

Special Announcement of COVID-19 On 10 May 2020

Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, seven cases recovered and were discharged (a total of 2,794 cases have recovered or 92.85% of the total number of the confirmed cases) and 159 were being treated in hospitals (5.28% of the total number of confirmed cases). Today, five new COVID-19 cases were confirmed which brought the total number to 3,009 cases. There were no reports of death.

Today, there were two confirmed case who had a history of close contact with previous cases (Narathiwat and Bangkok), three of the cases were those who returned from abroad (one case returned from the United Arab Emirates and two cases returned from Pakistan) and were under state quarantine (under observation in the quarantine area).

The state quarantine provided by the government to observe Thai people who returned from abroad is a necessary measure to prevent spread from imported cases into Thailand. Those people must be quarantined for 14 days. If individual people are found positive for SARS-CoV-2, they will receive proper treatment to ensure they are unable to spread the disease to the nation. Currently, 23 locations for State quarantine and Local quarantine areas have been prepared across 12 provinces.

A total of 229 Buddhist monks who returned from foreign pilgrimages since 24 April, 2020 have been observed in temporary accommodations provided by the government. At this time, 225 monks have completed quarantine and returned to their temples. The other 4 are due to complete by 13 May 2020 and on the same day, 78 more monks will return from other pilgrimages. In another location, a total of 24 monks will complete observation of symptoms on 23 May 2020. All monk laboratory results were negative for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19).

The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) is implementing active case finding in communities and risk areas. However, the MOPH asked for cooperation from everybody to strictly comply with the protection measures during this situation. Before going out, you must wear a face mask/cloth mask, prepared hand sanitizer, and keep 1-2 meters of space between each other. When you get back, wash your hands, take a shower, and clean yourself immediately. People must make it a habit to protect themselves and people nearby from COVID-19.