



The Coronavirus Disease 2019 News release

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Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, 12 cases recovered and were discharged (a total of 2,784 cases have recovered or 92.80% of the total number of the confirmed cases) and 161 were being treated in hospitals (5.37% of the total number of confirmed cases). Today, eight new COVID-19 cases were confirmed, which brought the total number to 3,000 cases. Three confirmed cases were found from active case finding in Yala province. Five cases were migrant workers from the immigration quarantine units at Sadao district in Songkhla province. There were no reports of deaths.

On 1 May 2020, the Ministry of Public Health updated the case definition of patients under investigation (PUI) to increase sensitivity to detect more infected persons. The latest criteria include people who have a cough, runny nose, sore throat, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, pneumonia, olfactory loss and/or have a fever history (more than or equal to 37.5 degrees Celsius) together with history of any of the following within 14 days prior to illness onset including 1) travelled from or resided in an area with reported COVID-19 cases, 2) engaged in occupations related to tourists, crowded places or had contact with many people 3) went to places where people are gathered such as department stores, health facilities, markets, public transportation or 4) made contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case. Medical attention is required for free testing of SARS-CoV-2. After the criteria was changed, 16,439 PUI cases were tested and 38 cases were confirmed with COVID-19 disease during 1-7 May 2020.