

Department of Disease Control

Weekly Disease Forecast No.156_Dengue

(16 - 22 April 2018)

From the national disease surveillance system, the Department of Disease Control (DDC) revealed 6,565 dengue cases during 1 January - 12 April 2018. Around one third (34%) of the patients were in age group 10 - 24 years. There were 12 dengue deaths (7 males and 5 females).

Most of the dead cases had abrupt and continuous high fever for 2 - 7 days. Some had red spots or patches on the skin of trunk, arms, legs and bleeding from nose or gums. They were treated 1 - 4 days and died 3 - 12 days after symptoms began.



This week disease forecast reveals a continue trend of dengue occurrence. The weather variability with more rainfalls and hot weather is likely to cause more mosquito breeding sites.

The Department of Disease Control (DDC) therefore advises all people to protect themselves and their children from mosquito bites. 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.

When taking care of a patient, watch for warning signs of shock especially when temperature declines, i.e. bleeding from nose or gums, drowsiness or irritability, pale, cold, or clammy skin or difficulty breathing. Bring the patient to the hospital urgently for life saving.

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

