

# Department of Disease Control

## Weekly Disease Forecast No.71\_Pertussis (15–21 August 2016)

According to the national disease surveillance system, during 1 January – 11 August 2016, there were 47 pertussis patients. Reported cases were from 14 provinces, i.e. Yala (29 cases), Nakhon Ratchasima (3 cases), 2 cases each from Bangkok, Phetchaburi and Narathiwat, and 1 case each from Pathumthani, Saraburi, Samut Prakarn, Suphanburi, Suratthani, Satun, Pattani, Ubonratchathani and Buriram.

Most pertussis cases were found in infant to 4 years, followed by 5 – 14 years and 25 – 34 years age groups respectively. The highest morbidity rates were found in the Southern followed by the Central and the North-eastern regions. No pertussis case was found in the Northern region.



According to this week disease forecast, pertussis may occur in the Southern region and may be found sporadically in some areas of the country.

The Department of Disease Control encourages all parents to bring their children (infant to 4 years old) to receive the DTP vaccine as per the advice of the Ministry of Public Health's staff.

In case of developing symptoms including fever, running nose followed by numerous and rapid cough and high-pitched whoop or persistent cough, the patient must visit a hospital for medical care immediately.

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

