



The Coronavirus Disease 2019 News release

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Special Announcement of COVID-19 On 27 May 2020

Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, one case recovered and was discharged (a total of 2,931 cases have recovered or 95.97% of the total number of the confirmed cases) and 66 were being treated in hospitals (2.16% of the total number of confirmed cases). Today, nine new COVID-19 cases were confirmed (six confirmed cases who returned from Saudi Arabia, two confirmed cases who returned from the United States, and one confirmed case who returned from Qatar) and they were all under state quarantine. This brought the total number of cases to 3,054. The total number of deaths remained at 57. There were no reports of deaths today.

The government assigned the Ministry of Public Health and relevant government partners such as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Interior, and the Ministry of Defence to prepare the state quarantine and measures to support Thai citizens returning from abroad so as to prevent imported cases from spreading the disease to people in the nation. The travelers will be strictly screened at airports or border-crossing ports in accordance with the protocol determined by the Department of Disease Control. If any of them meet the Patient Under Investigation (PUI) criteria including having a fever, cough and respiratory symptoms, they will be sent to a designated hospital. People who do not meet the PUI criteria, are observed in the designated places for 14 days.

The quarantined individuals undergo two rounds of SARS-CoV-2 laboratory testing, first between Days 3-5 after checking in, and then during Days 11-13. If individuals have a fever, cough, runny nose, sore throat, shortness of breath, or are positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), they will be transferred to a designated hospital to receive timely treatment so as to prevent local transmission in the community.

The report of people entering Thailand from February to 27 May 2020 under observation in the state and local quarantine facilities showed that 20,259 of the total 26,752 individuals were Thai. 117 cases were confirmed with COVID-19 disease from 18 countries. Most of the confirmed cases returned from Indonesia, Pakistan, and Saudi Arabia.

On 27 May 2020, there will be flights bringing 401 Thai citizens from the Netherlands, Canada, Indonesia, and Hong Kong back to Thailand.