



The Coronavirus Disease 2019 News release

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Special Announcement of COVID-19 On 7 June 2020

Today (7 June 2020) at the Centre of COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA), Ministry of Public Health, Nonthaburi, Dr. Panprapa Yongtrakul Vice-Spokesperson of CCSA stated that regarding the COVID-19 situation in Thailand, eight new COVID-19 cases were confirmed (five confirmed cases who returned from the United Arab Emirates, two confirmed cases who returned from Kuwait, and one confirmed case who returned from India) and were under state quarantine. This brought the total number of cases to 3,112. One case recovered and was discharged (a total of 2,972 cases have recovered or 95.50% of the total number of the confirmed cases) and 82 were being treated in hospitals (2.63% of the total number of confirmed cases). Currently, the total number of cases increased to 3,112. There were no reports of deaths, therefore, the total number of deaths remained at 58 cases.

Thailand has not reported local transmission of COVID-19 for 13 consecutive days, and after the 3rd phase of easing the restrictions (starting 1 June 2020), there have been no reports of infection within the country. It is the result of the cooperation of the people and business operators who have strictly followed the measures to prevent the spread of the disease effectively. Both groups have prioritized maintaining social distance, frequently washing hands, and wearing face/cloth masks when leaving the residence especially when going to public places or using public transportation services. These are aligned with the recommendations of the World Health Organization (WHO) on 5 June 2020, stating that wearing a mask or cloth mask when leaving the residence " is one of the effective ways" to reduce the risk of infection and spread of disease. Furthermore, you must still maintain personal hygiene, namely washing your hands properly and keeping space between others.

More than 98% of confirmed cases in the recent period are Thai returnees who returned from abroad and were being observed under state quarantine supported by the government. Most of the confirmed cases returned from the countries where there are crowds of people and high infection rates including Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Pakistan, and Qatar.

The CCSA recommended that at-risk groups, especially those who have chronic, underlying diseases such as hypertension and diabetes, protect themselves and strictly follow the measures by staying home and continuously taking medication as prescribed by their doctors. If they are infected, they may develop severe symptoms and they have a high death rate compared to other groups. Research in China, which studied nearly 3,000 COVID-19 patients treated in Wuhan, found that patients with high blood pressure had a fatality rate of 4% while patients with normal blood pressure had a fatality rate of only 1.1%, and for patients who stopped taking antihypertensive drug had a fatality rate of 7.9%.