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THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO)**



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Rumours have circulated that a large number of people in Cambodia have been infected with A/H1N1 pandemic influenza virus after travelling from Thailand and that one to six people have died.

The Ministry of Health would like to clarify to the public that since the first case was detected in June up to now there have been a total of 17 cases in Cambodia of which 16 cases had either travelled from other countries or had been in direct contact with other travellers. All cases were isolated from the general population, provided with treatment and were all cured from the disease.

Ministry of health has surveillance systems in place to detect influenza. In addition any travellers entering the country are requested to declare their health status or have their temperature checked.

Ministry of Health is closely following the situation. There is regular contact between the Ministry and provincial/municipal health departments to follow up the situation of the disease closely.

Public Health advice:

The Ministry of Health and WHO would like to advise all members of the public that the most effective way to prevent the spread of influenza A (H1N1) virus is to practice good basic personal hygiene as the following at all times:

- Cover a mouth and nose with a tissue or handkerchief when coughing or sneezing;
- Wash hands regularly with soap and water (especially after coughing, sneezing and before eating);
- Do not spit in public

The symptoms of influenza A (H1N1) include fever above 38 °C, cough, runny nose, sore throat, shortness of breath and lethargy.

Anyone who has above symptoms should stay at home and avoid crowded places. There is currently no vaccine available for influenza A (H1N1) and most cases do not require antiviral medication. Other treatment includes drinking lots of liquids, rest and use paracetamol to reduce the temperature.

Please call influenza Hotline: **115, 012 488 981 or 089 669 567.**

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