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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:** North Aceh District, Aceh Province reported 27 dengue haemorrhagic fever (DHF) cases from January–September 2026, including two deaths and 25 recoveries (Nukilan, 2026). Cases occurred across nine of 32 community health centre areas, with Banda Baro reporting 10 cases. The deaths involved a male aged 5–14 years and a female aged over 44 years. Authorities promoted 3M Plus measures to reduce mosquito breeding. [\[Full article\]](#)

Gunungkidul District, Special Region of Yogyakarta Province, reported 216 dengue haemorrhagic fever (DHF) cases as of September 2026, with no deaths (Harian Jogja, 2026). Cases declined to fewer than 10 per month during July–September. Authorities intensified community control measures, larval monitoring, community education, and ovitrap-based surveillance. [\[Full article\]](#)

- The **Philippines:** Iloilo Province reported 156 new dengue cases and four deaths during epi-week 37, ending September 19, 2026, bringing totals to 3,347 cases and 19 deaths (Daily Guardian, 2026). New deaths occurred in Estancia, Carles, and Ajuy. Children aged 5–9 years had the highest number of cases (659). Authorities urged elimination of breeding sites, early consultation, and the 4S strategy. [\[Full article\]](#)

HIV/AIDS

- **Indonesia:** Majalengka District, West Java Province, reported 140 HIV/AIDS cases from January–September 2026 (TIMES Indonesia, 2026). The district government called for strengthened HIV/AIDS education and prevention involving schools, universities, industry, families, and communities. Youth cadres were trained to provide accurate information and reduce stigma and discrimination. [\[Full article\]](#)

Malaria

- **Indonesia:** Batuda'a Pantai Subdistrict, Gorontalo Province, reported 11 malaria-positive residents in a village, including one death (Lensa Today, 2026). Recommended measures included blood testing, treatment, environmental spraying, mosquito nets, repellents, protective clothing, sanitation, and prompt medical assessment. Residents were encouraged to undergo blood testing even without symptoms. [\[Full article\]](#)



Aceh Jaya District, Aceh Province, reported 76 malaria cases as of September 22, 2026, up from 30 in May and 56 in July; most were caused by *Plasmodium knowlesi* (Media Indonesia, 2026). Cases were mainly reported in forested gold-mining areas. Authorities strengthened health education, distributed mosquito nets, and planned mass blood screening, surveillance, health posts, and community education in mining areas. [\[Full article\]](#)

Rabies

- **Indonesia:** Sumbawa District, West Nusa Tenggara Province, reported three deaths following bites from rabies-transmitting animals so far in 2026 (Suara NTB, 2026). Since January, 803 animal-bite cases were reported across 26 community health centres. Residents were urged to promptly report animal bites for immediate assessment and management. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Viet Nam:** Vinh Long Province reported six rabies deaths during the first nine months of 2026 (Nông nghiệp và Môi trường, 2026). More than 54,581 rabies vaccine doses were administered, and four positive dog samples were identified through surveillance. Authorities continued animal monitoring, vaccination, post-exposure treatment, outbreak investigation, and testing of suspected animals, targeting over 80% vaccination coverage. [\[Full article\]](#)

Tuberculosis (TB)

- **Indonesia:** Tegal District, Central Java Province, reported 2,865 TB cases as of September 21, 2026, including 154 deaths and 407 recoveries (Berita Jateng, 2026). The district government partnered with Central Java Police to support TB elimination through case tracing, treatment monitoring, health and sputum examinations, and patient assistance. The screening has reached about 3,900 people. [\[Full article\]](#)

Demak District, Central Java, identified 23 index TB cases through active case finding at Karangawen I Public Health Centre on September 24, 2026 (Dinas Kesehatan Kabupaten Demak, 2026). Screening identified 55 household/close contacts and 45 people from at-risk groups, including seven suspected TB cases and six with X-ray findings suggestive of TB. A total of 35 eligible individuals started TB preventive therapy. [\[Full article\]](#)

Global Situation

Anthrax

- **Bangladesh:** Sundarganj Upazila, Gaibandha District, reported 35 anthrax cases, following slaughtering and cutting meat from a sick cow on September 11, 2026 (Rising BD, 2026). Patients developed fever and blister-like skin lesions; no deaths were reported. Anthrax bacteria were detected in beef samples, while patient sample results were pending. Patients received treatment, and authorities advised treating sick cattle and burying cattle that die. [\[Full article\]](#)



Dengue

- **Bangladesh:** Patuakhali District, Barishal Division reported 103 dengue patients treated at Galachipa Upazila Health Complex from September 1–23, 2026, with nine currently hospitalized (Somoyer Konthosor, 2026). The 50-bed facility was operating at nearly three times its designated capacity. Overcrowding resulted in some patients being treated in corridors or on floors, limiting separation between dengue and other patients. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **India:** Tamil Nadu reported 301 new dengue cases in a single day on September 23, 2026, bringing the total to 17,949 cases and nine deaths (One India, 2026). Cases increased from 224–283 daily during September 16–20, including 79 in Chennai. Health officials advised preventing water accumulation, eliminating mosquito breeding sites, and seeking prompt medical care for fever. [\[Full article\]](#)

Patna District, Bihar, reported 307 dengue cases in 2026, including 140 cases from September 1–23 (Ghamasan, 2026). Health officials advised residents to seek prompt testing and eliminate stagnant water around homes to reduce potential mosquito breeding sites. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Italy** reported 312 confirmed dengue cases from January 1–September 22, 2026, including 47 locally acquired cases and no deaths (Milano Today, 2026). A local cluster of two cases was identified in a municipality in Milan Province, Lombardy. Additional clusters included 26 cases in Livorno Province and 13 in Lecce Province. Epidemiological investigations and vector-control activities were ongoing. [\[Full article\]](#)

Mezzana, Prato, reported a new dengue case on September 24, 2026, bringing the total in Prato to five cases in less than one month (Il Tirreno, 2026). The local health authority initiated disinfection against tiger mosquitoes in the affected area. Residents were advised to allow access for treatment, remain indoors with windows closed, and protect pets, food, plants, and outdoor items. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Pakistan:** Kohat District, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, reported 72 new dengue cases in the latest week, bringing the annual total to 788 and the provincial total to 1,327 (Dawn, 2026). Five of 19 samples tested at Khyber Medical University were positive, supporting declaration of a dengue outbreak in Kohat. Response teams conducted larval surveillance and control, alongside community education. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United States (US):** Florida reported 392 dengue cases among residents so far in 2026, according to CDC data updated September 23 (My Suncoast, 2026). Hillsborough County recorded 177 cases and Miami-Dade County 132, while Pinellas and Lee counties each reported eight. CDC noted that county totals reflect patients' residence and all travel statuses. Health authorities advised eliminating standing water and using mosquito repellent. [\[Full article\]](#)



Diphtheria

- **Australia:** Western Australia reported two diphtheria cases linked to a childcare centre in Roebourne, including one respiratory case who attended a nightclub on September 12–13, 2026 (Mirage News, 2026). Both cases received treatment and were managed according to public health advice. Contact tracing, testing, antibiotic prophylaxis, vaccination, and an outreach clinic were implemented. [[Full article](#)]

Leptospirosis

- **India:** Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu, reported 139 leptospirosis cases so far in 2026 (Hindu Tamil, 2026). Authorities launched a two-week intensive sanitation campaign across 7,094 public sites to control rodent-borne disease. Measures included removing waste and stagnant water, cleaning and chlorinating water tanks, ensuring safe drinking water, clearing vegetation, and removing or covering rat burrows. [[Full article](#)]

Malaria

- **India:** Mumbai District, Maharashtra reported 9,298 malaria cases and two deaths so far in 2026, compared with 10,163 cases in 2025 (Times of India, 2026). Cases were reported in several areas with prolonged fever reported among some patients. Civic health, pest control, and maintenance teams worked to identify and eliminate mosquito-breeding sites, including stagnant water. [[Full article](#)]

Sitapur District, Uttar Pradesh, reported approximately 600 malaria cases in September 2026, with four to six cases identified daily (Live Hindustan, 2026). Patients presented to district hospitals with fever. Malaria control measures included daily fogging and anti-larval spraying. Authorities planned to repair three non-functional municipal fogging machines and intensify mosquito-control activities. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- **Australia:** South Australia reported three new measles cases in teenagers on September 24, 2026, linked to a previous case, bringing the state total to eight cases in 2026 (Mirage News, 2026). Cases were infectious at seven public locations in Adelaide, including schools, shops, restaurants, and sports facilities. SA Health advised exposed, non-fully immunised people to monitor for symptoms, seek medical care, and check vaccination status. [[Full article](#)]
- **Bangladesh:** Moulvibazar District, Sylhet Division reported 1,832 patients with measles symptoms admitted to hospitals, including 15 reported deaths among children (Dhaka Tribune, 2026). Recently, 50 patients, 20 adults and 30 children, were admitted to the isolation ward at hospital, exceeded designated capacity. District health authorities intensified vaccination, with 21,344 children scheduled to receive measles vaccines from September 26 under the second phase of the nationwide campaign. [[Full article](#)]
- The **United States (US):** Kentucky reported 53 confirmed measles cases as of September 21, 2026, including three new cases since September 16; one case occurred in a person who had received two MMR doses (Medical Daily, 2026). Cases included 20 in Christian County and 10 in Trigg County, with no deaths. Public health measures included case and exposure monitoring, vaccination, and immunization-record checks. [[Full article](#)]



Pennsylvania reported 43 new measles cases since September 21, 2026, bringing the total to 835 cases across 39 counties, including 164 hospitalizations and four measles-related deaths (6 abc Philadelphia, 2026). Healthcare providers reported increased vaccination activity, with nearly 40,000 vaccinations administered during the first three weeks of September, following vaccination levels in August that were twice usual levels. [\[Full article\]](#)

Ohio reported 196 measles cases across 16 counties as of September 24, 2026, including 16 new cases in the preceding week, with no deaths reported (Times-Gazette, 2026). Confirmed cases ranged from 15 months to 20 years. Morrow County reported eight new cases. Health officials emphasized full MMR vaccination and identified potential public exposure locations. [\[Full article\]](#)

Mpox

- **Hong Kong (SAR):** The Centre for Health Protection reported an additional mpox case in a 36-year-old man with fever and perianal skin ulcers (RTHK, 2026). He was isolated at Princess Margaret Hospital following the confirmation last week and remained stable. The patient reported high-risk sexual contact with men during the incubation period. Authorities continued epidemiological investigation and contact tracing and expanded vaccination services for high-risk groups. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **South Africa** reported four new confirmed mpox cases, bringing the national total to 22, including 18 in Western Cape, three in Gauteng, and one in KwaZulu-Natal (Briefly, 2026). Three of the four new cases were imported, linked to Spain, Germany, and Norway. NICD and WHO teams supported provincial health authorities with contact tracing and surveillance. [\[Full article\]](#)

West Nile Virus (WNV)

- **Greece** reported 26 new WNV cases and three deaths during September 18–24, 2026, bringing the total to 396 cases and 36 deaths (Takvim, 2026). Cases were concentrated particularly in Attica, including Athens, with deaths among people aged 61–92. Authorities expanded mosquito-control and spraying activities and promoted repellents, long clothing, and mosquito nets. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Italy** reported 700 confirmed WNV cases in 2026, including 368 neuroinvasive cases and 54 deaths, according to the ISS bulletin (Andina, 2026). Five neuroinvasive cases were imported, while 88 asymptomatic cases were identified among blood donors and 239 presented with fever. WNV was reported across 83 provinces in 19 regions. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Netherlands** reported 44 confirmed WNV infections as of September 2026, including 16 new cases in the past week (Eurocom, 2026). Five infected people died, although health authorities noted that WNV was not necessarily the direct cause of death. Most patients were hospitalized. South Holland reported 23 cases and Utrecht 10. [\[Full article\]](#)



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