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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

- **Malaysia** reported 58,079 dengue cases and 55 deaths through epi-week 32 of 2026, a 56.2% increase from the same period in 2025 (Media Selangor, 2026). Selangor reported 25,090 cases as of August 15, followed by Kuala Lumpur or Putrajaya (10,316) and Johor (8,639). The Ministry of Health intensified case detection, vector control, outbreak management, and field response, while urging elimination of *Aedes* breeding sites. [[Full article](#)]
- The **Philippines**: Imus City, Cavite Province, reported 291 dengue cases as of August 20, 2026, including 192 confirmed cases (Journal News Online, 2026). The city government intensified mosquito-control campaigns and community participation in eliminating *Aedes* breeding sites. Health authorities urged residents to maintain environmental cleanliness, eliminate stagnant water, and seek prompt medical care if dengue symptoms develop. [[Full article](#)]
- **Viet Nam**: Vĩnh Long Province reported 115 dengue cases during the week ending August 20, 2026, indicating continued transmission during the rainy season (Báo Vĩnh Long, 2026). Health authorities intensified surveillance, vector control, and community awareness activities and urged residents to eliminate mosquito breeding sites and seek prompt medical care if dengue symptoms develop. [[Full article](#)]

HIV/AIDS

- **Viet Nam**: The Hospital for Tropical Diseases in Ho Chi Minh City had treated 853 HIV patients during January–June 2026, including 45 requiring mechanical ventilation (Tiếng Chuông, 2026). In 2025, 1,773 HIV patients were hospitalized, a 48% increase from 2022; HIV/AIDS accounted for 568 deaths over four years. Authorities attributed severe admissions mainly to late diagnosis and treatment interruption and strengthened surveillance data integration and access to HIV testing and antiretroviral therapy. [[Full article](#)]



Leptospirosis

- The **Philippines**: San Lazaro Hospital in Manila reported 142 leptospirosis cases since January 1, 2026, including three deaths since August 10, with one reported on August 22 (GMA News, 2026). Sixty patients remained hospitalized, including 19 with severe disease, and 22 new admissions were recorded. Nationwide, 3,760 cases were reported as of August 17. Authorities advised avoiding floodwater and using protective footwear and hygiene measures. [\[Full article\]](#)

Manila reported 50 leptospirosis cases amid widespread flooding following recent heavy rains (Assam Tribune, 2026). Health authorities intensified surveillance and urged residents to avoid contact with floodwater, use protective equipment when exposure is unavoidable, and seek prompt medical care if symptoms such as fever, myalgia, or headache develop. [\[Full article\]](#)

Quezon City reported 213 leptospirosis cases and 24 deaths as of August 20, 2026, including 52 new cases within one week following heavy rains and flooding (Outbreak News Today, 2026). Males accounted for 171 cases (80%), while 168 (79%) were aged ≥ 21 years. District 2 reported the highest number of cases (69) and deaths (9). Authorities advised floodwater avoidance, protective measures, sanitation, and prompt medical care after exposure. [\[Full article\]](#)

Measles

- The **Philippines**: Iloilo Province reported 48 measles-rubella cases from January 4 to August 8, 2026, a 77.3% decrease from 211 cases during the same period in 2025; no deaths were reported in either period (Daily Guardian, 2026). A supplemental measles-rubella immunization campaign targeting children aged 6–59 months was ongoing, with 88,929 of 172,360 eligible children vaccinated as of August 20. [\[Full article\]](#)

Global Situation

Chikungunya

- **India**: Maharashtra reported 1,096 chikungunya cases in 2026, with the highest burden in Palghar (264 cases), followed by Pune (138) and Latur (56) (Times of India, 2026). Health authorities intensified vector control, surveillance, and public awareness activities amid ongoing monsoon-season transmission and urged residents to eliminate mosquito breeding sites and seek medical care for fever and severe joint pain. [\[Full article\]](#)

Malaria

- **India**: Madhya Pradesh reported 598 malaria cases during January–July 2026, including 174 in Balaghat District, the highest among districts (Free Press Journal, 2026). In July, 248 cases were reported statewide, including 102 in Balaghat. Health authorities intensified surveillance and outbreak control in high-risk districts, alongside timely testing, treatment, and mosquito-control measures amid increased malaria transmission during the monsoon season. [\[Full article\]](#)



Balaghat District, Madhya Pradesh, reported approximately 500 suspected measles cases and eight child deaths, primarily affecting villages with low vaccination coverage (NaiDunia, 2026). Health authorities identified immunization gaps and limited healthcare access as contributing factors. In response, authorities intensified vaccination campaigns, surveillance, and community outreach in affected areas to prevent further transmission and deaths. [\[Full article\]](#)

- **Republic of Korea (ROK):** Gyeonggi Province issued its third malaria alert of 2026 on August 21 following confirmation of the first malaria cluster in Goyang City (Wolyo, 2026). Nationwide, 269 cases were reported, including 148 (55%) in Gyeonggi Province. Authorities initiated epidemiological investigations and mosquito habitat assessments. [\[Full article\]](#)

Measles

- **Bangladesh** reported three additional child deaths associated with measles symptoms, bringing measles-related deaths to 933 since March 15, 2026, including 834 symptom-associated and 99 confirmed measles deaths (Dhaka Tribune, 2026). In the previous 24 hours, 131 confirmed and 1,097 symptomatic cases were reported, bringing cumulative totals to 18,404 confirmed and 149,503 symptomatic cases. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Finland** reported one measles case in Åland Islands, linked to exposure at the Urkult festival in Sweden (RMF24, 2026). Authorities continued contact tracing, offered free vaccination to adults, and urged completion of the two-dose measles vaccination schedule. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Sweden:** Stockholm Region reported three new measles cases, bringing the total in the region to nine (Mitt i, 2026). All cases were linked to exposure at the Urkult festival, held July 30–August 1, 2026. The festival-associated outbreak reached 27 cases as of late-August. Contact tracing and notification are ongoing. Authorities urged unvaccinated persons to seek vaccination and symptomatic individuals to seek prompt medical care. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United States (US):** Kentucky reported five new measles cases on August 21, 2026, bringing the total to 24, marking the state's highest annual measles case count since 1991 (WLKY, 2026). All cases occurred among unvaccinated individuals. State and local health authorities continued outbreak investigation and contact tracing and urged residents to ensure children are up to date with MMR vaccination. [\[Full article\]](#)

Steuben County, **New York** reported a second measles case (WSKG, 2026). Four people in Tioga, Steuben and Otsego counties have been infected by the virus; all are unvaccinated. Five additional confirmed cases were reported in Seneca, Madison, and Allegany counties. Health authorities emphasized vaccination, rapid case identification, isolation, and limiting exposures to control transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)

Seneca County, New York, reported two additional confirmed and two presumed measles cases on August 20, 2026, bringing the county's confirmed total to at least three cases (Democrat and Chronicle, 2026). Health authorities assessed the overall public risk as low, particularly among fully vaccinated individuals and those born before 1957. Residents were urged to verify MMR vaccination status and symptomatic individuals to contact healthcare providers. [\[Full article\]](#)



West Nile Virus (WNV)

- **Canada:** Manitoba reported a fourth human WNV case in the Southern Health region in mid-August 2026, comprising one confirmed and three probable cases (CBC News, 2026). All cases had mild illness, with no neurological complications reported. High numbers of infected *Culex tarsalis* mosquitoes were detected, particularly in West St. Paul. Authorities planned mosquito fogging and advised personal mosquito-bite prevention measures. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Italy** reported 49 WNV in Rome and Lazio Region as of August 2026, including 24 in Latina, 21 across Rome's health districts, three in Viterbo, and one in Frosinone (La Repubblica, 2026). Authorities urged clinical vigilance, targeted disinfestation, and personal mosquito-bite prevention measures. [\[Full article\]](#)

Cremona Province, Lombardy, reported 17 WNV cases, including eight neuroinvasive, six febrile, and three detected through blood-donor screening (Cremonaoggi, 2026). Nationally, 312 confirmed human cases and 13 deaths have been reported, including 156 neuroinvasive, 115 febrile, and 40 donor-detected asymptomatic cases. Cremona was the second most affected province in Lombardy after Milan, with 28 cases. [\[Full article\]](#)

Oristano Province, Sardinia, reported one new WNV case in a man aged >70 years, bringing the total to 20 confirmed human cases since the beginning of 2026 (La Nuova Sardegna, 2026). The local health authority initiated an epidemiological investigation and targeted disinfestation measures. [\[Full article\]](#)

Puglia Region reported two confirmed human WNV cases in Salento in August 2026, involving residents of Lequile and San Pietro in Lama; both were hospitalized, one in Lecce and one in France (LecceSette, 2026). Two equine cases were previously reported in Lizzanello and Martano, with another suspected case in San Donato pending confirmation. Authorities continued surveillance, case tracing, disinfestation, and public awareness measures. [\[Full article\]](#)

- **Spain:** Two new mild WNV cases were confirmed in Dos Hermanas and Los Palacios y Villafranca in August 2026, bringing the total to 51 cases in Andalusia in 2026, including 50 in Sevilla Province and one in Huelva (El Español, 2026). Villamanrique de la Condesa remained the most affected municipality, with 11 cases. Authorities maintained enhanced surveillance and mosquito-control measures. [\[Full article\]](#)

Extremadura Region reported four new WNV cases in Don Benito, Santa Amalia, Zorita, and Cáceres, bringing the total to 21 confirmed human cases as of August 2026; five patients remaining hospitalized (Hoy, 2026). The new cases involved individuals aged 12–45 years. Health authorities strengthened surveillance and diagnostic capacity across all eight regional health areas. [\[Full article\]](#)

- The **United States (US):** Massachusetts reported its first human WNV case of 2026 in a man aged >90 years from Middlesex County (WWLP, 2026). The state raised WNV risk to moderate in 70 communities across 11 counties. A total of 180 WNV-positive mosquito samples were detected across 13 counties. Authorities urged mosquito-bite prevention and elimination of standing water. [\[Full article\]](#)



El Paso, Texas, reported its first WNV death of 2026 in a man aged >50 years with underlying health conditions who developed neuroinvasive disease (KTSM, 2026). Six WNV cases have been reported in the city as of August 21. Health authorities urged residents to prevent mosquito exposure by using repellents, wearing protective clothing, avoiding peak mosquito activity, and eliminating standing water. [Full article]

Los Angeles County, California, reported its first WNV death of 2026 in a San Fernando Valley resident hospitalized with severe neurological disease (Infobae, 2026). The county reported 15 human cases so far in 2026, with half occurring in the San Fernando Valley. Statewide, 30 cases and three deaths were reported across 13 counties as of August 14. Authorities urged mosquito-bite prevention and elimination of standing water. [Full article]

Montgomery County, Texas, reported its first WNV death of 2026 in August in a woman aged >90 years with neuroinvasive disease (Click2Houston, 2026). Mosquito control authorities continued surveillance, testing, and treatment following detection of WNV-positive mosquito samples. Residents were advised to prevent mosquito bites, use repellents and protective clothing, and eliminate standing water. [Full article]

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