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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:** Tojo Una-Una District, Central Sulawesi Province, reported 46 dengue cases in August 2026, following 62 cases in July and 53 in June (Kabar Selebes , 2026). The cumulative total reached 253 cases from January–August 2026, including two deaths. Authorities intensified fogging, mosquito control, environmental sanitation, and community-based preventive measures to eliminate mosquito breeding sites. [[Full article](#)]
- **Malaysia:** Johor reported 651 dengue cases in epi-week 33 of 2026, bringing the cumulative total to 9,290 cases as of August 23, 2026, a 119.6% increase from 4,231 cases during the same period in 2025 (New Straits Times, 2026). Twelve deaths were reported, four more than in 2025. Johor Baru reported the most cases, followed by Kulai. Authorities issued 3,694 enforcement notices, urging residents and schools to eliminate mosquito breeding sites. [[Full article](#)]
- The **Philippines:** Quezon Province reported 2,276 dengue cases and 12 deaths from January–August 22, 2026, a 38% decrease from the same period in 2025 (INQUIRER.net, 2026). Cases included 1,018 suspected, 467 probable, and 791 confirmed cases. Mauban reported the highest burden, with 406 cases and four deaths. Authorities emphasized early diagnosis and prompt treatment. [[Full article](#)]
Cebu Province reported 2,324 dengue cases and 17 deaths from January to August 2026, with cases increasing since July (Daily Tribune, 2026). Talisay City reported the highest number of cases (272), followed by Toledo (217) and Medellin (182). Authorities maintained Dengue Fast Lanes at rural health units and provincial hospitals to facilitate prompt assessment and treatment. [[Full article](#)]
- **Thailand** reported 21,620 dengue cases and 31 deaths from January 1 – August 19, 2026, including 1,785 cases and four deaths in Bangkok (ASEAN NOW, 2026). Authorities continued surveillance, case investigation, patient follow-up, and mosquito-control activities. Local authorities also strengthened environmental management and dengue prevention in affected communities. [[Full article](#)]



- **Viet Nam:** Dak Lak Province recorded 500 dengue cases in epi-week 33 of 2026, bringing the total to 4,196 cases and one death as of August 20, 2026 (Tuổi Trẻ, 2026). This marked a 39.4% increase compared with the same period in 2025. Authorities intensified surveillance, environmental sanitation, mosquito control, and insecticide spraying, while strengthening healthcare preparedness. [[Full article](#)]

Dong Nai City, Dong Nai Province reported 2,429 dengue cases with two deaths in August 2026, a 39% increase from the previous month (Dân trí, 2026). Since January, the city has recorded more than 9,000 cases and five deaths. Authorities strengthened surveillance, vector monitoring, investigation and control across 95 communes and wards. [[Full article](#)]

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- **Malaysia** reported 40,879 HFMD cases as of August 22, 2026, an 83% decrease from 239,907 during the same period in 2025 (The Vibes, 2026). The Ministry of Health is evaluating HFMD vaccination and continue monitoring HFMD trends and circulating enteroviruses. [[Full article](#)]

HIV/AIDS

- **Indonesia:** Tasikmalaya Municipality, West Java Province, reported 80 new HIV cases from January – August 2026, down from 146 in 2025 (Media Indonesia, 2026). Most cases were among men aged 20–40 years; men who have sex with men were the largest affected group. Authorities strengthened HIV screening among high-risk groups and promoted lifelong antiretroviral therapy. [[Full article](#)]

Southwest Aceh District, Aceh Province reported 17 HIV/AIDS cases so far in 2026, including 10 residents and seven from outside the district; most cases were male (Kecamatan Blangpidie, 2026). Health authorities strengthened prevention through education, risk-factor screening, routine treatment, and support for people living with HIV/AIDS. [[Full article](#)]

- The **Philippines:** The Department of Health reported 2,994 new HIV cases from April–June 2026, averaging 33 cases daily, a 39% decrease from the same quarter in 2025 (SunStar, 2026). This brought the cumulative total to 171,066 cases since 1984. Sexual contact accounted for 2,723 cases (91%), predominantly male-male transmission. The National Capital Region reported the highest number of new cases (567). [[Full article](#)]

Leptospirosis

- The **Philippines:** Manila reported 45 new leptospirosis cases and four additional deaths on August 27, 2026, bringing the city's totals to 401 cases and 21 deaths since January 1 (DZRH, 2026). The Manila Health Department urged residents to remain vigilant and maintain cleanliness during the rainy season, when flooding and exposure to contaminated water increase leptospirosis risk. [[Full article](#)]



Measles

- The **Philippines**: Danao City, Cebu, reported four confirmed measles-rubella cases as of August 25, 2026, including three laboratory-confirmed and one clinically diagnosed case, alongside 17 suspected cases (Danao City Government, 2026). Authorities strengthened case monitoring and urged residents to seek prompt medical care and isolate suspected cases to prevent further transmission. [[Full article](#)]

Melioidosis

- **Viet Nam**: On August 26, 2026, the National Hospital for Tropical Diseases reported that a 54-year-old male driver from Ninh Binh was critically ill with Whitmore's disease, with blood cultures confirming *Burkholderia pseudomallei* infection (Báo Xây Dựng, 2026). After nearly one month of treatment, his condition improved. The hospital advised protection against soil and water exposure during the rainy season. [[Full article](#)]

Tuberculosis (TB)

- **Indonesia**: West Aceh District, Aceh Province, has recorded approximately 230 TB cases in 2026 (Tribun Aceh, 2026). Health authorities expanded contact tracing to household members and communities linked to patients. TB screening is integrated into the Free Health Screening Programme to support early detection and treatment. [[Full article](#)]

Kediri Municipality, East Java Province, reported 1,240 TB so far this year (Harian Bhirawa, 2026). On August 27, the Kediri City Health Office strengthened case finding through contact tracing and screening to identify undiagnosed cases, facilitate timely treatment, and reduce transmission. These efforts support progress towards the national target of TB elimination by 2030. [[Full article](#)]

Global Situation

Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF)

- **Iran**: Yazd Province reported seven confirmed CCHF cases in 2026, with no deaths, compared with 14 cases in 2025, the highest provincial total nationally (Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting, 2026). The Ministry of Health established an emergency provincial working group to investigate contributing factors and strengthen disease prevention and control measures among healthcare workers, high-risk groups, livestock, and meat-handling settings. [[Full article](#)]

Dengue

- **Taiwan (Province of China)**: Kaohsiung reported three locally acquired dengue cases in a family cluster in Gangshan District, all infected with dengue virus type 2 and with no overseas travel history (Liberty Times Net, 2026). The index case, a man in his 60s, developed symptoms on August 26; all three patients were hospitalized. Taiwan has reported 10 local and 135 imported cases in 2026. Authorities initiated epidemiological investigation and vector-control measures. [[Full article](#)]



Diphtheria

- **Australia:** Perth metropolitan area reported its first respiratory diphtheria case in 2026, amid 224 cases across regional Western Australia (The West Australian, 2026). Authorities initiated contact tracing and provided testing, antibiotics, and vaccination to high-risk contacts. Health officials urged eligible adolescents and adults to ensure they are vaccinated against diphtheria. [[Full article](#)]

Hantavirus

- **Russia:** Tatarstan Republic reported 408 HFRS cases since January 2026, twice the number recorded during the same period in 2025 (Tatar-Inform, 2026). Authorities reported a seasonal increase in cases and an increase in virus-carrying rodents, with 12% testing positive for the virus. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- **Sweden:** Gotland reported two additional measles cases on August 27, 2026, bringing the island's total to four (Dagens Nyheter, 2026). The cases were identified through contact tracing, with no further measures required. Nationally, 35 cases linked to the Urkult Festival have been reported. The 21-day maximum incubation period following potential festival exposure has now passed. [[Full article](#)]
- The **United States (US):** Iowa reported 17 measles cases so far in 2026 amid declining childhood vaccination coverage (WLOS, 2026). Nationally, 2,777 cases have been reported, compared with 2,289 during all of 2025. Health officials urged families to verify vaccination status, noting that vaccination remains the most effective protection. [[Full article](#)]

Meningococcal Disease

- **Italy:** Genoa, Liguria Region reported an invasive meningococcal infection in a 66-year-old man hospitalized in intensive care following cardiorespiratory arrest and severe respiratory failure (Genova24, 2026). *Neisseria meningitidis* was detected in bronchoalveolar lavage; the patient was asplenic and immunosuppressed despite prior vaccination. He received antibiotics, while authorities initiated epidemiological management and prophylaxis for close contacts. [[Full article](#)]

Mpox

- **Germany:** Berlin reported 156 mpox cases in 2026, including two women and one man potentially infected through heterosexual contact (TAG24, 2026). Previously, 144 cases were reported in the same period in 2025 and 38 in 2024. Overall, four female cases were reported, while 375 cases, 98% among men. Authorities emphasized the importance of vaccination. [[Full article](#)]
- **Taiwan (Province of China)** reported two locally acquired mpox Clade 1b cases in August 2026, both unvaccinated men in their 30s and in stable condition (Taipei Times, 2026). These were the first locally acquired Clade 1b cases, bringing the total to nine, including seven imported cases. Authorities urged at-risk individuals to complete vaccination and seek medical care for symptoms; vaccination is available at 318 medical institutions. [[Full article](#)]



West Nile Virus (WNV)

- **Greece** reported 232 locally acquired WNV cases as of August 26, 2026, including 165 with central nervous system manifestations and 67 with mild or no CNS symptoms (CNN Greece, 2026). Nineteen deaths were reported, all among patients aged >65 years. Seventy-five new cases were reported during the preceding week. EODY identified several municipalities as high-risk areas and continued surveillance. [[Full article](#)]
- **Italy:** On August 26, 2026, the Municipality of Chiavari reported one WNV infection in a person who stayed on Corso Colombo (Liguria24, 2026). In response, the Municipality ordered urgent adulticide treatment against *Culex* mosquitoes around the affected residence and nearby port area, scheduled for August 27. [[Full article](#)]
- **Netherlands:** Utrecht Province reported four locally acquired WNV infections in August 2026, including one previously reported death (NOS, 2026). WNV has also been detected in North Brabant and South Holland. Authorities emphasized that the risk of infection remains low and urged clinicians to remain alert for compatible symptoms. [[Full article](#)]
- **Spain:** Andalusia reported its second WNV-related death on August 24, 2026, involving an 89-year-old man from Guadalema de los Quinteros, Utrera Municipality, who developed meningoencephalitis (101TV, 2026). The region has recorded 54 cases, including 37 mild and 17 severe cases, with four hospitalized. Authorities placed 27 municipalities on alert, intensified surveillance, and strengthened mosquito control around breeding sites. [[Full article](#)]
- The **United States (US):** Cascade County, Montana, reported its first human WNV case of 2026 and the county's first locally acquired human case since 2018 (Montana Right Now, 2026). The case followed detection of the county's first WNV-positive mosquito four days earlier. The affected area was treated and remains under monitoring, while health officials urged residents to follow mosquito-bite prevention measures. [[Full article](#)]

Illinois reported its first confirmed human WNV case of 2026 in a Piatt County resident near Champaign, plus three probable cases in northern Illinois (Yahoo News, 2026). Authorities urged residents to use EPA-registered repellents, install screens, and eliminate standing water. In 2025, Illinois reported 150 cases and 10 deaths. [[Full article](#)]

Tuolumne County, California, confirmed its first human WNV case of 2026, involving an adult who was hospitalized (FOX40, 2026). As of August 14, California reported 46 confirmed human cases across 14 counties, including four deaths. Health authorities urged residents to prevent mosquito bites, particularly during peak transmission in August and September, amid increased statewide WNV activity. [[Full article](#)]

Wayne County, Michigan, confirmed its first human WNV case of 2026, bringing the statewide total to two cases, with the first reported in Kent County (Click On Detroit, 2026). Health officials urged residents to prevent mosquito bites, avoiding dawn/dusk outdoor activity, and removing standing water. [[Full article](#)]



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