## Department of Disease Control, Weekly Disease Forecast No. 38\_Severe Diarrhea (21 – 27 December 2015)

According to the national disease surveillance system during 1 January – 16 December 2015, the Department of Disease Control has found 207 severe diarrhea patients with 2 deaths in 13 provinces. Among these patients, 79 were Thais and 128 were migrants.



According to this week disease forecast, there might be more severe diarrhea cases during new year and the upcoming festivals when large groups of people gather and eat meals together.

The Department of Disease Control therefore advises people to practice proper hygiene, i.e. "eat freshly-cooked and clean food, use serving spoon and wash hands". All individuals should avoid eating undercooked food, especially seafood. Boiled or clean bottled water will help prevent diarrheal diseases. In addition, they should wash hands frequently especially before eating meals and after using toilets.

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