DoH warns vs dengue, leptospirosis

The Department of Health (DoH) warned yesterday the public against leptospirosis and dengue with the coming of rains and floods.

DoH Secretary Francisco Duque III said the diseases are common during the rainy season.

Leptospirosis is transmitted through the urine of infected animals, especially rats, mixing with flood water. Dengue is carried by mosquitoes that breed on stagnant water.

Duque urged the public to ensure patients are brought to health centers for proper medical intervention.

He said dengue cases are continuing to rise like a speeding train, especially in Regions 4, 5, 6, 10, 11 and 12.

The DoH chief said measures to prevent mosquito bites that cause dengue include the 4S — search and destroy breeding places, seek immediate consultation, use self-protection measures and say “yes” to fogging.