

PRESS RELEASE

HAND-FOOT-MOUTH DISEASE

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I would like to touch on the following issues during this press conference

1. Statistics on Hand Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD) as of 14/03/2006 at 10.00am:

Total cumulative reported cases : 4,573

Divisions with the highest number of cumulative cases are as follows:

- Sibu - 1,782
- Bintulu - 662
- Kuching - 577
- Miri - 551
- Sarikei - 343
- Mukah - 307

Total new reported cases : 295

Divisions with the highest number of new cases are as follows:

- Miri - 86
- Bintulu - 42
- Kuching - 42
- Mukah - 40
- Sibu - 39

Total number of cumulative admissions : 625

Divisions with the highest number of cumulative admission are as follows:

- Sibu - 312
- Bintulu - 84
- Miri - 66
- Mukah - 39
- Sarikei - 28

No. of new admission : 31

- Sibu Hospital - 15
- Bintulu - 10

No. of HFMD patients still in the ward : 90

Seriously Ill Cases

The number of serious cases is one. She was admitted to Kapit Hospital on 11 March 2006 and was MEDEVAC to Sibu Hospital today at noon.

2. Overall Situation

While the new cases are on the downward trend for the State as a whole, the number of new cases appear to increase in Miri and Mukah Divisions. In Bintulu, the number of new cases appears to be leveling and has not come down yet.

There was no death today.