



The Coronavirus Disease 2019 News release

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Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, 14 cases recovered and were discharged (a total of 2,761 cases have recovered or 92.37% of the total number of confirmed cases) and 173 were being treated in hospitals (5.79% of the total number of confirmed cases). Today, one new COVID-19 case (the 2,989th case) was confirmed. One fatal case was reported which brought the total number of deaths to 55 cases, and the total number of confirmed cases is 2,989.

Today, one case was confirmed among those who returned from the Russian Federation and was under state quarantine (under observation in the quarantine area). There was one fatal case of a 69 year-old Australian man who was a hotel manager. He had asthma and COPD as underlying conditions. He was admitted to a private hospital in Phuket with a cough and fatigue. After that, he was referred to Vachira Phuket Hospital. His laboratory results were positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) and his clinical signs did not improve. He passed away on 5 May 2020. (He was the 55th fatal case).

Currently, the number of COVID-19 cases in Thailand is gradually decreasing but the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) is still implementing all prevention measures because Thai people are returning from abroad and the government has set up a system to serve these groups. This measure is to make sure that people in Thailand will be safe from imported COVID-19 cases.

After the government relaxed some restrictions, the MOPH asked for the cooperation from people to strictly follow the measures by staying safe and complying with the "New Normal" including wearing a face mask/cloth mask, preparing 70% alcohol gel, eating cooked and warmed food, and using a personal spoon. Despite that it is unfamiliar at first, people should keep maintaining the new lifestyle to be safe from communicable diseases.

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 for their cooperation by completing the questionnaire at <https://forms.gle/Y9zhyoJnctq5Ev4j6>