



The Coronavirus Disease 2019 News release

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Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, five new COVID-19 cases were confirmed. All were returnees coming from Saudi Arabia, and they were under state quarantine. This brought the total number of cases to 3,146. 11 cases recovered and were discharged (a total of 3,008 cases have recovered or 95.61% of the total number of the confirmed cases) and 80 were being treated in hospitals (2.54% of the total number of confirmed cases). There were no reports of deaths, therefore, the total number of deaths remained at 58 cases.

Reports from abroad indicate COVID-19 contamination in meat sections or meat processing units of wholesale markets, fresh markets, and seafood markets, which caused numerous new confirmed cases and high-risk close contacts. Therefore, those in the food industry, butchers, and service staff must strictly follow the preventive measures against the spread of COVID-19 as specified by the Department of Health including wearing a face mask/cloth mask and cleaning their food stalls every 2 hours. Those selling seafood, fresh food, or meat must avoid direct contact with raw food by wearing gloves. Moreover, washing hands every time before and after work and wearing gloves or using food tongs to prevent contamination of germs is necessary.

Distributors of prepared food must cover the food and warm the food every 2 hours. Sales people must wash their hands frequently with water and soap or hand sanitizer, avoid touching money directly (using a basket or bag instead to receive change), keep space from others, and avoid touching their face, eyes, mouth, and nose with unclean hands. If you are sick, you are recommended to seek medical treatment at the hospital.

Consumers are requested to eat fully cooked food and avoid eating raw food. Strictly follow the instructions when visiting public places by wearing a face mask/cloth mask, keep 1-2 meters of space between others, frequently wash your hands, do not touch your face, eyes, nose, and mouth with unclean hands, and avoid gatherings or visiting crowded places. You should check in with the entry-exit registration by the "Thai Cha Na" digital platform every time. If we work together, we can reduce the chance of the second wave of COVID-19.