



# The Coronavirus Disease 2019 News release

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Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, three new COVID-19 cases were confirmed among people who had a history of close contact with previous cases (2 cases in Nonthaburi, one case in Phuket). One case recovered and was discharged (a total of 2,857 cases have recovered or 94.26% of the total number of the confirmed cases) and 118 were being treated in hospitals (3.89% of the total number of confirmed cases). Currently, the total number of cases increased to 3,031. There were no reports of deaths, so the total number of deaths remained at 56 cases.

From the report of the new confirmed cases today, one case had a history of close contact with a previously confirmed case and two cases were infected from colleagues who worked in the same workplace. These showed that the workplace is still at risk of transmission. The main risk factor is neglecting to implement protection measures during contact with other people especially with close friends by not wearing a face/cloth mask to create a final barrier against pathogens. The important measures are wearing a face/cloth mask all the time while out of the residence or workplace, maintaining social distance, avoiding group gatherings while having meals, and frequently washing hands. These must be strictly implemented. Keep your guard up, to reduce the risk of infection from close contacts and colleagues. Moreover, the personal practices can reduce the number of new infections that may occur.