in 2025 (Outbreak News Today, 2026). Sixty-five percent of cases had flood-related exposure and 80% were male. Cases increased 151% in Central Luzon, 88% in Northern Mindanao, and 47% in the National Capital Region. [\[Full article\]](#)

Manila, National Capital Region (NCR) reported 30 new leptospirosis cases on September 22, 2026, bringing the total to 1,470 so far in 2026 (Balita, 2026). The Manila Health Department advised environmental cleanliness, drinking safe water, and seeking medical consultation for symptoms. [\[Full article\]](#)



Malaria

- **Indonesia:** West Bangka District, Bangka Belitung Islands Province, reported 41 malaria cases from September 1 to 14, 2026, including 11 cases in the second week of September (Tribun Bangka, 2026). Cases peaked at 45 in July and 44 in August. Control measures included introducing fish into mining pits and lagoons to consume mosquito larvae, with cases concentrated in tin-mining areas. [\[Full article\]](#)

Tuberculosis (TB)

- **Indonesia:** Ciamis District, West Java Province, reported 21 new TB cases in 2026, identified through contact tracing of 1,321 household and close contacts (Fokus Jabar, 2026). Of these, 486 underwent X-ray screening, 400 were classified as suspected TB cases, and 31 were eligible for TB preventive therapy (TPT). Contact tracing was strengthened through community health services and door-to-door visits. [\[Full article\]](#)

Tasikmalaya Municipality, West Java Province, reported 2,303 TB cases, including 25 deaths and 18 multidrug-resistant TB (MDR-TB) cases, from January–September 2026 (Media Indonesia, 2026). The Health Office ensured medicine availability and periodic monitoring and advised regular health checks, healthy living, balanced nutrition, and exercise. [\[Full article\]](#)

Global Situation

Avian Influenza

- **China:** Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region reported one laboratory-confirmed human A(H9N2) avian influenza case on September 1, 2026, in a child who developed fever and sore throat on August 23 and recovered after mild illness (Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health Thailand, 2026). The patient had regular contact with live poultry. Eight close contacts tested negative and remained asymptomatic. Authorities strengthened surveillance, contact management, environmental disinfection, public awareness, and sampling. [\[Full article\]](#)

Dengue

- **Bangladesh:** Chandpur District, Chattogram Division reported 1,087 dengue cases as of September 20, 2026, with 85 patients receiving treatment (Chandpur Times, 2026). In the preceding 24 hours, 44 patients were admitted. Health authorities urged community awareness, household and environmental cleanliness, removal of *Aedes mosquito* breeding sites and stagnant water, and prompt medical consultation for dengue symptoms. [\[Full article\]](#)

Cumilla District, Chattogram Division, reported 37 new dengue cases in Daudkandi among 245 people tested on September 21, 2026, bringing the total to 1,103 cases (Bangladesh Pratidin, 2026). A total of 231 patients had been hospitalized, including 223 discharged and eight currently admitted. Health authorities urged patients to remain under mosquito nets and communities to strengthen preventive measures. [\[Full article\]](#)



- **India:** Ernakulam District, Kerala, reported 43 confirmed dengue cases over the past two days (The New Indian Express, 2026). All 86 panchayats initiated vector-control activities, including water-source cleaning, chlorination, awareness programmes, door-to-door outreach, and fogging in vulnerable areas. Residents were advised to drink boiled water. [\[Full article\]](#)

Tamil Nadu reported 71 new dengue cases in a single day, bringing the total to 17,348 cases, including 11 cases in Chennai (One India, 2026). The Health Department reported increased transmission since September 15, with 283 cases recorded on September 16. Authorities deployed thousands of workers across local bodies and conducted medical camps and precautionary measures in affected areas. [\[Full article\]](#)

- **Italy:** Unità Locale Socio-Sanitaria 6 Euganea reported two imported dengue cases in a middle-aged man from Padua and a woman from Abano Terme, both infected during separate trips to endemic areas (La Piazza Web, 2026). Both had brief hospitalizations and are now in good condition, bringing the summer total to five imported cases. ULSS 6 and municipalities will implement enhanced mosquito-control measures and advised residents to eliminate standing water and use mosquito protection. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United States (US):** Florida reported three new dengue cases in Lee County, all acquired in Cuba, and one dengue-related death in Hillsborough County (WGCU, 2026). Florida's 2026 total exceeded 330 cases, including 152 locally acquired cases, of which 134 occurred in Hillsborough County. Mosquito-control teams conducted spraying, property inspections, and breeding-site removal. [\[Full article\]](#)

Malaria

- **India:** Buddh Nagar District, Uttar Pradesh reported 41 malaria cases in Bhangel so far in 2026 (Live Hindustan, 2026). The Malaria Department conducted household visits and spraying around affected households, while health workers implemented vector-control activities in several colonies. Community awareness activities were also conducted. [\[Full article\]](#)

Measles

- **Italy:** Liguria reported 12 measles cases from September 1, 2026, mainly among unvaccinated adults aged 30–55 years; two cases were children (Genova Today, 2026). Cases occurred at a metropolitan hospital (six) with respiratory, neurological, and hepatic complications reported. Health authorities emphasized vaccination and public awareness; measles vaccination coverage among children was 91%. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United Kingdom (UK):** England reported 1,003 laboratory-confirmed measles cases and three measles-related deaths from January 1–September 14, 2026 (Lancs Live, 2026). Lancashire recorded 12 confirmed cases, while measles was reported in 98 upper-tier local authorities. The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) recommends vaccination as the main protection; the childhood programme now offers an MMRV vaccine as the second dose at 18 months. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United States (US):** Pennsylvania reported 792 measles cases and 155 hospitalizations as of September 21, 2026, up from 767 cases and 150 hospitalizations on September 18 (US News, 2026). Lancaster County remained the hardest-hit area. Pennsylvania reported measles-related deaths among unvaccinated residents is still waiting for the review of death classification. [\[Full article\]](#)



Meningococcal Disease

- **Italy:** Piacenza Province reported one meningococcal meningitis case in an adolescent hospitalized in Piacenza in non-severe condition (Piacenza Sera, 2026). The Health Authority initiated an epidemiological investigation to identify close contacts. Family members, friends, school staff, and classmates were contacted and invited to receive antibiotic prophylaxis at the Piazzale Milano Community House. [[Full article](#)]

Mpox

- **Hong Kong (SAR):** The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) reported one imported mpox case on September 21 in a 29-year-old man, bringing the total to 27 cases (Metro HK, 2026). He tested positive after developing fever, sore throat and rashes and was admitted to hospital for isolation; his condition remained stable. The Centre for Health Protection conducted contact tracing, notified WHO, strengthened prevention awareness, and established additional vaccination centres for high-risk groups. [[Full article](#)]
- **Pakistan:** Islamabad reported one confirmed mpox case in a 41-year-old woman from Shakrial, Rawalpindi District who developed facial skin lesions and was admitted to the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) (24 News HD, 2026). The National Institute of Health confirmed the diagnosis following laboratory testing. The patient is receiving treatment in the infectious control ward and is improving. [[Full article](#)]

Pertussis

- **New Zealand:** Canterbury reported one pertussis case in a student at a South Island high school in September 2026 (Newstalk ZB, 2026). Health officials had previously confirmed 33 cases in Auckland and Northland in early September. Notices were sent to communities of both schools, located 9 km apart, advising parents, students, and staff to monitor for symptoms following possible exposure. [[Full article](#)]

West Nile Virus (WNV)

- **Greece:** Evros Regional Unit reported three confirmed WNV cases, with the first detected in August 2026 (Kontra News, 2026). One patient required hospitalization and was discharged after several days, while two additional cases were identified through screening during voluntary blood donation and did not require hospitalization. Health authorities maintained enhanced surveillance and advised residents to follow mosquito-bite prevention measures through November. [[Full article](#)]
- The **United States (US):** Los Angeles County reported 100 WNV cases as of September 21, 2026, including five deaths (My News LA, 2026). Almost all patients had severe disease involving the brain or spinal cord and required hospitalization. Cases were reported countywide, prompting enhanced surveillance, targeted mosquito-control treatments, case investigations, and community outreach. [[Full article](#)]



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