

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 News release

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Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, there are 90 confirmed cases (2.97% of total number of confirmed cases) being treated in hospitals. There were 31 cases who recovered and discharged (a total of 2,888 cases have recovered or 95.19% of the total number of the confirmed cases) and there was one additional confirmed case of someone who returned from Bahrain and they are under state quarantine (under observation in the quarantine area). The total number of confirmed cases increased to 3,034. There were no reports of deaths, so the total number of deaths remained at 56 cases.

Dr. Anupong Sujariyakul, Senior Expert, Department of Disease Control stated that Thailand has found fewer than 10 additional confirmed cases during the past few days. This shows that the disease surveillance, prevention and control measures are efficient and that the public and organizations are cooperating. However, additional confirmed cases among Thai people who return from abroad may increase every day. The government is providing State Quarantine for people who must be quarantined for 14 days before allowing them back to their hometowns. If they are sick, they will be admitted to the treatment system immediately. This affirms that people returning from abroad will not cause an epidemic in the country.

The information of the Department of Disease Control as of 20 May 2020, found that there have been a total number of 16,796 travelers who returned from abroad and were observed at state quarantine. 101 cases of those were positive and were taken into the hospitals for clinical management.