

REPORT DISEASE AND HEALTH HAZARD NEWS OF INTEREST ALONG THE BORDER

September 29 - October 5, 2022

WEEKLY EVENTS

- From September 19-20, 2022, the Chiang Rai Provincial Public Health Office organized a training to develop the potential of laboratory staff and to monitor and evaluate the efficiency, effectiveness, and maintenance of the RT-PCR testing capacity for staff at the Bo Kaeo Provincial Hospital, Lao PDR. The meeting objectives were to develop the network and build international academic health cooperation.
- On September 30, 2022, the Department of Disease Control organized the Mekong Basin Disease Surveillance (MBDS) member country meeting. Delegates were from six countries, namely Cambodia, China, Myanmar, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam, to discuss the situation and control measures, disease prevention in each country, and raising the alert system to provide timely action.
- On October 3, 2022, the Director-General of the Department of Disease Control said that the COVID-19 situation is defined as a communicable disease that must be monitored in Thailand. The number of cases and deaths from COVID-19 has decreased, but the DDC still emphasizes the elderly to receive vaccinations at government hospitals or provincial vaccination centers. If the patients are stuck at home or bedridden, they can inform the Village Health Volunteers or public health officials to provide vaccinations for them at home free of charge.

TRANSFER OF 3,264 HEALTH AGENECIES UNDER THE CABINET RESOLUTION

Starting on October 1, 2022, the mission of the Nawamintharachinee 60th Anniversary Commemoration Health Centers and the Sub-District Health Promoting Hospitals will be transferred to the Provincial Administrative Organizations (PAO) in 49 provinces according to the resolution of the Cabinet. This encompasses a total of 3,264 agencies and 21,879 personnel. Provincial Administrative Organizations in Chiang Rai, Tak, Rayong, Sisaket, Ubon Ratchathani, Nan and other provinces will be accepting the transfer of such agencies. The Nan PAO held a transfer ceremony on October 3, 2022 for the Health Center and Health Promoting Hospital to the administrative organization.

After the transfer of agencies in each of the 49 provinces, health services will still be provided to people across all five dimensions, namely primary medical care, health promotion, disease prevention and control, rehabilitation, and consumer protection. The agencies will be registered as service units under the National Health Security Office (NHSO) and will be registered as primary care units. During this transition, if people have difficulty receiving services, they can notify the provincial public health office.



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OFFICIALS

Public health officers and local government organizations should inform their communities about the transfer of the public health agencies as mentioned above. The Ministry of Public Health confirmed that people will continue to receive health care services because the public health officers will still perform their duties as before. There referral system for treatment in community hospitals and hospitals will continue as usual.

INFORMATION COLLECTED AND ANALYZED BY

Multisectoral Capacity Development Program for Public Health Emergency Detection and Response in Border Areas

Office of International Cooperation, Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand
Supported by the Thailand MOPH - US CDC Collaboration on Public Health

CONTACT
oicddc@gmail.com
02-5903832
www.ddc.go.th/oic

Sources

- <https://www.thaigov.go.th/news/contents/details/59689>
- <https://www.hfocus.org/content/2022/09/26048>
- <https://www.chiangmainews.co.th/news/2753609/>
- http://1.ddc.moph.go.th/brc/news.php?news=28745&deptcode=brc&news_views=1
- <https://www.facebook.com/1463774845/posts/pfbid02PXBffWqxa6LBPnbzDpCto8ybjTk wE6eiboCbm5RQxfcA9YPq4U46tZ4tSwAbssfl/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/100064544868127/posts/pfbid0W1JGwxh39WC4rCC4crAXbv YjUZUuCSG8DkA7d8FE9twqN4p3BQC1vyE52JQkfZfXl/>
- Image courtesy of <http://maung.ptho.moph.go.th/web/images/hos/makoktai1.jpg>