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There were a total of 901 notifiable infectious disease suspected cases reported in Taiwan last week. Among them 475 were acute and 426 chronic cases. There were 10 cases died last week. Besides, there were 4 reported clustering outbreaks of infectious diseases involving 11 individuals. These clusters included one each of upper respiratory infection (URI), measles, amebiasis, and shigellosis incidents. So far the measles, amebiasis, and shigellosis cases have been confirmed by laboratory tests, and the identity of the pathogen(s) causing the URI outbreak is still under investigation.

At present, the influenza one has already slowed down; 13 counties/cities were at sporadic activity level, and the other 12 ones at no activity level. The ILI consultation rate at local sentinel physicians has been kept lower than the epidemic threshold in the past several weeks, and both the NHI (National Health Insurance) and RODS (Real-time Outbreak and Disease Surveillance) records also indicate the number of individuals seeking medical help due to ILI has been on a downward trend. Therefore, Taiwan CDC here announces that this wave of seasonal influenza epidemic has come to an end, but will continue to monitor it. As to the measles epidemic, the onset date of the last confirmed case was March 17, and we are going to watch it very closely in the 28 days thereafter that is twice the length of the incubation period. In the respect of enteroviruses, it is not making a big scene right now, but our sentinel physicians are visited by a small increasing numbers of enteroviruses infected suspects at the time being. It looks its trend will be in the epidemic level in 4~5 weeks from now. In addition, the first indigenous Dengue fever case this year was confirmed on March 29. The appearance date of this case was 2 to 3 months earlier than that before. We will closely keep alert on Dengue epidemic, especially in Southern part of Taiwan.

Based on all surveillance records and statistic data, the overall epidemic situation last week appears to be a rather static one. Even though the measles epidemic has not been lifted, it is under control. Therefore, the epidemic alert index is advised to downgrade to yellow colored warning light signal.