

Department of Disease Control

Weekly Disease Forecast No.30 (19-25 October 2015)

From the national disease surveillance system, last week there were 2 deaths from diphtheria in children aged 3 years and 11 years from Songkhla and Pattani provinces. Both of them did not have any diphtheria vaccination.

Since the beginning of 2015, there have been 17 confirmed and suspected diphtheria cases of which 6 died. The patients were mostly found in the Southern region and border provinces.



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According to this week disease forecast, there is a possibility of more diphtheria cases and deaths, especially in some provinces with low vaccination coverage against diphtheria while having high number of migrant workers.

The Department of Disease Control encourages parents to bring their children aged 0-5 years to receive immunization injections as per the MoPH's recommendation. It is also strongly advised that all people aged 20-50 years receive free diphtheria and tetanus vaccination service at all public hospitals nearby.

If anyone develops symptoms including fever, sore throat and white patch in throat, the patient must visit a hospital for medical care immediately.

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