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Last week the total number of suspected cases of notifiable infectious diseases reported across Taiwan was 931 that included 519 acute ones and 412 chronic. Also 5 cases died. Besides, there were 5 clustering outbreaks of infections involving 16 individuals. These clusters comprised of 4 incidents of chicken pox and 1 of diarrhea.

At present, the domestic enterovirus endemic has entered the early stage of an epidemic period. We are afraid that the situation will become worse rapidly from now on. Measles still had new confirmed cases last week, and the last of which had its onset date on April 15. On the brighter side, Dengue fever remains to have the first and only indigenous case with onset date of March 21. Other than that, no new cases were confirmed. We are going to pay close attention to these two items. As to the control of mosquito disease vector, again as we said the average Breteau index of the worst 5 counties/cities of Southern Taiwan during the epidemic season last year was 5.25, the current figure is 1.67. However, those of Kaohsiung City and Kaohsiung County were somewhat above the average at 2.12 and 1.80, respectively. The epidemiology surveillance focusing on Kaohsiung World Games is okay, meaning no abnormalities whatsoever.

According to all surveillance records and statistics now available, the overall epidemic situation last week was rather stable. However, since news lately revealed that Mexico, the United States and other countries had serious swine flu outbreaks and both WHO and the US CDC announced epidemic warning, we recommend having the epidemic alert index advanced to orange colored warning light signal.