

Department of Disease Control

Weekly Disease Forecast No.24 (7-13 September 2015)

From the national disease system during last week, Leptospirosis situation must be closely monitored. During 1 January to 28 August 2015), there were 992 cases with 18 deaths.

Most Leptospirosis cases this year were male and agricultural workers (57.6 %). The highest morbidity rate was found in the Northeastern region (2.98 per 100,000 population).



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According to this week disease forecast, there is a possibility of continue occurrence of Leptospirosis cases throughout the rainy season. Outbreaks of Leptospirosis can also occur in high risk areas.



The Department of Disease Control encourages all agricultural workers and people in flooding areas to wear protective clothing such as rubber boots and rubber gloves. It is advised also to avoid wading in water or walking barefoot in wet soil that might be contaminated with animal urine. People with wounds on their skin, should cover them with waterproof materials.

Leptospirosis symptoms include high fever, headache, chills, muscle aches, calf muscle ache, jaundice (yellow skin and eyes) and red eyes which usually occur 2 to 20 days after exposure to contaminated water. The patients should go to hospitals nearby immediately for prompt treatment.

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