



The Coronavirus Disease 2019 News release

by Emergency Operations Center, Department of Disease Control

Special Announcement of COVID-19 On 16 June 2020

Today (16 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, there were no reports of new COVID-19 cases or deaths, as the total number of confirmed cases remained at 3,135 and deaths at 58 cases. Six cases recovered and were discharged (a total of 2,993 cases have recovered or 95.47% of the total number of the confirmed cases) and 84 were being treated in hospitals (2.68% of the total number of confirmed cases).

Regarding the COVID-19 situation in Thailand at this time, the recent confirmed cases are Thai people who returned from abroad. Thai people still continue to travel back to Thailand. The government determines the number of travelers who return from abroad to manage the state facilities and provide an efficient number of healthcare workers. The Department of Disease Control information of travelers who returned from abroad and were quarantined at state and local facilities from February until 15 June 2020 showed that the total number of Thai people who were quarantined at state facilities is 28,574. Today, 545 Thai people will return from South Africa, Japan, the Republic of Uzbekistan and Qatar.

After the government began Phase 4 of relaxing the measures (15 June 2020) regarding cancellation of the curfew and allowing restaurants to sell alcoholic beverages, there have subsequently been more people joining and gathering in groups for entertainment. In addition, tourist attractions such as zoos, water parks have had many customers. Some places are congested and crowded, which is considered a significant risk for infection.

Therefore, the cooperation from business operators and the public are crucial parts of minimizing the risk of infection and preventing the spread of COVID-19. Business owners shall prepare areas for screening the customers, manage the area to reduce the congestion of people, provide points/counters requesting the customer to scan or register through the “Thaichana” application created by the government. These kinds of implementations will help the business places meet the disease control standards and if there are infected patients, the Department of Disease Control will use the information from the Thaichana application to follow up the close contacts and bring them into the tracking, disease surveillance and treatment process. In the meantime, people must take care of themselves by wearing a mask every time they leave their residence, not touching their face, nose or mouth, carrying personal alcohol gel, keeping distance from others, and refraining from visiting large gatherings. If anyone develops respiratory symptoms including coughing, sneezing and difficulty breathing, they are recommended to implement self-quarantine and not to visit public places. If their symptoms do not improve, it is recommended to seek a medical treatment at the hospital.