

Department of Disease Control

Weekly Disease Forecast No.118_Avian Influenza (24 – 30 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 including investigation of abnormal poultry deaths.



For effective monitoring and prompt response, the Department of Disease Control (DDC) advises farmers and villagers to participate in the event-based surveillance. If unusual poultry deaths occur, owners must immediately notify livestock officer, village health volunteer and/or public health officer for prompt investigation of cause of death and safe disposal of carcasses.

DDC strongly advises people not to touch dead or sick poultry with bare hands or prepare them for food but dispose properly. A person who needs to dispose poultry carcasses must wear protective gears including rubber gloves and face mask. After the mission, he or she should immediately wash hands and feet and take a shower right after. For more information about unusual poultry deaths, please call the Office of Disease Control and Veterinary Services, Department of Livestock Development (DLD) at Phone number : 0-2653-444 ext. 413707.

Ill person who 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 immediately and inform the doctor the history of poultry contact.

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

