

# REPORT DISEASE AND HEALTH HAZARD NEWS OF INTEREST ALONG THE BORDER

June 23 - 29, 2022

## WEEKLY EVENTS

- On June 16, 2022 the Khlong Toei District Office announced that foreigners from Cambodia, Laos, and Myanmar can book appointments to register for foreigner identification cards. The Registration Department will be open on working days (Monday-Friday) from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM from now until September 30, 2022. There is a quota of 30 registrations per day at each district office in Bangkok.
- On June 29, 2022, the Bangkok Business Press announced that 4th and 5th vaccine doses are available for people of all nationalities aged 5 years and over. Services will be provided at the Saowapa Institute, Thai Red Cross Society vaccination point, Thai-Japanese Stadium, Bang Sue Central Vaccination Center, 69 public health service centers and the Nonthaburi Provincial Public Health Office from today until July 31, 2022.
- On June 29, 2022 news sources along the Thai-Myanmar border in Tak province reported that more than 300 Karen villagers have fled the military conflict and are taking refuge in the border area of Phop Phra District. Thai authorities have since closed access roads in that area.

## DENGUE FEVER: BE CAUTIOUS OF MOSQUITOES

Dengue fever is a vector-borne disease that occurs in places like Thailand that have a hot and humid climate. This climate is conducive for mosquitoes to proliferate, especially during the rainy season. Stagnant water is a breeding ground for mosquitoes, and during the rainy season, water is retained in various containers and puddles.

Symptoms of dengue fever range from mild to severe dengue hemorrhagic fever and death if not treated promptly. From January 1 to June 27, 2022, there were 6,646 cases and 6 deaths according to disease surveillance information from the Division of Epidemiology, Department of Disease Control. The provinces with the highest rate of morbidity were Mae Hong Son, followed by Tak, Nan, Ranong and Nakhon Pathom. Most of these are border provinces, like Tak, which currently has reported ongoing conflicts along the Thai-Myanmar border and where a large number of mobile populations live. Along the border area, many people live in temporary housing that lacks good hygiene and clean environments. During the rainy season the *Aedes* mosquitoes may breed nearby these areas where people live in crowded quarters and lack mosquito nets to prevent bites when sleeping. There is also a lack of access to assistance especially to public health. Therefore, officials must increase the intensity of prevention and care for people in their areas to effectively reduce the risk of dengue outbreaks.






## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OFFICIALS

Public health officials and local government organizations should manage proper waste disposal and elimination of mosquito breeding sites in the community as well as in homes, especially of those with children.

They should educate the community on early signs, symptoms of dengue hemorrhagic fever, and preventing mosquito bites. Proper elimination of mosquito breeding sites, maintaining a clean environment clean, and having good ventilation are important. If experiencing high fever, body aches, eye pain, people should see a doctor, rather than treat themselves with painkillers. Some medicines may induce internal organ bleeding. If infected with dengue virus, those medicines may lead to death.

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