

## Special Announcement of COVID-19

On 8 June 2020

Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, seven new COVID-19 cases were confirmed (four confirmed cases who returned from the United Arab Emirates, two confirmed cases who returned from Pakistan, and one confirmed case who returned from the United States) and they were under state quarantine. One case recovered and was discharged (a total of 2,973 cases or 95.32% of the total number of the confirmed cases have recovered) and 88 were being treated in hospitals (2.82% of the total number of confirmed cases). Currently, the total number of cases increased to 3,119. There were no reports of deaths, therefore, the total number of deaths remained at 58 cases.

From the reports in the last 14 days, all 77 confirmed cases are Thai citizens who returned from abroad and were being observed under state quarantine supported by the government. Even though Thailand has not had any reports of infection within the country, it does not mean that there are not any infected cases in the community. In the current situation, there have mainly been confirmed COVID-19 cases among asymptomatic people who have not presented with fever, cough, sore throat, or respiratory symptoms. Therefore, self-protection is still important and people should continue practices such as wearing a mask/cloth mask, keeping space between others, washing your hands properly, wearing a face mask/cloth mask under if wearing a face shield, and avoid touching the face, eyes, nose, and mouth with unclean hands.

Group gatherings or mass gathering events are still at-risk of the disease to spread to others. The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) asked for the cooperation of business operators and facility service providers to consider the suitability of activities to ensure safety of customers and all people.

They must strictly adhere to these five main measures to prevent the spread of disease:

- 1) Clean areas and surfaces that are frequently touched, and properly dispose of waste every day.
- 2) The owners and service staff must wear hygienic masks/cloth masks.
- 3) Provide hand sanitizing stations with soap and water, alcohol gel, or disinfectants.
- 4) Allocate at least 1 meter of space between each table/seat/walking lane.
- 5) Limit the number of users so that the area is not too crowded.