

Department-of Disease Control Weekly Disease Forecast No.166_Dengue (1-7 July 2018)

From the national disease surveillance system, the Department of Disease Control reveals 22,539 dengue cases of which 26 died during 1 January to 26 June 2018. Most of the cases were in age groups 10–14 years, 5–9 years and 15–24 years, respectively.

The highest incidence rates were found in students (47.72%), followed by general laborers (19.10%). Provinces with the top five cumulative incidence were Phichit, Phuket, Krabi, Rayong and Nakhonpathom, respectively.



This week disease forecast reveals a continue trend of dengue occurrence as Thailand has entered the rainy season with more mosquito breeding sites. it has been forecasted that dengue cases during January to September might reach 10,000 in each month. Although the number of dengue cases (i.e. 5,817) of this month (1- 26 June) was lower than the median of the past 5 years, the numbers of cases were higher in April and 78% higher in May.

The Department of Disease Control (DDC) therefore advises all people to protect themselves and their children from mosquito bites. This can be done by sleeping in rooms with mosquito screens or in mosquito nets and by wearing long sleeve shirts, long pants and applying mosquito repellents such as DEET to exposed skin or to clothing when staying outdoor especially after sunrise and before sunset. All must routinely eliminate mosquito breeding sites in and around houses using the measure called “3 Do’s to prevent 3 diseases (dengue, chikungunya and Zika virus)”, i.e. 1) cover water-storage containers, change water in small containers every 7 days, and eliminate all mosquito breeding sites; 2) dispose garbage properly; and 3) keep houses tidy without any corners suitable for mosquitoes to rest.

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