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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

Chikungunya

- The **Philippines** reported 901 chikungunya cases from January 1–August 22, 2026, a 36% increase from 662 cases during the same period in 2025 (Outbreak News Today, 2026). Of these, 52 were confirmed and 849 suspected, with no deaths reported. Eastern Visayas, Ilocos, and CALABARZON reported the highest numbers. [\[Full article\]](#)

COVID-19

- **Thailand** reported 95,357 COVID-19 cases and 14 deaths from January 1–August 29, 2026 (Chiang Rai Times, 2026). Cases were increasing, with more hospital visits particularly among vulnerable groups. Authorities strengthened surveillance and public awareness and advised hygiene measures, mask use in crowded settings, vaccination for high-risk groups, and staying home when symptomatic. [\[Full article\]](#)

Dengue

- **Indonesia:** Lebong General Hospital, Bengkulu Province, has reported 96 dengue admissions with no deaths (Koran Jakarta, 2026). Cases occurred across age groups, with increased transmission noted during the transition from the rainy to dry season. The hospital prepared medicines and dedicated treatment rooms, while residents were urged to seek early testing for persistent high fever. [\[Full article\]](#)

Simalungun District, North Sumatra Province, has confirmed 275 dengue cases, including one death so far in 2026 (Mistar.id, 2026). Cases increased over the preceding three months, with Siantar reporting the highest number. Authorities conducted epidemiological investigations and urged communities to strengthen 3M Plus mosquito-control measures. [\[Full article\]](#)

Leptospirosis

- The **Philippines** reported 5,486 leptospirosis cases from January 4 – August 26, 2026, a 23% decrease from 7,163 cases during the same period in 2025 (Cebu Daily News, 2026). The National Capital Region reported 521 cases as of August 27, including 158 hospitalized at San Lázaro Hospital, with no deaths. The DOH activated leptospirosis fast lanes in 33 hospitals and established referral networks amid expected increases in hospitalizations. [\[Full article\]](#)



Manila reported 455 leptospirosis cases and 23 deaths from January 1 – August 28, 2026, including 45 new cases and two additional deaths (Philstar.com, 2026). San Lazaro Hospital reported 155 cases and 13 deaths and had 157 patients as of August 28. DOH hospitals and the Philippine Red Cross provided additional staff and beds, while referral measures were strengthened. [\[Full article\]](#)

Malaria

- **Indonesia:** Rokan Hilir District, Riau Province, reported 2,613 malaria cases as of August 29, 2026, accounting for 88% of the province's count (Tribun Pekanbaru, 2026). Authorities, supported by multisectoral collaboration implemented vector control, screening, early treatment, environmental clean-up, and community education. [\[Full article\]](#)

Measles

- **Viet Nam:** Hanoi reported 388 measles cases as of epi-week 34 of 2026 across 110 wards and communes, with no deaths reported (Vietnam Plus, 2026). Authorities continue surveillance, early case detection, and case management to limit transmission and recommend complete, on-schedule immunization. Sporadic measles cases are expected to continue occurring in the community. [\[Full article\]](#)

Pertussis

- **Indonesia:** A 6-month-old male infant from Pekanbaru, Riau Province, was diagnosed with pertussis and travelled to Malaysia for further treatment after receiving care for more than a week (Kompas.com, 2026). Following treatment, his leukocyte count decreased and his clinical condition improved, and he was discharged on 27 August 2026. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Viet Nam:** Hanoi reported 101 pertussis cases through epi-week 34 of 2026 across 55 of 126 wards or communes, with no deaths reported (Vietnam Plus, 2026). Health authorities advised continued surveillance, early case detection and appropriate treatment, and complete, on-schedule immunization. [\[Full article\]](#)

Tuberculosis (TB)

- **Indonesia:** Bengkulu Province reported 1,147 confirmed TB cases as of August 2026 (Harian Rakyat Bengkulu, 2026). Suspected or exposed individuals will be referred for further testing and treatment. Authorities established 393 TB screening sites through the free health screening programme to strengthen early detection. [\[Full article\]](#)

Blora District, Central Java Province identified 1,004 TB cases as of August 17, 2026, representing 56.08% of the annual target of 1,790 cases (Koran Diva, 2026). Authorities are conducting active case findings at 89 sites, targeting close contacts and using mobile X-ray screening. Suspected cases undergo sputum testing, while eligible individuals receive TB preventive therapy. [\[Full article\]](#)



Global Situation

Chikungunya

- **Mauritius** confirmed 13 chikungunya cases since August 9, 2026, including 12 on Mauritius Island and one on Rodrigues Island (Outbreak News Today, 2026). The cumulative total reached 6,868 confirmed cases, including 6,769 on Mauritius Island and 99 on Rodrigues Island, with no deaths reported. Authorities continue enhanced surveillance, case management, hotspot mapping, larviciding, and community risk communication. [[Full article](#)]

Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF)

- **Austria** confirmed its first CCHF case in a woman recently returned from the Middle East (Heute.at, 2026). The infection was confirmed by the Agency for Health and Food Safety. She is receiving treatment in isolation at Favoriten Clinic in Vienna and is in stable condition. [[Full article](#)]

Dengue

- **Bangladesh** reported 1,097 new dengue hospitalizations and three deaths in the 24 hours ending August 31, 2026 (The Daily Star, 2026). The cumulative total reached 34,683 cases and 93 deaths in 2026. A total of 2,402 dengue patients remained hospitalized nationwide. [[Full article](#)]
- **Kazakhstan** reported seven imported dengue cases since the beginning of 2026, all acquired abroad (Pravda.ru, 2026). Authorities advised travelers to tropical and subtropical areas to prevent mosquito bites and seek medical care promptly if symptoms develop. [[Full article](#)]
- **Kenya** reported 1,678 dengue cases as of August 26, 2026, including 1,583 cumulative cases in Garissa County and 95 laboratory-confirmed cases in Wajir County (The Standard, 2026). Five suspected dengue-related deaths were reported in Garissa. Authorities intensified surveillance, case management, mosquito-control activities, and community awareness to reduce transmission. [[Full article](#)]
- **Sri Lanka** reported 9,838 new dengue cases in August 2026, bringing the total to 95,174 cases nationwide, including 72 deaths (Ada Derana, 2026). The Western Province recorded the highest burden, with 50,358 cases, while Gampaha District reported 20,276 cases. The National Dengue Control Unit identified 50 Medical Officer of Health areas as remaining at high risk for dengue. [[Full article](#)]
- **Taiwan (Province of China)** reported four imported dengue cases among a study tour group from Philippines, with four of the 18 returning participants testing positive (UDN, 2026). One patient remains hospitalized, while the other three have recovered. This marks the first imported dengue cluster reported in Changhua County. Authorities have initiated epidemiological investigations and contact tracing to prevent further transmission. [[Full article](#)]



- The **United States (US)**: Florida reported 149 dengue cases so far in 2026, including 10 locally acquired cases (Fox Weather, 2026). Hillsborough County reported eight locally acquired cases and Pinellas County two, prompting mosquito-borne illness alerts in both counties. The CDC assessing the risk of widespread transmission as low. [[Full article](#)]

Malaria

- **India**: Mandla District, Madhya Pradesh, reported the death of an 18-year-old man from confirmed falciparum malaria on August 27, 2026, following hospitalization in critical condition (News 18, 2026). Authorities initiated door-to-door fever screening and sample collection in the affected area within approximately 3 km of the deceased's residence. Around 40 malaria cases have been reported since January, with fogging and insecticide spraying ongoing in 28 high-risk villages [[Full article](#)].

Ludhiana District, Punjab, reported six additional dengue and six malaria cases, bringing cumulative totals to 21 dengue and 50 malaria cases from April–August 25, 2026, with no reported deaths (Hindustan Times, 2026, 2026). Health authorities collected 4,973 blood samples and intensified surveillance, testing, larval control, source reduction, and fogging. Residents were advised to eliminate stagnant water and seek care for persistent fever. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- **Bangladesh** reported 1,151 admissions for measles symptoms, including 365 laboratory-confirmed measles cases, and four additional deaths among symptomatic patients in the 24 hours ending August 30, 2026 (Arthosuchak, 2026). Since March 15, the country has confirmed 19,218 measles cases, including 99 deaths. [[Full article](#)]
- **South Africa** reported 16 new laboratory-confirmed measles cases in Gauteng during the latest reporting week, bringing Tshwane's total to 215 cases from December 29, 2025–August 16, 2026 (The Citizen, 2026). Nationally, 3,891 confirmed cases were reported. Wastewater and clinical surveillance indicated ongoing transmission. Authorities urged catch-up measles vaccination. [[Full article](#)]
- The **United States (US)**: Ongoing measles outbreaks were reported in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Georgia as of August 28, 2026 (Yahoo News, 2026). Pennsylvania reported 86 new cases, bringing its total to 460, including two measles-associated deaths. Wisconsin reported 98 outbreak-linked cases, bringing its 2026 total to 100, while Georgia reported four new cases, bringing its total to 11. Authorities continue surveillance and contact tracing and recommend MMR vaccination. [[Full article](#)]

The **Georgia** Department of Public Health confirmed four measles cases in metro Atlanta linked to a daycare, bringing the state's total to 11 cases in 2026 (Atlanta News First, 2026). The cases were close contacts of a previously confirmed case and were reportedly unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated. Authorities are conducting exposure notification and investigation and emphasized MMR vaccination to prevent further transmission. [[Full article](#)]



Mpox

- **Hong Kong (SAR)** confirmed one mpox case in a 39-year-old unvaccinated man who developed symptoms on August 24, 2026 (Sina News, 2026). He was isolated, treated, and remained stable. He reported high-risk contact with two strangers during the incubation period. Since 2022, a total of 97 cases has been reported, all in men. Contact tracing and vaccination for high-risk groups were advised. [\[Full article\]](#)

West Nile Virus (WNV)

- **Austria** reported three new WNV infections in August 2026, including two likely acquired in Vienna and one in Türkiye with no deaths reported (ORF, 2026). Health authorities advised mosquito-bite prevention, including long-sleeved clothing, mosquito nets, and avoiding mosquito exposure at dusk. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Greece** reported 61 WNV cases so far in 2026, including a 13-year-old child developed severe neuroinvasive disease, required hospitalization, and was discharged to recover at home (Kontra News, 2026). Eastern Attica remained a hotspot, with Spata-Artemis reporting 17 cases. Authorities intensified targeted mosquito control and advised personal mosquito-bite prevention. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Italy** reported 120 additional WNV cases, bringing the total to 432 confirmed human cases as of August 26, 2026, including 17 deaths (Prima Pavia, 2026). Lombardy reported 114 WNV cases, while Pavia recorded nine (five neuroinvasive and four febrile). Authorities advised mosquito-bite prevention measures. [\[Full article\]](#)

Oristano Province reported two new WNV cases, including a death in a man aged >70 years, the second in the province (La Nuova Sardegna, 2026). Ten patients were hospitalized at San Martino Hospital. Authorities initiated epidemiological investigation, disinfection, and mosquito-bite prevention measures. [\[Full article\]](#)

- The **United States (US)**: Cook County, Illinois, reported four new WNV cases among suburban adults, marking the first cases of the 2026 season (WGN-TV, 2026). In 2025, suburban Cook County reported 44 cases and four deaths, while Illinois reported 150 cases and 10 deaths. Health authorities advised using insect repellent, wearing protective clothing, and eliminating standing water. [\[Full article\]](#)

The **Virginia** Department of Health reported two new WNV cases among Virginia Beach residents in August 2026, bringing the statewide total to six human cases (WAVY, 2026). Positive mosquito pools were also detected in the region. Authorities advised residents to eliminate standing water, wear protective clothing, limit outdoor activity at dusk and dawn, and use insect repellent. [\[Full article\]](#)

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