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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

COVID -19

- The **Philippines**: The city health department reported 77 COVID-19 cases in Manila, deemed manageable (Philstar, 2026). Manila Mayor has advised residents to take preventive measures against infectious diseases. He emphasized wearing face masks in enclosed spaces and maintaining regular handwashing. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Viet Nam**: Hanoi reported 268 new COVID-19 cases from July 24–31, 2026, bringing the cumulative total to 855 cases this year, with no deaths (Vietnam.vn, 2026). Hanoi CDC strengthened surveillance, outbreak investigations, and containment measures while monitoring. [\[Full article\]](#)

Dengue

- **The Philippines**: In Manila, a total of 2,105 dengue cases have been recorded since January 1, with no deaths reported (Philstar.com, 2026). The rise in cases is associated with the rainy season, which creates conditions favorable for mosquito breeding. Authorities, led by Mayor, are urging residents to eliminate stagnant water, maintain cleanliness, and take preventive measures against mosquito bites. [\[Full article\]](#)

A dengue epidemic was declared on August 4 in **Zamboanga City** after cases surged to over 1,000 in recent weeks, with 1,241 active cases reported across 39 of 98 barangays and 12 deaths (Manila Bulletin, 2026). This represents a 500% increase in the first half of 2026 compared to 2025, with clusters concentrated in several areas. Health officials reported mosquito density exceeding safety thresholds by up to 12 times, indicating high transmission risk. [\[Full article\]](#)

- **Singapore** reported 19 new dengue infections in the week ending August 1, the eighth consecutive week exceeding 100 cases (8world, 2026). A total of 1,799 cases has been recorded so far this year, with no deaths reported. There are currently 17 active clusters, including six red zones, with the largest located around Countryside Road and Lentor Avenue (228 cases). Authorities have identified mosquito breeding sites in household containers and warned that May–October is the peak dengue season. [\[Full article\]](#)



- **Thailand:** a cumulative total of 16,094 dengue cases and 26 deaths were recorded between January 1 and July 22, 2026 (Outbreak News Today, 2026). The highest number of cases is among school-aged children (10–19 years), with increasing transmission expected during the peak season. The most affected provinces in recent weeks include Satun, Phuket, Nakhon Nayok, Ranong, and Trang. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Viet Nam:** An 8-year-old boy In Quảng Ngãi with dengue fever developed shock after five days of persistent high fever; he was successfully treated and survived (VTV, 2026). The case was managed at Quang Ngai 2 General Hospital after showing symptoms such as abdominal pain, narrowed pulse pressure, and rapid weak pulse. Doctors provided intensive care following Ministry of Health guidelines, which stabilized the patient. Health authorities urged close monitoring between days 3–7 of illness and immediate medical attention if warning signs appear to prevent severe complications. [\[Full article\]](#)

Leptospirosis

- The **Philippines:** Manila has recorded 111 leptospirosis cases since January 1, with no deaths reported (Philstar.com, 2026). The increase is linked to the rainy season and frequent flooding in parts of Metro Manila. Authorities, led by Mayor, are urging residents to avoid wading through floodwaters and to take preventive measures such as proper hygiene and early medical consultation. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Thailand** recorded 2,190 leptospirosis cases and 30 deaths between January 1 and July 21, 2026 (Outbreak News Today, 2026). The disease poses a significant risk, particularly among farmers, the elderly, and those in contact with soil or floodwater, with higher infection rates in the Southern and Northeastern regions. [\[Full article\]](#)

HIV/AIDS

- **Indonesia:** Pringsewu District, Lampung Province, reported that 167 HIV patients are receiving monthly treatment at the Pringsewu Regional General Hospital, with no deaths mentioned (Viva.co.id, 2026) HIV transmission in the area occurs through unprotected sexual contact, blood exposure (such as transfusions or shared needles), and from mother to child. Authorities also noted that HIV was the second most common outpatient condition in 2025, highlighting the need for continued awareness and prevention efforts. [\[Full article\]](#)

Sukabumi Municipality, West Java Province, identified a total of 74 HIV cases in the first half of 2026, with no deaths reported (Koran Gala, 2026). Most cases involve males (57 cases), particularly among the 25–49 age group, and are largely associated with male-to-male sexual contact (MSM), alongside other risk factors such as tuberculosis and high-risk partners. [\[Full article\]](#)

Malaria

- **Indonesia:** In Rokan Hilir District, malaria cases have surged to 2,347, prompting a coordinated, multi-sector response; no deaths have been reported (Halloriau, 2026). Cases are concentrated in Sinaboi, Pasir Limau Kapas, and Bangko subdistricts, and are being treated as a national-level concern due to environmental factors such as stagnant water, waste management, and land clearing. [\[Full article\]](#)



Measles

- **Indonesia:** The Ministry of Health reported over 21,000 measles cases (21,101) across 36 provinces in 2026, with some child deaths occurring during an earlier surge (CNN Indonesia, 2026). Although cases dropped by about 93% by mid-March 2026, transmission persists in several regions, raising concerns about potential resurgence. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Singapore** has reported a total of 43 measles cases in 2026 so far, the highest since 2020, with no deaths recorded (MustShareNews, 2026). Most cases involve adults aged 25–44, and the majority are unvaccinated, although a small number occurred in fully vaccinated individuals. Several infections were linked to recent overseas travel, indicating importation, while a few were locally transmitted. [\[Full article\]](#)

Melioidosis

- **Thailand** has recorded a total of 1,654 melioidosis cases and 77 deaths since the beginning of 2026 (Outbreak News Today, 2026). The disease poses a serious threat, particularly to individuals with underlying health conditions, and shows a higher fatality rate compared to other infections. The highest infection rates are concentrated in the Southern and Northeastern regions, especially among farmers and those in contact with soil or standing water. [\[Full article\]](#)

Global Situation

Dengue

- **Bangladesh:** Sylhet has reported its first dengue death this year, involving a 54-year-old woman, who died while receiving treatment (Bangladesh Pratidi, 2026). There have been 111 dengue cases in the division, with two new cases detected recently. The City Corporation's Chief Health Officer confirmed no cases in the metropolitan area and noted ongoing mosquito control efforts. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **India:** Nashik experienced a significant increase in dengue cases in July, with 33 new infections, a rise from eight in June, according to the Municipal Corporation (Times of India, 2026). Total cases this year have reached 56, with July accounting for nearly 60% of reported infections. Despite this spike, the overall situation is better compared to last year, which saw 222 cases by the end of July. Preventive measures, including anti-larval treatment and public awareness campaigns, have contributed to the lower caseload. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Kenya:** The U.S. Embassy in Nairobi issued a health alert on August 3, 2026, due to high dengue fever activity in coastal Kenya, particularly in Wajir and Garissa Counties (Travelers Today, 2026). The World Health Organization reported 1,679 dengue cases originating in Garissa County since January 2026, spreading to Wajir by early July. [\[Full article\]](#)



- **Sri Lanka** has reported a total of 86,386 dengue cases in 2026, with 1,034 cases in early August (Ada Derana, 2026). July had the highest monthly total of 29,978 cases. Gampaha district leads with 18,321 cases, while Colombo has 17,101. The Western Province is the most affected, accounting for 52.87% of cases. A total of 137 high-risk dengue zones has been identified, along with 62 dengue-related deaths, resulting in a case fatality rate of 0.07%. [\[Full article\]](#)

Malaria

- **India:** Idukki District, Kerala, reported 310 malaria cases as of early August 2026, including two local residents; more than 80% occurring among migrant workers from Jharkhand (Thejas News, 2026). Authorities intensified surveillance and vector control, while incomplete treatment and underreporting continued to hinder control efforts. [\[Full article\]](#)

The malaria outbreak in **Bilaspur district, Chhattisgarh**, is escalating, with 27 new cases reported in the last week, particularly in the Belgahna-Shivtra area (Haribhoomi, 2026). The health department is concerned as 6 new patients were identified in this area, prompting increased vigilance in both urban and rural regions. [\[Full article\]](#)

- **Republic of Korea:** Gimpo City implemented enhanced quarantine measures to curb the spread of malaria, urging residents to follow preventive guidelines and undergo early testing (Dailyan, 2026). On August 4, 2026, a malaria warning was declared after confirming cluster cases that met the infection criteria set by the Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: two or more patients showed symptoms within 14 days in the same risk area, within 1 km of each other, prompting increased surveillance for potential community transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)

Measles

- The **United States (US):** Health officials have confirmed a measles case in Allegany County involving a resident who traveled to Ohio (WIVB, 2026). The individual began showing symptoms on Saturday, with positive results reported Sunday. They are currently in isolation until non-contagious, and health officials have identified public exposure sites and contacted possible contacts. [\[Full article\]](#)

Geauga County, Ohio, reported five new measles cases in August 2026 who linked to cases in Ashtabula County, bringing the total to nine cases across three counties (Fox 8, 2026). Health authorities are conducting contact tracing, advising quarantine, and offering vaccination to exposed individuals following possible exposure at Bloomfield Horse Sale. [\[Full article\]](#)

Pennsylvania reported two unvaccinated measles cases in sibling from Lehigh Valley in August 2026, with one requiring hospitalization for dehydration (CBS News Philadelphia, 2026). The state recorded 176 cases in 2026, including 35 in the previous week, with outbreaks increasing in Lancaster and Chester counties. Authorities strengthened immunization campaigns and emphasized vaccination as the primary prevention measure. [\[Full article\]](#)



Mpox

- **Spain:** Galicia, Pontevedra Province confirmed four new mpox cases during July 20–26, 2026, all in unvaccinated men aged under 30 years. Two cases required hospitalization but were later discharged. Epidemiological links were identified in two cases, while the remaining cases had no identified links. Authorities urged heightened clinical vigilance, vaccination of at-risk groups, and mandatory case reporting to support rapid contact tracing and outbreak control. [[Full article](#)]

Typhoid

- **India:** Ahmedabad reported 267 typhoid cases in July 2026, increasing the cumulative total to 1,201 cases during January–July. Monsoon surveillance identified water quality concerns, with 34 of 59,591 chlorine tests showing no chlorine and 47 of 8,575 bacteriological samples deemed unfit. [[Full article](#)]

West Nile Virus (WNV)

- **Italy:** Veneto, Rovigo Province reported its first WNV case in July 2026 in a 61-year-old man from Ariano nel Polesine with febrile illness. The diagnosis was laboratory confirmed, and the patient is under clinical management. Authorities initiated environmental investigations and vector control measures to reduce transmission risk during the summer season. [[Full article](#)]
- **Spain:** Seville Province confirmed two new mild WNV cases in August 2026 in Villamanrique de la Condesa and Coria del Río, increasing the provincial total to 16 cases (11 mild, five neuroinvasive). Both municipalities remain under alert until late August, with reinforced surveillance, mosquito control, vector monitoring, and community prevention across 19 municipalities. [[Full article](#)]
- The **United States (US):** Arizona reported 61 human WNV cases and five deaths as of July 2026, all in Maricopa County, the highest state total nationwide. The CDC reported 113 cases nationally during an unusually active season. Authorities urged mosquito-bite prevention through repellents, protective clothing, and elimination of standing water, as no specific treatment is available. [[Full article](#)]

Kings County reported the first death of WNV complications in August 2026, occurring weeks after the region's initial human case. The patient developed severe neuroinvasive disease. Public health measures focus on mosquito-bite prevention, including repellents, nets, and elimination of standing water. [[Full article](#)]

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