

Department of Disease Control

Weekly Disease Forecast No.84_Food Poisoning (21 - 27 November 2016)

From the national disease surveillance system, during 1 January to 14 November 2016, there were 111,693 food poisoning patients with no death. The number of cases this year is higher than last year. Provinces with the highest incidence included Khon Kaen, Prachin Buri, Amnat Charoen, Ubon Ratchathani, and Buri Ram.

Last week, there was an outbreak of more than 100 food poisoning cases at a school in Phetchaburi province. The source of infection was found to be a donated lunch.



According to this week disease forecast, the occurrence of food poisoning tends to continue. Food poisoning cases are mostly found when a large amount of food are prepared and kept improperly for a long time before consumption.

The Department of Disease Control advises people to practice proper hygiene, i.e. “eat freshly-cooked, warm, and clean food”. Avoid consuming food that are not well covered to keep from flies. People should wash hands with soaps frequently. If clean water is not available for hand washing, use alcohol gel instead.

Food handlers should practice good personal hygiene and pay attention to food cleanliness. Always wash hands before and after cooking food as well as after using toilets. If preparing food boxes, cooked rice should be put separately. All individuals should avoid consuming food that is left overnight out of refrigeration or food with unusual smell.

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