

## The Coronavirus Disease 2019 News release

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## Special Announcement of COVID-19 On 29 May 2020

Regarding today's COVD-19 situation in Thailand today, 11 new COVID-19 cases were confirmed (all confirmed cases are people who returned from Kuwait) and they were all under state quarantine. There were no reports of new recovered cases as the total number of recovered cases remained at 2,945 (95.74% of the total number of the confirmed cases). There are 74 confirmed cases being treated in hospitals (2.41% of the total number of confirmed cases). The total number of confirmed cases is 3,076 and the total number of deaths remained at 57. There were no reports of deaths today.

After the government relaxed the restrictions during the second phase, many businesses such as department stores, beauty salons, and healthcare medical clinics were effectively able to follow the measures. Public places such as public markets and exercise centers are considered as high-risk places. The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) asked for the cooperation from the public to strictly comply with protective measures when they are accessing services. The government will relax the restrictions for a third phase aimed at high risk businesses/activities which is being considered on 29 May 2020. The MOPH emphasizes business owners to abide by the disease prevention and control measures for both customers and service providers to raise the confidence of the public. They must provide temperature scans for all people, ask them to wear a face mask/cloth mask, arrange one-way entries and exits, provide hand sanitizer stations, allocate 1-2 meters for service space, and limit the number of people and service time. They must frequently clean the commonly touched surfaces such as handrails, lift buttons, toilets, faucets, and tables every 2 hours to lower the risk of COVID-19 from droplets which adhere to the surface.

For the general public, you must stay safe and "not let your guard down" by practicing personal hygiene including wearing a face mask, washing your hands, keeping space between others, not touching your face, eyes, nose, and mouth with unclean hands, and strictly complying with the safety service requirements. When receiving services in various locations, it is required to check-in and out with the Thai Chana platform which was created by the government. So, if you are sick, it will be easier to investigate and bring close contacts to the disease surveillance system quickly.