



The Coronavirus Disease 2019 News release

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Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, seven new COVID-19 cases were confirmed. Six confirmed cases were those who returned from India and the other confirmed case returned from the United States and they were all under state quarantine. This brought the total number of cases to 3,169. There were no reports of new recovered cases as the total number of recovered cases remained at 3,053 (96.34% of the total number of the confirmed cases). 58 were being treated in hospitals (1.83% of the total number of confirmed cases). The total number of deaths remained at 58 as there were no reports of COVID-19 deaths today.

The report of the new confirmed cases still shows that they are Thai returnees coming back from abroad. They are observed under the standard disease surveillance protocol in state quarantine facilities supported by the government which includes health screening for fever, cough, sore throat, and respiratory symptoms, and providing accommodations for observation for 14 days. If individuals are sick, they will be sent to receive timely treatment in the hospital to ensure that there are no imported cases in the country. Today, 491 Thai returnees will come back from Kuwait, South Korea, and The United States which will bring the total number of people observed under State Quarantine to 48,332 people. Of those, 232 cases were positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19).

The data from COVID-19 real time-PCR tests from 200 laboratories of the Department of Medical Sciences, Department of Disease Control Ministry of Public Health, Medical Institutes, and private sector as of 26 June 2020, showed that 603,657 samples were tested or had ongoing tests in risk groups.

On July 1st, schools will begin a new semester across the country. Students will gradually resume using public transportation such as buses, railtrains, and boats which may cause congestion and physical distancing could be hard. The Ministry of Public Health suggested avoiding talking in close range while in vehicles. Importantly, protect yourself by wearing a mask/cloth mask at all times when leaving the residence and you should have a reserve mask to change during the day. If wearing a face shield, it must be worn together with a mask/cloth mask. Wash hands frequently with either soap and water or alcohol gel. Do not touch your face, eyes, nose, or mouth with unclean hands, continue to monitor your health for any unusual symptoms. If you are sick, you must keep yourself at home and avoid visiting any public places to prevent the spread of the infection to others.