

# Department of Disease Control

## Weekly Disease Forecast No.116\_Zika virus disease (10 – 16 July 2017)

According to the national disease surveillance system since January 2017, a total of 81 Zika virus cases, of which almost all had completely recovered, were reported in 16 provinces. At present 10 provinces, i.e. Phichit, Nakhonsawan, Phetchaburi, Samutprakan, Samutsakhon, Nonthaburi, Rayong, Nongkhai, Chaiyaphum, and Ubonratchathani, are under the 28 day close surveillance and control criteria.

In Phichit province , 11 cases were confirmed. Ongoing close surveillance has not revealed any more new cases and no Zika virus infection has been found in pregnant women.



According to this week disease forecast, there would be a continue risk of sporadic Zika virus disease in some areas during this rainy season with a lot of outdoor standing water sites where mosquitoes can lay eggs.

The Department of Disease Control (DDC) therefore advises all people to 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 around houses, 2) dispose garbage properly, and 3) keep houses tidy. Effort to control mosquito breeding sites is an effective tool for fighting against all mosquito-borne diseases. People should take care of this duty starting from their own households and expand the effort into the communities.

It is also very crucial to protect against mosquito bites, especially children and pregnant women, by protective measures such as sleeping in rooms with mosquito screens or under mosquito nets or applying mosquito repellent containing DEET to exposed skin or to clothing.

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