

Department of Disease Control

Weekly Disease Forecast No.138_Floods (11- 17 December 2017)

The Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation revealed that 1,515,986 people of 469,301 households in the 11 Southern provinces have been affected by flooding during 25 November to 7 December 2017. There were 15 deaths in 6 provinces, i.e. 5 in Pattani, 3 in Songkla, 2 each in Yala, Trang, and Nakhonsithammarat and 1 in Phattalung.

During this month, heavy rainfalls are likely to continue in provinces including Suratthani, Nakhonsithammarat, Phattalung and Songkla.



According to this week disease forecast, the risk of accidents and infectious diseases in flood areas are likely to continue. Therefore, people should be aware of flood accidents, especially drowning and electrocution as well as poisonous animals like snakes, centipedes and scorpions. In addition, they should protect themselves from infections posted by flooding such as athlete's foot, acute diarrhea, food poisoning, conjunctivitis and leptospirosis.

The Department of Disease Control recommends 7 protective measures in flood areas, i.e. 1) Unplug all electronic equipments and cut off power supply before the flood arrives, 2) Collect all garbage and sharp objects around the house and walkway, 3) Do not let children swim in flood areas, 4) Consume only clean cooked food. Do not eat expired or abnormal appearance (e.g. swelling, rusted) canned foods. Drink bottled or boiled water. Wash hands often with soap and water before cooking, having meals and after using toilets, 5) Do not defecate into flood water. Do it in a plastic bag and put calcium hydroxide in the bag then close the bag tightly and put in the trash can, 6) In case of exposure to eyes contaminants such as dust or dirty water, immediately rinse with clean water. Do not rub the eyes. Conjunctivitis patient should be isolated from others and do not share personal items, and 7) Avoid wading in flood water. If need to, wear rubber boots. Wash feet immediately after exposure to potentially contaminated water.

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