



The Coronavirus Disease 2019 News release

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Special Announcement of COVID-19 On 4 May 2020

Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, one case recovered and was discharged (a total of 2,740 cases have recovered or 91.73 % of the total number of the confirmed cases) and 193 were being treated in hospitals (6.46% of the total number of confirmed cases). Today, 18 new COVID-19 cases were confirmed. There have been 54 fatal cases. The total number of confirmed cases is 2,987.

Today, 18 new COVID-19 cases (the 2,970th - 2,987th cases) were confirmed. All cases were found at the immigration quarantine units at Sadao district in Songkhla province. All of them are migrants and are between 10-22 years old. Of those, 17 cases were women and one was a man. There were no reports of deaths.

Today, confirmed cases were found by active case finding within a specific group of undocumented migrant workers. The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) cooperated with the Immigration Office and relevant partners set up a field hospital to treat people groups to prevent the disease in the community while acknowledging human rights. People must strongly trust that these vulnerable groups will not be faulted with spreading the disease to Thai people. Administrative officers and healthcare workers are collecting periodic samples. If test results were confirmed, the individuals were sent directly to treatment.

Following the results of 40 cases that were found by active case finding in the community of Yala province, the Regional Medical Science Center in Songkhla province has reexamined the laboratory results, and determined that these people were not positive for infection. Currently, the 40 people are under observation in the hospital and their samples were sent to the lab in the Department of Medical Sciences at MOPH for reexamination. The MOPH affirmed that for control, surveillance and to prevent the spread of COVID-19, they do not conceal data.

From photos published on social media, many people rushed to buy alcoholic beverages after the government relaxed measures and allowed stores to sell alcoholic beverages (without in-store consumption) on 3 May 2020. It has been shown that people are beginning to disregard social distancing, which runs the risk of getting COVID-19. Even if there is only one case at that time, there may be more people infected from the close contacts.

People are recommended to realize the importance of having good health by refraining from attending social gatherings or parties with alcoholic drinks, keeping a distance at least 1-2 meters, wearing a surgical or cloth mask when meeting with other people, frequently washing hands, using a serving spoon, and separating the meal table so as to prevent the infection which may lead to a new case in the country. The direction of the outbreak situation in Thailand will mainly depend on the collaboration from all people.

The Ministry of Public Health has collaborated with the Ministry of Digital Economy and Society, the Thai Health Promotion Foundation and the Anti-Fake News Center Thailand to jointly conduct an online questionnaire of dealing with news and related information from online media during the outbreak of COVID-19 epidemic. In order to improve implementation and develop better policy-making for problem-solving, people are asked to for their cooperation by completing the questionnaire at <https://forms.gle/Y9zhyoJnctq5Ev4j6> or scan QR Code

