

## Special Announcement of COVID-19 On 23 May 2020

Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, six cases recovered and were discharged (a total of 2,916 cases have recovered or 95.92% of the total number of the confirmed cases) and 68 were being treated in hospitals (2.23% of the total number of confirmed cases). Today, three new COVID-19 cases were confirmed, which brought the total number to 3,040 cases and the total of deaths remained at 56 cases. There were no reports of deaths today.

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Currently, the characteristics of the COVID-19 confirmed cases in Thailand include people returning from abroad under state quarantine and local transmission in the communities. From the report of the new confirmed cases today, visiting crowded places in public areas where there are crowds of people still remain as risk factors for COVID-19. Thus, the most important factor to reduce the risk of infection is good cooperation from people to strictly comply with the Ministry of Public Health's recommendations. While travelling outside, people should wear a face mask/cloth mask everytime, keep 1-2 meters of social distance from others, avoid going to crowded places, and frequently wash hands. When returning to the residence, people should wash their hands and clean themselves immediately before making contact with other people in their family/residence, and have hot and cooked food with a personal spoon.

In cases where family members feel sick with respiratory symptoms, they must wear a face mask/cloth masks, not cough and sneeze towards others, frequently wash hands, keep physical distance from others, and avoid close contact such as hugs or kisses with vulnerable groups including people with underlying conditions, children and elderly. The said persons may develop severe symptoms if they are infected. 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.