

# ASEAN Biological Threats Surveillance Centre

## Media Monitoring for Infectious and Emerging Diseases

### GLOBAL & ASEAN REGION

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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

- **Lao PDR** reported 42 new dengue cases as of August 24, 2026, bringing the cumulative total to 4,371 cases nationwide, with no deaths reported (KPL, 2026). Vientiane Capital recorded the highest number of cases (706), followed by Sekong (530), Oudomxay and Vientiane Province (459 each). Authorities urged prompt medical care for symptomatic individuals and strengthened mosquito-control measures. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **Philippines**: Baguio City, Benguet Province reported 543 dengue cases since January 2026, with transmission expected to peak in late August (North Luzon Monitor, 2026). During 2025–2026, health facilities recorded 1,657 cases and seven deaths, including approximately 540 Baguio residents. Health authorities emphasized early testing and the 4S prevention strategy, while exploring Wolbachia mosquito control and continuing procurement of dengue medicines. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Singapore** reported 104 dengue cases during the week ending August 22, 2026, nine more than the previous week, bringing the total to 2,096 cases so far in 2026 (8world, 2026). Ten active dengue clusters were reported, including four high-risk areas with  $\geq 10$  cases; the largest cluster around Countryside Road and Lentor Avenue. Authorities intensified mosquito control and community awareness activities. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Viet Nam**: Gia Lai Province reported 397 new dengue cases from August 12–18, 2026, bringing the total to 4,947 cases and one death since January (Thanh Niên, 2026). Authorities launched a province-wide dengue prevention campaign, including environmental sanitation, mosquito control, chemical spraying, and intensified outbreak management in high-risk areas. [\[Full article\]](#)

### Leptospirosis

- The **Philippines** reported 4,285 leptospirosis cases as of August 22, 2026, including 845 additional cases over the preceding two weeks, following flooding associated with enhanced southwest monsoon rains and tropical cyclones (Philstar.com, 2026). Most cases occurred in Metro Manila, Cagayan Valley, and Central Luzon. Thirty-three DOH hospitals activated surge measures, and authorities advised consultation within 24–48 hours after floodwater exposure. [\[Full article\]](#)



**Manila** reported 16 new leptospirosis cases on August 24, 2026, bringing the city's total to 229 cases so far in 2026 (INQUIRER.net, 2026). The Manila Health Department continued disease surveillance, while local authorities urged residents to avoid floodwater, maintain hand hygiene, and take precautions during the rainy season. [[Full article](#)]

### *Measles*

- **Indonesia:** Batu City, East Java Province, reported three measles cases as of August 20, 2026 (Radar Batu, 2026). Cases were managed, with epidemiological investigation and contact tracing conducted to prevent further transmission. Health authorities continued vaccination efforts and provided vitamin A supplementation and monitoring for close contacts. [[Full article](#)]

### *Rabies*

- **Viet Nam:** A 4-year-old girl in Dong Thap Province died of rabies on August 22, 2026, nearly seven weeks after sustaining a dog bite (Vietnam.vn, 2026). Two saliva tests conducted on August 15 and 20 were positive for rabies virus. The child had not received rabies post-exposure prophylaxis after the injury. Health authorities investigated the case and verified the exposure history. [[Full article](#)]

## **Global Situation**

### *Chikungunya*

- **France:** Gironde reported 23 locally acquired chikungunya cases across four transmission clusters as of August 25, 2026, including 19 cases in Prignac-et-Marcamps and three near Bordeaux (France 3 Régions, 2026). Authorities continued mosquito-control operations and implemented access restrictions in affected municipalities. [[Full article](#)]
- **India:** Thiruvananthapuram District, Kerala, reported 28 chikungunya cases in Vattiyoorkavu in August 2026, contributing to 55 cases across the district this month (The New Indian Express, 2026). Health authorities initiated vector-control measures, conducted source-reduction activities, and strengthened community awareness to prevent further transmission. [[Full article](#)]

### *Crimean-Congo Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF)*

- **Kazakhstan:** Atyrau Region confirmed one CCHF case in a woman from Isatai District, hospitalized on August 12, 2026 (Ak Zhaiyq, 2026). A second family member tested negative and remained under observation in stable condition. Contacts remained asymptomatic, while tick and animal samples tested negative. Authorities conducted tick control and disinfection, with the infection source under investigation. [[Full article](#)]
- **Russia:** Stavropol Territory reported 12 CCHF cases during the current epidemic season (KP.RU, 2026). Authorities conducted acaricidal treatment across 5,806.7 hectares, including pastures, recreational areas, educational institutions, camps, and forest areas, to control tick vectors and reduce the risk of CCHF transmission. [[Full article](#)]



## Dengue

- **India:** Churachandpur District, Manipur, reported 752 dengue cases so far in 2026, more than twice the 332 cases recorded during the same period in 2025 (NorthEast Now, 2026). Two deaths were reported, including a 13-year-old student on August 22 and an adult on August 24 following dengue and typhoid. Authorities intensified thermal fogging and advised residents to use mosquito nets and eliminate stagnant water. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Taiwan (Province of China)** reported 134 confirmed dengue cases as of August 24, 2026, including seven locally acquired and 127 imported cases (Yahoo! Taiwan, 2026). Health authorities urged schools and households to strengthen environmental sanitation, inspect regularly, remove standing water, and eliminate mosquito breeding sites. [\[Full article\]](#)

## Diphtheria

- **Australia** reported 538 diphtheria cases so far in 2026, the country's largest outbreak since records began in 1991, with most cases in the Northern Territory (ABC News, 2026). Cases predominantly affects Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in remote and regional areas, with approximately 20% hospitalized. Public health measures include case identification, contact tracing, vaccination, treatment, and a A\$13 million federal response package. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Italy:** Palermo, Silicy Region reported approximately 10 diphtheria-positive contacts among family members and close contacts of a 4-year-old girl who died on August 20, 2026 (TeleOne, 2026). Most positives were vaccinated and asymptomatic. Health authorities initiated epidemiological investigation, isolation, and antibiotic prophylaxis for contacts. [\[Full article\]](#)

## Malaria

- **India:** Delhi reported 15 new malaria cases during the week ending August 22, 2026, bringing the cumulative total to 95 cases since January 1, with no deaths reported (NDTV, 2026). The Municipal Corporation of Delhi continued vector-control measures, including inspections, anti-larval spraying, and elimination of mosquito-breeding sites. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Pakistan:** Sindh Province reported 90,853 malaria cases in 2026, including 772 in Karachi; the highest numbers were in Malir (249), South (164), and West (140) districts (MM News, 2026). Outside Karachi, the highest burdens were reported in Hyderabad Division (35,094), Larkana (27,057), Shaheed Benazirabad (10,200), Sukkur (9,949), and Mirpur Khas (7,781). [\[Full article\]](#)

## Measles

- **Bangladesh** confirmed 91 additional cases of measles in the 24 hours to August 25, 2026; no deaths among confirmed cases during the reporting period (Dhaka Tribune, 2026). These reports brought cumulative deaths to 943, including 844 suspected and 99 confirmed deaths, and cumulative cases to 151,638 suspected and 18,578 confirmed cases since March 15. [\[Full article\]](#)



- **Sweden:** Jämtland County, Jämtland Härjedalen Region, reported one measles case on August 24, 2026, bringing the total to six cases linked to the Urkult Festival (SVT Nyheter, 2026). Authorities found no evidence of community transmission or outbreaks in preschools or schools and continued surveillance and outbreak monitoring. [[Full article](#)]

**Gotland Region** reported one measles case on August 25, 2026, linked to the outbreak associated with the Urkult Festival (Dagens Nyheter, 2026). The cumulative outbreak total reached 31 cases across nine regions, with most cases reported in Stockholm. Most affected individuals were aged <18 years and unvaccinated. [[Full article](#)]

- The **United States (US):** The Maryland Department of Health declared measles outbreaks in St. Mary's, Carroll, and Cecil counties and reported 14 new confirmed cases among unvaccinated residents, bringing the total to 31 (DelmarvaNow, 2026). No evidence of widespread community transmission was identified. Authorities intensified case investigation, vaccination, and public health guidance. [[Full article](#)]

**Wisconsin** reported 41 confirmed and seven probable measles cases in Grant, Iowa, and Lafayette counties, bringing the statewide total to 50 cases so far in 2026 (WUPY, 2026). No public exposure was identified. Health authorities urged residents to verify vaccination status and receive MMR vaccination if unprotected. [[Full article](#)]

**Allegheny County**, Pennsylvania, reported its first measles case since 2019 in an unvaccinated patient who visited UPMC Children's Hospital emergency department on August 2026 (Medical Daily, 2026). The patient resides outside the county and was isolated. Nationally, 211 additional cases brought the 2026 total to 2,777. Authorities advised vaccination, exposure monitoring, and contact tracing. [[Full article](#)]

**Pennsylvania** reported 89 new measles cases during the week ending August 21, 2026, bringing the statewide total to 379 cases, including 196 reported in August (Outbreak News Today, 2026). Cases occurred across 28 counties, with the highest numbers in Lancaster (180), Chester (41), and Mifflin (25). Seventy cases (18%) required hospitalization. The most affected age groups were 25–49 years (140), 18–24 years (98), and 10–17 years (65). [[Full article](#)]

### ***Mpox***

- **Spain:** Murcia Region reported seven mpox cases in 2026 with favorable outcomes, all among individuals aged 25–44 years (La Opinión de Murcia, 2026). Cases were isolated and epidemiologically unrelated. Nationally, 549 cases were reported in 2026, including 51 hospitalizations and two deaths; 95.5% were male, and 77.2% of cases with available sexual-orientation data were men who have sex with men. Authorities continued case investigation, contact tracing, and vaccination assessment. [[Full article](#)]

### ***West Nile Virus (WNV)***

- **Italy:** Qualiano, Naples Province, reported four WNV cases, including one WNV death in a 72-year-old woman on August 24, 2026, following hospitalization in critical condition (Affaritaliani.it, 2026). Local authorities maintained coordination with health authorities and urged residents to follow mosquito-bite prevention measures. [[Full article](#)]



- **Russia:** Lipetsk Region reported a WNV case on August 24, 2026, the fourth in the region; All patients, two men and two women aged 31–66 years, were hospitalized; two were in serious condition and receiving intensive care (Pravda.ru, 2026). No deaths were reported. Experts emphasize that the disease is not transmitted from person to person. [Full article]
- **Spain:** Extremadura reported two additional WNV cases, including one death in a 68-year-old woman, bringing the regional total to 24 cases and two deaths so far in 2026 (Onda Cero, 2026). A 77-year-old man from Don Benito was also confirmed but did not require hospitalization. Three patients remained hospitalized, while authorities continued surveillance and mosquito-bite prevention measures. [Full article]
- **The United States (US):** Montrose County, Colorado, has reported three confirmed WNV cases this year (Western Slope Now, 2026). Public health authorities urged residents to use insect repellent, wear protective clothing, limit outdoor exposure during peak mosquito activity, and eliminate standing water. Free mosquito dunks were also provided to support mosquito larval control. [Full article]

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