

Department of Disease Control Weekly Disease Forecast No.47_Influenza (29 February – 6 March 2016)

According to the national disease surveillance system, there were 15,513 influenza patients with 1 death during 1 January – 24 February 2016 . The total number of patients is slightly higher than the same period of last year which may be due to the cold weather that lasts longer this year.

During the past two weeks, there were 2 influenza outbreaks in a school and a military camp.



According to this week disease forecast, the occurrence of influenza patients tends to continue due to next week's cold weather with thunderstorms in some areas as reported by the Meteorological Department.

The Department of Disease Control recommends that people, especially those with chronic diseases, the elderly, pregnant women and young children, protect themselves well from influenza.

For patients with severe illness or those who take medicines to relieve influenza symptoms but do not feel better within 2 - 3 days, it is wise to seek a medical care at a hospital nearby.

For crowded places such as schools, military camps, factories, business firms, influenza prevention should be implemented through health education and hygiene practices. If many influenza patients are found, public health officer should be notified immediately.

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

