



## Special Announcement of COVID-19 On 20 June 2020

Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, one new COVID-19 case was confirmed in someone who returned from Bahrain and was under state quarantine. This brought the total number of cases to 3,147. 10 cases recovered and were discharged (a total of 3,018 cases have recovered or 95.90% of the total number of the confirmed cases) and 71 were being treated in hospitals (2.26% of the total number of confirmed cases). There were no reports of deaths, therefore, the total number of deaths remained at 58 cases.

From the report of the COVID-19 situation in Thailand, up to today, there has not been a new case found in the country for 26 days. The infected people during the current situation are Thai people who are gradually returning from abroad. The government has set up the surveillance protocol for this group of Thai people, including screening for people with fever, cough, sore throat, respiratory symptoms and providing accommodation for 14 days of quarantine for observation. Although the recent travelers have been young students who have not shown signs and appear healthy, the Ministry of Public Health can still detect the disease from testing the collected samples of all detained people twice. This is to ensure that the virus will not spread to other people in the country. Today, there are flights to bring a total of 499 Thai people from Germany, Brunei, South Korea and the United States back to Thailand, and they will enter into the surveillance protocol in accordance with disease prevention and control measures. In addition, surveillance and active case finding among migrant workers has been carried out among 11,027 people since May. No one was found to have been infected by the causative agent of COVID-19 (data as of 15 June 2020).

For Thai people in the country, self-protection from COVID-19 is still important since people are leaving their residence more often for shopping and traveling. This will lead to mass gatherings of people, therefore, wearing a mask every time they go outside the residence, keeping distance between other people, refraining from visiting crowded places, avoiding to touch face, nose, mouth and eyes, and frequently washing hands will be their armor to prevent COVID-19 and other respiratory diseases.