

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 News release

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Regarding today's COVD-19 situation in Thailand, two cases recovered and were discharged (a total of 2,796 cases have recovered or 92.74% of the total number of the confirmed cases) and 163 were being treated in hospitals (5.41% of the total number of confirmed cases). Today, six new COVID-19 cases were confirmed which brought the total number to 3.015 cases and the total of deaths remained at 56 cases.

Today, there was one confirmed case who had a history of close contact with previous cases in Narathiwat province, one confirmed case who had travel history to crowded places in Phuket province, three confirmed cases who had occupational risks, (policeman, salesmen, and office employee) in Phuket province, and one confirmed case was found from active case finding in Yala province. There were no reports of deaths.

From the report of the new confirmed cases today, the majority were found in communities with previously reported confirmed cases such as Phuket, Yala, and Narathiwat. Moreover, having a history of contact with a confirmed case in the family is still a cause of infection in the communities. Thus, to prevent the disease, people must avoid going out of their house as much as possible. If going out to shop, prepare a list of items beforehand. People must avoid visiting crowded places because there is a high chance of infection.

The Ministry of Public Health emphasizes "Don't let your guard down" that is strictly implemented with self- protection measures by wearing a face mask/cloth mask, frequently washing hands, keeping 1-2 meters of space between each other, and avoiding crowded places. When you return to the residence, wash your hands and clean yourself immediately before making contact with family members. Using serving spoons and having hot and cooked food are recommended. If you feel sick, you must wear a hygienic mask and separate yourself and personal equipment from others. If you have respiratory symptoms including a fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, shortness of breath, or loss of smell, medical attention is strongly recommended and you must provide your risk history to healthcare workers to receive appropriate diagnosis and treatment.

The five provinces which have the most reported cases are Bangkok, Phuket, Nonthaburi, Yala, and Samut Prakan, respectively.