

Special Announcement of COVID-19 On 24 June 2020

Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, one new COVID-19 case was confirmed in someone who returned from the Philippines and was under state quarantine. This brought the total number of cases to 3,157. Three cases recovered and were discharged (a total of 3,026 cases have recovered or 95.85% of the total number of the confirmed cases) and 73 were being treated in hospitals (2.31% of the total number of confirmed cases). There were no reports of deaths, therefore, the total number of deaths remained at 58 cases.

During the current situation in Thailand, Thai citizens are still returning from abroad. Thailand has had no reports of new local transmission cases, but the government is still asking for cooperation from the general public and all sectors to strictly comply with the measures, especially during the 4th phase of relaxed restrictions. The Cabinet has approved a compensation day for Buddhist holidays from July 4-7. It may lead to people to return to their hometowns, travel, or make merit during this long holiday. Some places may become crowded and increase the risk of spreading disease. The Ministry of Public Health requested citizens to not let their guards down and to protect themselves every time they leave the residence by wearing a face mask/cloth mask, avoiding gatherings or visiting crowded places, and preparing hand sanitizer. Importantly, people must stay at home when sick and refrain from going out.

Temples and religious places should abide by the measures determined by the Religious Affairs Department, Buddhism Office, Ministry of Culture National and the Ministry of Public Health including arranging the areas to reduce the congestion of people when entering the temples and setting up the screening points to screen people for fever. If their body temperature exceeds 37.5 degrees Celsius, they are not allowed to join the activities. Above all, everyone must wear a face mask/cloth mask. Cleaning stations with soap and water or alcohol gels should be provided. The religious places must ensure a good ventilation system and ask people to check in with the entry-exit registration by the "Thai Cha Na" digital platform all the time. Lastly, they should shorten the religious rituals to reduce contact and the risk of people getting COVID-19 disease.