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The total number of suspected cases of notifiable infectious diseases reported in Taiwan last week was 824, of that 414 cases were acute and 410 chronic. Besides, 9 cases died and 3 clustering infections broke out involving 15 persons. These clusters included 1 incident each of Shigellosis, fever of unknown cause(s), and upper respiratory duct infection. Furthermore, there were also 6 positive groups spotted at and reported by the incoming passenger fever screening stations at international air and sea ports all over Taiwan (among them 5 groups coming home from Thailand and 1 group returned after traveling in the Philippines and Malaysia).

As to the domestic H1N1 novel influenza endemic situation, we have detected and identified so far a total of 73 positive cases since April 26 this year, the first day of our surveillance. The good news is that all of them were mild cases, or none of them derived into severe or even fatal consequences. Also starting from June 1, 2009 to the present, another domestic community novel influenza monitoring effort showed a viral positive rate of 15.7% (3/19). The enterovirus endemic situation is still in an epidemic stage, and its index of last week was the highest one in the month. However, since all schools had their doors closed, one after another over the past week, to kick off the summer vacation, the situation is expected to slow down gradually. Again, the Dengue fever individual cases are about as uneventful as what happened exact one year ago. Regarding the monitoring efforts of our mosquito disease vector surveillance, the average Breteau index of the 5 counties/cities of Southern Taiwan in the same 27th week last year happened to be 7.13 and the current one is 3.47 with higher than the average individual figures for Tainan County and Kaohsiung City. About the Kaohsiung World Game epidemiology surveillance data, among the 11 regions of the World Game sites, both “Breteau index” and “adult index” were found beyond the critical threshold in Lingya District and Nanzih District, and should be watched very closely. Besides, the “adult index” of Zuoying District and “Breteau index” of Gushan District were above the critical threshold as well, and with that in mind as we are going to keep the monitoring task going.

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