



The Coronavirus Disease 2019 News release

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Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, two new COVID-19 cases were confirmed among people who had a history of close contact with previously confirmed cases in their families in Narathiwat. There were no reports of patients who recovered and were discharged (a total of 2,857 cases have recovered or 94.20% of the total number of the confirmed cases) and 120 were being treated in hospitals (3.97% of the total number of confirmed cases). Currently, the total number of cases increased to 3,033. 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, both cases had a history of contact with a confirmed case in their family. The cases consisted of a husband-wife couple and a person whose father was a confirmed case. These showed that social behavior has an important role in increasing the number of new confirmed cases via contact exposure. The report of the Department of Disease Control found that a total of 3,033 confirmed cases, 1,188 cases or 39.17% of the total number of confirmed cases had contact history with previous confirmed cases, followed by risk occupation, living in crowded places, and Thai citizens who returned from abroad respectively.

The best prevention measures are to strictly follow the Ministry of Public Health recommendations while staying inside and outside of your residence. While outside the home, wear a cloth or hygienic mask, keep 1-2 meters of space between each other, and frequently wash hands. When returning to the residence, clean yourself immediately before making contact with other people in your family/residence. In case family members feel sick, they must separate meals and personal items, wear a face mask/cloth mask at all times, frequently wash hands, keep physical distance from others, avoid close contact such as hugs or kisses, and not cough and sneeze towards others. Moreover, people in vulnerable groups including children, elderly, and people with underlying conditions may develop severe symptoms. Although these actions in the home can be difficult, they are things that everyone must be aware of and pay attention to for the safety of all family members.