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In total we received the reports of 955 suspected cases of infectious diseases in Taiwan last week, out of which 508 cases were acute and 447 chronic. Also 11 cases died in the week. Aside from those, there were reports of 7 clustering outbreaks of infectious diseases involving 38 individuals. These clusters comprised of 2 incidents of Dengue fever, 3 incidents of diarrhea, plus one each of chicken pox and upper respiratory tract infection. Among them, the identities of pathogen(s) responsible for the diarrhea and upper respiratory tract infections are still under lab investigation.

At this moment, the domestic enterovirus endemic has been in a steadily rising trend over the past few weeks and already passed the preset alarming level, and we predict that it would likely enter an epidemic period in 2-3 weeks from now. Measles still had some confirmed cases surfaced in the last week, and the last of which had its onset date on April 12. As the Dengue fever endemic is concerned, other than the first indigenous case with onset date of March 21, we had no new confirmed cases reported so far. This is where we are going to continue monitoring closely. About the mosquito disease vector control efforts, we mentioned last week that the average Breteau index of the worst 5 counties/cities of Southern Taiwan during the epidemic season last year was 5.25, and that is 0.98 at the time being, still sort of quiet. However, that of Tainan County happens to be 3.33, way above the average figure and worthy of paying extra attention to. The newly added epidemiology surveillance activity due to the current Kaohsiung World Games is so far so good, meaning no abnormalities having been spotted yet.

According to all surveillance records and statistic data now available, the overall epidemic situation last week was rather steady, and we recommend having the epidemic alert index remain at the yellow colored warning light signal.