



The Coronavirus Disease 2019 News release

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Today (18 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, six new COVID-19 cases were confirmed (five confirmed cases who returned from Saudi Arabia and one confirmed case who returned from India), and were under state quarantine. This brought the total number of cases to 3,141. One case recovered and was discharged (a total of 2,997 cases have recovered or 95.42% of the total number of the confirmed cases) and 88 were being treated in hospitals (2.74% of the total number of confirmed cases). There were no reports of deaths, therefore, the total number of deaths remained at 58 cases.

After the government began Phase 4 of relaxing the measures, allowing people to return closer to normal lives, people have begun using public transportation more. Therefore, practicing self-protection measures is important. Before leaving your residence, you must wear a face mask/cloth mask. When using public transportation, you must stand or sit in the designated areas to reduce congestion and keep 1-2 meters of space between others. The greeting gesture like Wai (Thai greeting style) is suitable, and try to avoid touching the commonly-touched surfaces including door knobs, lift buttons, tables, railings, and various handrails. Do not touch your face, eyes, nose, and mouth with unclean hands. Prepare hand sanitizer, frequently wash your hands, and strictly follow the instructions in every place. Importantly, you should check in with the entry-exit registration by the "Thai Cha Na" digital platform every time because if there are confirmed cases, it will assist the investigation team to follow up the close contacts and bring them into the tracking, disease surveillance, and treatment process.

In the current global situation, there were a total of 8,400,129 confirmed cases with 451,263 COVID-19 deaths. The three countries with the most reported new confirmed COVID-19 cases include Brazil (31,475), followed by the United States (26,071), and India (13,103). Today, Brazil reported the highest number of new COVID-19 confirmed cases in one day since the infection began, which brought the total number of cases in the country to 960,309.