

Department of Disease Control

Weekly Disease Forecast No.80_Food Poisoning and Influenza (24 - 30 October 2016)

From the national disease surveillance system, during 1 January to 17 October 2016, there were 102,673 food poisoning patients with no death and 123,564 influenza patients with 22 deaths.

The numbers of reported cases of both diseases this year were higher than last year.



According to this week disease forecast, the numbers of both food poisoning and influenza cases tend to increase. From now onwards, the weather in mountainous areas is changing to cold season. Moreover, a large number of people will be gathering at the Grand Palace to pay their respects to H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

The Department of Disease Control therefore advises people to practice proper hygiene, i.e. “eat freshly-cooked and clean food, use serving spoon and wash hands often”.

Food handlers should practice good personal hygiene and pay attention to food cleanliness. 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.

If clean water is not available for hand washing, use alcohol gel instead. If it is necessary to visit crowded or poorly ventilated places, all should avoid close contact with people with influenza-like illness. People who have influenza should wear masks to prevent spreading of the disease to others.

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

