

EV SCAN is a weekly report produced by the Enteric and Vector-borne Disease Office of the Centre for Health Protection, Department of Health. It summarises the surveillance findings of local situation of hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD) and enterovirus 71 (EV71) infection.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The activity of hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD) is at high level in Hong Kong.
- In Hong Kong, the usual peak season for HFMD and EV71 infection is from May to July. A smaller peak may also occur from October to December.
- HFMD is a common disease in children usually caused by enteroviruses such as Coxsackieviruses and EV71. EV71 infection is of particular concern as it is more likely to be associated with severe medical complications and even death.

LATEST FIGURES IN HONG KONG

HFMD (including herpangina) institutional outbreaks

Time Period	Number reported
This week, preliminary data (Week 45, Nov 4 to Nov 8)	11
Last week (Week 44, Oct 28 to Nov 3)	18
2018 as of Nov 8	367

Laboratory confirmed EV71 infection

Time Period	Number reported
This week, preliminary data (Week 45, Nov 4 to Nov 8)	1
Last week (Week 44, Oct 28 to Nov 3)	2
2018 as of Nov 8	48
Cases with severe complication in 2018 as of Nov 8	3
Fatal cases in 2018 as of Nov 8	0

Severe paediatric enterovirus infection (other than EV71 and poliovirus)

Time Period	Number reported
This week, preliminary data (Week 45, Nov 4 to Nov 8)	0
Last week (Week 44, Oct 28 to Nov 3)	0
2018 as of Nov 8	6
Fatal cases in 2018 as of Nov 8	0

ANNUAL NUMBER OF HFMD OUTBREAKS AND EV71 INFECTION IN HONG KONG

Year	Number of HFMD (including herpangina) institutional outbreaks	Persons affected in HFMD (including herpangina) institutional outbreaks	Number of EV71 cases	Number of EV71 deaths
2012	382	2216	59	0
2013	779	5151	12	0
2014	346	2087	68	1
2015	691	4209	56	0
2016	875	5084	38	0
2017	420	2229	49	0

Figure 1. No. of EV71 cases by week since 2016

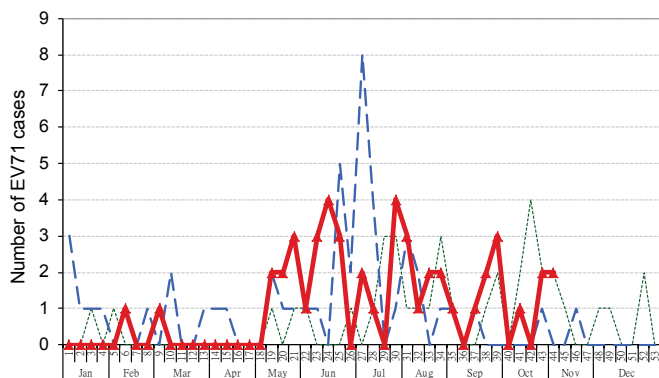


Figure 2. No. of HFMD institutional outbreaks by week since 2016

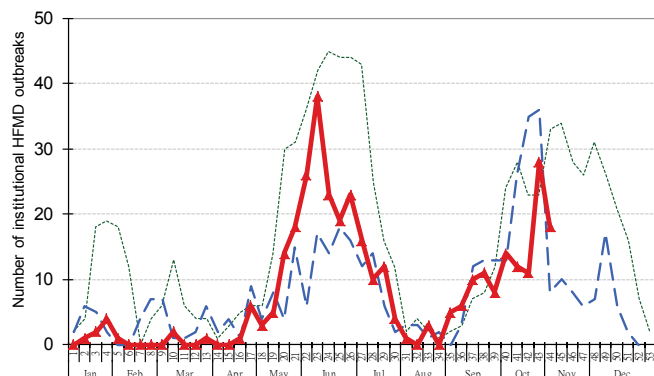


Figure 3. No. of hospital admission episodes of HFMD by week since 2016

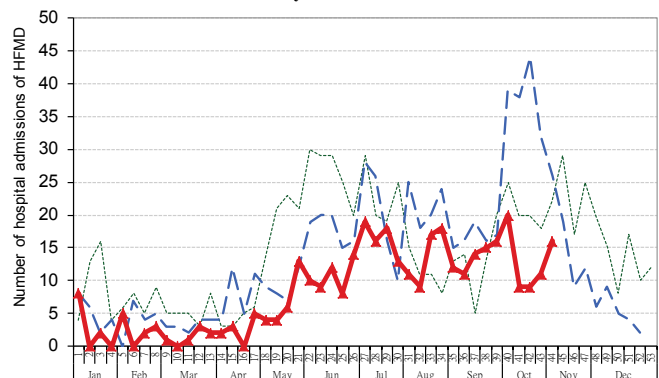


Figure 4. Accident & Emergency Departments surveillance of HFMD syndrome group since 2016

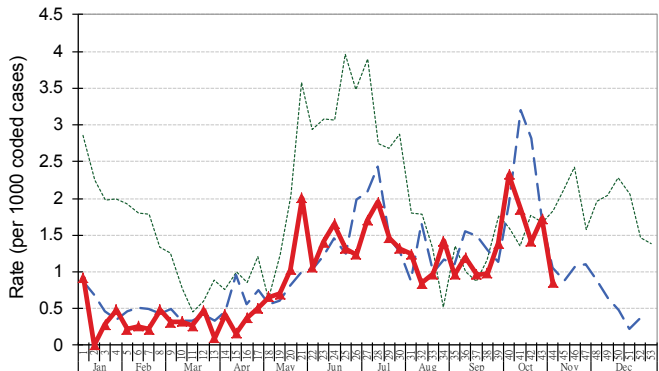


Figure 5. HFMD sentinel surveillance based at child care centres/kindergartens by week since 2016

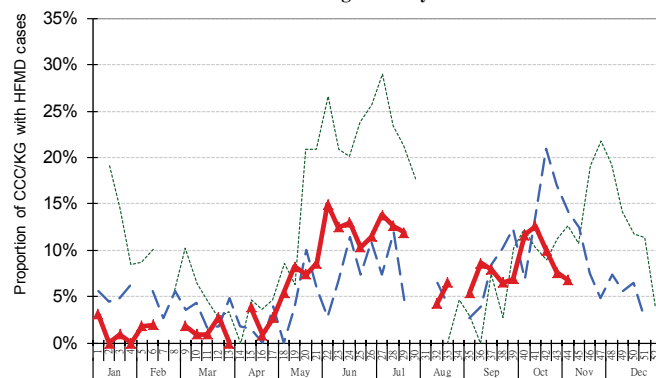


Figure 6. HFMD sentinel surveillance among general practitioners by week since 2016

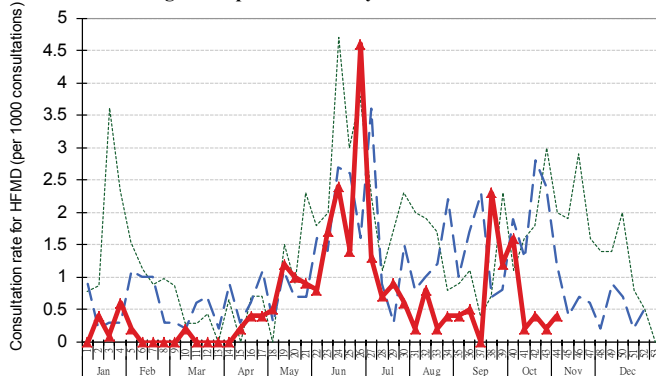


Figure 7. HFMD sentinel surveillance among general outpatient clinics by week since 2016

