



The Coronavirus Disease 2019 News release

by Emergency Operations Center, Department of Disease Control

Special Announcement of COVID-19 On 5 June 2020

Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, one new COVID-19 case was confirmed in someone who returned from Kuwait and was under state quarantine. Three cases recovered and were discharged (a total of 2,971 cases have recovered or 95.78% of the total number of the confirmed cases) and 73 were being treated in hospitals (2.35% of the total number of confirmed cases). Currently, the total number of cases increased to 3,102. There were no reports of deaths, therefore, the total number of deaths remained at 58 cases.

At the moment, the COVID-19 situation in Thailand has not detected any locally transmitted cases for 11 consecutive days as a result of people's cooperation and strict compliance with the measures. However, as the situation improves, people have begun to let their guards down. This is consistent with the results of the online attitude survey on wearing face masks, which was conducted by the Department of Disease Control. Over the course of 7 rounds of surveys, they found that almost 100% of the general public attaches importance to wearing a face mask, but the latest survey (round No. 7) from 25-30 May 2020, showed that 89% of 1,633 people responding wear a face mask when they have a fever, which decreased from 96% based on the previous round of survey results. People who do not have a fever wear a mask about 70 percent of the time, decreasing from 89 percent from the last survey and further indicating a declining trend in mask-wearing. Combined with the government's relaxation of restrictions, it may lead people to become complacent, to neglect the measures, and return to normal life. Some people are traveling, or meeting their families in group gatherings. If there are infected people in these groups, there is a high chance of spreading the disease.

The Ministry of Public Health asked for the cooperation from the public to continue to comply with the protective measures including wearing a face mask/cloth mask, frequently washing their hands, keeping 1-2 meters of space between each other, having cooked and hot food, using a personal serving spoon, and regularly cleaning the house. Store operators must clean their shops and surfaces that are frequently touched, such as handrails, railings, push buttons, elevators, and tables, and maintain practices that provide safety from COVID-19 and to create a new normal in society.