



# The Coronavirus Disease 2019 News release

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## Special Announcement of COVID-19

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Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, six cases recovered and were discharged (a total of 2,850 cases have recovered or 94.43% of the total number of the confirmed cases) and 112 were being treated in hospitals (3.71% of the total number of confirmed cases). Today, there was one confirmed case who traveled from Phuket to Chiang Mai and was found from a "knock on the door" campaign with Chiang Mai Village health volunteers under the active case finding measures. The total number of cases is now 3,018 and the total number of deaths remained at 56 cases.

From the report today, a history of visiting crowded places with previously confirmed cases continues to be a risk factor for infection. The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) recommended people that if they want to visit markets, shopping malls, or other crowded places, to please wear face masks/cloth masks at all times, and keep 1-2 meters of space between each other. Avoid unnecessary conversation, and prepare a shopping list of things to buy to reduce the time spent shopping and to return home soon. Bring alcohol gel with you and do not touch your face, eyes, nose and mouth. When you return to your residence, you should wash hands, clean yourself immediately, and physically distance yourself from other family members for a while especially with vulnerable groups (people with underlying conditions, elderly, children), who are at risk to get severe complications. The screening protocol of local administration among people who returned from risk areas such as Bangkok, Nonthaburi, Phuket, and Yala, and the "knock on the door" campaign activities by the village health volunteers in the communities for surveillance and observing symptoms in people who returned from those risk areas can accelerate case finding and let them receive early treatment to prevent widespread of disease in the community.

The MOPH recommended organizations and the generous people who provided goods in the pantries called "Tu-pan-Suk" (the shared/community pantries), to clean those pantries at frequently touched areas such as door handles, top plates/table every 2-3 hours and set up hand sanitizer nearby those pantries to decrease the chance of transmission.