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The total of suspected cases of notifiable infectious diseases reported in Taiwan last week arrived at 1181, of which 743 were acute and 438 chronic. Besides, 8 cases died, and 7 clustering infections broke out involving 42 individuals. These clusters included 3 incidents of chicken pox, 2 incidents of diarrhea, and 1 incident each of pertussis and fever of unknown cause(s).

The current domestic enterovirus endemic situation has a much smaller impact to the Taiwan society than that a year ago. Nevertheless, it is in its very epidemic stage and needs our continuous close attention. The picture of individual cases of Dengue fever is somewhat very similar to that of last year, but due to the warmer temperature it gets these days, we shall enhance our surveillance work on the mosquito disease vector. The average Breteau index of the 5 worst counties/cities of Southern Taiwan was 5.25, and it is 2.38 at present, a better average, with higher individual figures for Kaohsiung City and Kaohsiung County. The ad hoc epidemiology surveillance efforts for the upcoming Kaohsiung World Game are so far so good without any abnormalities striking. Furthermore, by the time of this writing, Taiwan has had 21 confirmed cases of H1N1 novel influenza infections (20 imported and 1 indigenous or domestically transmitted), so it belongs to the second level (yellow light) alert stage.

According to all available surveillance records and statistic data, the epidemic alert index of this week remains at orange warning light signal.