

Department of Disease Control

Weekly Disease Forecast No.115_Avian Influenza (3 - 9 July 2017)

According to the Department of Disease Control (DDC)'s intelligence system on emerging infectious diseases, avian influenza outbreaks in poultry were reported in several countries in Asia since the beginning of 2017.

Avian influenza was first found in Thailand in 2004. As a result of vigorous control efforts, no avian influenza has been detected since 2006. However, prevention and surveillance activities have been continuously implemented. In June 2017, unusual poultry deaths in five provinces, i.e. Songkla, Nakhon Si Thammarat, Suphan Buri, Sukhothai and Phitsanulok, were detected and rapidly investigated.



For effective monitoring and prompt response, the Department of Disease Control (DDC) has strengthened surveillance among people travelling to high risk areas with recent avian influenza outbreaks together with event-based surveillance for abnormal poultry deaths within the country.

Farmers and villagers are advised to observe their poultry. If unusual poultry deaths occur, immediately notify livestock officer, village health volunteer and/or public health officer for cause of death investigation and safe disposal of carcasses. DDC strongly advises people not to contact or prepare dead or sick poultry for food but dispose them properly. All who need to dispose poultry carcasses must wear protective gears including rubber gloves and face mask. After the mission, they should immediately wash hands and feet and take a shower right after. For additional information about unusual poultry death, please contact Office of Disease Control and Veterinary Services, Department of Livestock Development (DLD) at Phone number : 0-2653-444 ext. 413707



DDC also advises people to eat freshly-cooked food and wash hands often. If anyone has fever, sore throat, muscle ache, cough or difficult breathing within 14 days after touching sick or dead poultry, he or she must seek a medical attention at a hospital and inform the doctor the history of poultry contact immediately

For queries or additional information, please call DDC hotline 1422.



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