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The sum of suspected cases of notifiable infectious diseases reported in Taiwan last week reached 783, of which 574 were acute and 209 chronic. On top of that, 8 cases died, and 15 clustering infections broke out involving 47 persons. These clusters included 5 incidents each of chicken pox and upper respiratory tract infection, 2 incidents of pertussis, and 1 incident each of typhoid fever, diarrhea, and influenza like infection (ILI).

At present the domestic enterovirus endemic situation is still in its onset stage. Although less severe than that exhibited around the same time last year, it appears to be in a gradually uprising trend. The picture of individual cases of Dengue fever is pretty much a repetition of what it was a year ago. However, along with the gradually getting hotter climate, we shall strengthen our surveillance efforts on the mosquito disease vector. The average Breteau index of the 5 worst counties/cities of Southern Taiwan was 5.25 during the Dengue fever epidemic season last year and the current average is a rather moderate 1.48 with somewhat higher individual figures in Tainan County, Kaohsiung City, and Kaohsiung County. The ad hoc epidemiology surveillance efforts targeting at the upcoming Kaohsiung World Game has not shown any abnormalities so far. Furthermore, by the time of this writing, Taiwan has had 13 confirmed cases of H1N1 novel influenza infections (12 imported and 1 indigenous or domestically transmitted), so it belongs to the second level (yellow light) alert stage.

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