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Sri Lanka is experiencing an epidemic of Pandemic Influenza. According to data from the Epidemiology Unit of the Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition, a total of 342 cases of the disease have been confirmed in the country and 22 deaths recorded to date, of which 65 cases and 9 deaths occurred in the past week (13th to 19th December 2010). Most of the cases have been detected in the Colombo area.

Travelers to Sri Lanka are also advised to adopt precautionary measures especially those most susceptible to the disease such as pregnant women, children and the elderly such as washing hands with soap and water frequently and to avoid crowded areas as much as possible. The Centre also urges anyone returning from travel to Sri Lanka- or anyone who has contact with a traveler- who subsequently have fever and cold or cough to seek medical care at the earliest.

Information about Pandemic Influenza is available on the Health Web at www.health.gov.mv/materials.php. For more information please contact 3315334, Surveillance Unit, Communicable Diseases Division, Centre for Community Health and Disease Control.

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