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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

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- **Viet Nam:** Ho Chi Minh City reported 1,050 new HFMD cases in week 30 (July 20–26, 2026), bringing the cumulative total to 27,289 cases since Januari (Vietnam.vn, 2026). Con Dao, Binh Khanh, and Hiep Phuoc reported the highest incidence. Health authorities urged adherence to hygiene and the “three clean” principles and advised parents to seek prompt medical care for symptomatic children and avoid self-treatment. [[Full article](#)]

HIV/AIDS

- **Indonesia:** Kepulauan Meranti District, Riau Province, reported 26 new HIV cases during January–July 2026, exceeding the annual totals reported in 2024 (24 cases) and 2025 (23 cases) (Riau Pos, 2026). Health authorities attributed the increase partly to expanded screening and promoted risk-reduction behaviours, early testing, treatment adherence, and continued surveillance to reduce transmission. [[Full article](#)]

Leptospirosis

- The **Philippines:** The Department of Health reported 2,877 leptospirosis cases as of July 18, 2026, a 6% decrease from 3,048 cases during the same period in 2025 (Sun Star, 2026). Deaths declined to 181 (CFR 6.29%). Cagayan Valley, NCR, Davao Region, and Caraga reported the highest case counts. Authorities urged avoiding floodwater exposure and seeking prompt medical care. [[Full article](#)]

Malaria

- **Indonesia:** Bangka District, Bangka Belitung Province, reported 152 malaria cases during April–July 2026, declining from 79 cases in May to 12 in July, with no cases detected in August (ANTARA News Bangka Belitung, 2026). Health authorities attributed the decline to prevention and treatment interventions and urged communities, particularly in Belinyu, to maintain environmental cleanliness to sustain control efforts. [[Full article](#)]
- **Viet Nam:** Lam Dong Province confirmed three malaria cases in Song Luy Commune in early August 2026 (Vietnam.vn, 2026). Health authorities strengthened epidemiological surveillance, early case detection, and rapid response measures. [[Full article](#)]



Global Situation

Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF)

- **Iraq:** The Ministry of Health reported 313 confirmed CCHF cases, including 24 deaths, as of August 6, 2026 (Xinhua News, 2026). Dhi Qar Province remained the most affected with 119 cases and nine deaths. Health authorities continued surveillance, strengthened early detection, and expanded public awareness campaigns in coordination with veterinary and regulatory sectors. [\[Full article\]](#)

Chikungunya

- **France:** Santé publique France confirmed three local chikungunya transmission clusters in Tarn and Gironde, totaling seven autochthonous cases without recent travel to endemic areas (Tunisie Numérique, 2026). Health authorities initiated outbreak investigations, prevention activities, and reinforced case reporting. The public was advised to eliminate stagnant water to reduce *Aedes albopictus* breeding sites and transmission risk. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Mauritius:** Reported 107 new confirmed chikungunya cases during the last two weeks of July 2026, including 103 cases on Mauritius Island and four cases on Rodrigues Island (Outbreak News Today, 2026). Since the outbreak began in early January 2026, a total of 6,782 confirmed cases have been recorded, with no deaths reported. Public health authorities continue surveillance activities across both islands. [\[Full article\]](#)

Dengue

- **Italy:** ATS Insubria reported two dengue cases among residents near Piazzale Barsanti, Busto Arsizio, Lombardy, on August 6, 2026 (Prima Saronno, 2026). Authorities implemented mosquito control measures, including adulticide and larvicide treatments from August 7–9 within a 200-meter radius. Residents were advised to close windows, protect food and pets, avoid untreated produce for 30 days, and eliminate stagnant water. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United States (US):** Northern Virginia reported the state's first locally acquired dengue case on August 6, 2026, following transmission by a mosquito that acquired infection from a returning traveler and infected a caregiver (WTOP, 2026). The patient developed fever and rash and recovered. Authorities assessed public risk as low and promoted mosquito-bite prevention measures, including repellents, eliminating standing water, and maintaining screens. [\[Full article\]](#)

Hantavirus

- **France:** A Franco-Argentine tourist tested positive for Andes strain hantavirus on August 6, 2026, after transiting France in July and was isolated in Spain without symptoms (Le Monde, 2026). French authorities initiated contact tracing and European coordination. Separately, a cruise-associated outbreak linked to MV Hondius caused 13 cases and three deaths, prompting continued surveillance. [\[Full article\]](#)



Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- **Japan:** Yamagata Prefecture reported 391 HFMD cases as of August 2, 2026, an increase of 117 cases from the previous week (NTV News, 2026). All five public health center areas reached warning levels, with the highest incidence in Okitama and Yamagata City. Authorities continue surveillance and preventive measures as cases rise for six consecutive weeks, mainly affecting children. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- **Bangladesh:** The Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) reported 860 measles-related deaths in 2026, including 96 laboratory-confirmed and 764 suspected deaths, as of the latest update (Dkaha Tribune, 2026). Between August 5 to 6, six suspected deaths and 733 suspected cases were reported, bringing cumulative suspected cases to 133,638 and confirmed cases to 16,740 nationwide. DGHS also reported 115,879 hospitalizations and 111,587 recoveries since March 15, 2026. [[Full article](#)]
- **Kazakhstan:** Kostanay Region reported an increase in measles cases during the first half of 2026, with 167 cases recorded compared with 10 cases during the same period in 2025 (Qazinform, 2026). Most cases occurred among unvaccinated individuals, including 65 linked to vaccine refusal and 57 children under one year who were not yet eligible for vaccination. Health authorities identified vaccine refusal as the main driver and recorded 795 childhood immunization refusals during the reporting period. [[Full article](#)]
- The **United States (US):** Allegany County, New York reported two presumed measles cases in August 2026, linked to a confirmed case identified on August 2 in a resident recently returning from Ohio (Evening Tribune, 2026). The initial patient was recovering at home, and 45 contacts were traced and monitored. Authorities emphasized vaccination, case isolation, and pre-notification before seeking medical care. [[Full article](#)]

Mpox

- **Hong Kong (SAR):** On August 3, 2026, the Centre for Health Protection reported a new mpox case in a 31-year-old man presenting with a genital rash and a history of high-risk exposure (Dim Sum Daily, 2026). Laboratory testing confirmed infection, and the patient was admitted to Hospital in stable condition. Authorities initiated contact tracing, notified WHO, and recommended vaccination for high-risk groups. Since 2022, Hong Kong has recorded 94 mpox cases, all among males and mainly associated with high-risk sexual contact. [[Full article](#)]
- **Pakistan:** Allied Hospital-I in Faisalabad reported 17 confirmed mpox cases as of early August 2026, with one additional suspected case involving a woman from Canal Road presenting with fever and rash and admitted to isolation (El Periódico de Aragón, 2026). Health authorities continued monitoring and managing patients in designated wards under standard protocols to prevent further transmission. [[Full article](#)]
- **Spain:** Aragon reported three new mpox cases as of August 5, 2026, including two in Zaragoza and one in Huesca, linked to an outbreak ongoing since early Juni (El Periódico de Aragón, 2026). Health authorities recommended vaccination for eligible close contacts and continued surveillance and preventive measures. [[Full article](#)]



Galicia reported 20 mpox cases so far in 2026, nearly three times the seven cases recorded in 2025 (Faro de Vigo, 2026). Four recent cases in Pontevedra, including three in Vigo, involved two hospitalizations; all patients were men under 30 years old. None had received prior vaccination. Authorities continued contact tracing, clinical surveillance, and promotion of vaccination among eligible groups. [\[Full article\]](#)

Pertussis

- The **United States (US)**: The Chelan-Douglas Health District in Washington reported 10 pertussis cases between June and July 2026, exceeding usual monthly levels and with no clear epidemiological links (NCWLife, 2026). Health authorities coordinated with schools, healthcare providers, and the state health department, emphasizing vaccination, antibiotic treatment, respiratory hygiene, and prompt medical consultation to protect vulnerable groups. [\[Full article\]](#)

Rabies

- **Pakistan**: A rabies-related death was reported in Lahore in August 2026 involving a 51-year-old man who died at hospital after developing symptomatic rabies following a dog bite (NCWLife, 2026). Health authorities emphasized immediate wound washing and urgent medical care for post-exposure prophylaxis, including anti-rabies vaccination, after animal bites. [\[Full article\]](#)

Typhoid

- **Taiwan (Province of China)** reported the first locally acquired typhoid fever case in central Taiwan in 2026, involved an elderly patient with no recent overseas travel history (PTS News, 2026). The patient developed persistent fever and diarrhea in mid-July, was diagnosed after testing, and has since been discharged. Health authorities investigated 45 contacts, with tested contacts negative. The CDC continues to promote food and hand hygiene measures to prevent transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)

West Nile Virus (WNV)

- **Italy**: Rovigo Province, Veneto Region, reported the second WNV case in Polesine in August 2026, involving a 92-year-old man hospitalized with febrile illness (La Piazza Web, 2026). Health authorities strengthened surveillance and environmental investigations to assess transmission risk and guide vector control activities. Preventive measures against mosquito bites were emphasized, particularly for elderly and vulnerable populations. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Spain**: Extremadura reported its first WNV case of 2026, involving an 86-year-old woman from Don Benito, Badajoz, who was hospitalized and later discharged (Infobae, 2026). In 2025, the region reported 39 cases and five deaths. Health authorities strengthened surveillance, entomological monitoring, and promoted preventive measures, including eliminating standing water, using repellents, and installing mosquito screens. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United States (US)**: On August 6, 2026, the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services confirmed the state's first WNV case of the year in an individual from eastern Iowa (WHO 13, 2026). Authorities advised preventive measures, including insect repellent use, elimination of standing water, and maintaining window and door screens. [\[Full article\]](#)



San Diego County, California reported four WNV cases as of early August 2026, including one locally acquired infection (NBC San Diego, 2026). Two cases were detected through blood donation screening, one required hospitalization, and one had mild symptoms; no deaths were reported. Public health authorities continued mosquito control activities, including larvicide application and mosquito fish distribution, while promoting personal protection measures. [Full article]

Orange County, California reported its first human WNV case of 2026 in August, involving an Anaheim resident and representing the third case in Southern California this season (CBS News, 2026). More than 300 mosquito samples tested positive, indicating increased virus activity. Authorities promoted mosquito-bite prevention measures, including repellent use, eliminating standing water, and reducing outdoor exposure. [Full article]

The **South Carolina** Department of Public Health reported a WNV outbreak in the Pee Dee region after confirming two human cases (Count on 2, 2026). Health authorities advised mosquito prevention measures, including the use of repellents, protective clothing, elimination of standing water, and home screening. The department continues mosquito surveillance in coordination with the CDC. [Full article]

Zika

- **France** reported nine imported Zika virus cases since the start of seasonal surveillance on May 1, 2026, with no local transmission detected (Pourquoi Docteur, 2026). Cases were associated with travel to endemic areas, while the presence of *Aedes* mosquitoes during May–November presents a risk for potential spread. Health authorities promoted mosquito prevention measures and elimination of breeding sites. [Full article]

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