

Department of Disease Control

Weekly Disease Forecast No.92_Floods (16 - 22 January 2017)

The Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation indicated that the continue heavy rain and wild water flash had caused floods effecting 12 Southern provinces. According to the Department of Disease Control's supplemental disease surveillence, as of 12 January 2017, there were 36 deaths and 1 missing victim.

Currently the situation has improved in 4 provinces, i.e. Ranong, Yala, Pattani and Narathiwat. There are 8 provinces including Prachuabkhirikhan, Chumphon, Nakhon Si Thammarat, Suratthani, Songkhla, Phatthalung, Trang, and Krabi that floods have continued.



According to this week disease forecast, flood victims are likely to continue. The Department of Disease Control advises people to be aware of flood accidents, especially drowning and electrocutions. People should also protect themselves from illnesses posted by flooding such as athlete's foot, acute diarrhea, food poisoning, and influenza. Food safety and safe drinking water must be ensured at all shelters and in affected communities.

The Department of Disease Control recommends 5 ways of water treatment for flood victims, i.e. 1. use bottled water (with certify symbol of the Food and Drug Administration - FDA), 2. boil clean water (through physical filtration or sedimentation) for at least 5 minutes, 3. add chlorine for water disinfection by following instruction on the bottle label (if using liquid chlorine, put 1-2 drops into 1 liter of water), 4. sediment water with alum, and 5. cover water containers and use clean water cups.



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