



The Coronavirus Disease 2019 News release

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Special Announcement of COVID-19 On 15 June 2020

Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, There were no reports of new confirmed cases or recovered cases. The total number of cases remained at 3,135 and the total number of recovered cases remained at 2,987 (95.28% of the total number of the confirmed cases). 90 patients were being treated in hospitals (2.87% of the total number of confirmed cases). The total number of deaths remained at 58 as there were no reports of COVID-19 deaths today.

The COVID-19 situation in Thailand is improving. The government has begun Phase 4 of easing the restrictions today (15 June 2020) for "Red group" businesses and activities, which are at high-risk of disease spread. Examples include education institutions, restaurants, kindergartens, public transportation, amusement parks, swimming pools, sports stadiums, convention centers, film shoots, spas, and others. Business owners are the key people to change the patterns of businesses and activities to prevent the spread of disease under the government's standards by arranging spaces in service areas, seats, and walking lanes, limiting the number of customers, providing screening spots and hand sanitizer dispensers and frequently cleaning the most touched surfaces for customer safety.

However, The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH), asked people to always be aware and strictly practice the protective measures, especially for students and workers aged 20-39 years old. The information from the Department of Disease Control revealed that approximately 50% of confirmed cases are people in those groups. The working age group is in strong physical health and when they are infected, they do not always show symptoms, hence there is a risk of spreading the virus to family members or close contacts. In addition, wearing a face mask/cloth mask when leaving the residence is still necessary together with keeping 1-2 meters of space between others, avoiding gatherings or visiting crowded places, frequently cleaning commonly-touched surfaces including doorknobs, lift buttons, tables, railings, and various handrails. Moreover, frequently wash your hands and strictly follow the instructions in every place. When using public transportation, you must stand or sit in the designated areas to reduce congestion. Eat well-cooked food with a personal spoon. The MOPH encourages wearing a face shield in the correct way by wearing it together with a face mask because wearing only a face shield runs the risk of spreading the virus to others. For variety shows in which people do not wear a face mask, they must keep 1-2 meters of space from other guests even if they wear a face shield. If we work together, we can reduce the chance of the second wave of COVID-19.