

Dengue breaks 11 year records: Taiwan CDC

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Singapore: Taiwan's Center for Disease Control (CDC) declared that dengue cases had swelled in the country in the past months. Taiwan reported 162 cases of dengue fever as of June 30. Fifty percent of this count were travel associated cases. CDC said that figures were the highest reported in the last 11 years.

CDC cautioned that Southeast Asia in general had recorded a peak in cases this year. With the onset of monsoons, authorities are urging communities in Taiwan to follow due precautionary measures to keep mosquitoes at bay.

Few of the guidelines issued to the communities included draining water in unused containers, proper hygiene, cleanliness of locality, using mosquito repellent creams etc.

Health authorities have implemented a number of prevention measures to curb further spread of the disease. This included conducting an expanded epidemiological investigation, investigating the mosquito density in and around the victim's residence and places frequently visited by the victims, conducting a thorough cleaning of vector breeding sites, and spraying insecticide.

The CDC warned that as dengue fever is currently at its highest level, people who are experiencing fevers, headaches, eye pain, muscle and joint pains, or any similar symptoms, should seek medical attention immediately.