

## Special Announcement of COVID-19

**On 30 June 2020**

Today (30 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, two new COVID-19 cases were confirmed. All were returnees coming from Qatar, and they were under state quarantine. This brought the total number of cases to 3,171. Three cases recovered and were discharged (a total of 3,056 cases have recovered or 96.37% of the total number of the confirmed cases) and 57 were being treated in hospitals (1.8% of the total number of confirmed cases). There were no reports of deaths so the total number of deaths remained at 58 cases.

From the report of the two new confirmed cases today, they were male massage service staff, 27 and 28 years old. They arrived in Thailand on 16 June 2020 and were observed under state quarantine in Chonburi province supported by the government. Their laboratory results were positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) on their second test (collected on 27 June) but they were asymptomatic.

The government will begin Phase 5 of easing the restrictions on 1 July 2020 for the “Red group” businesses including entertainment spots, pubs, bars, massage parlors, game shops, and karaoke shops which are at high-risk of disease spread. The Ministry of Public Health emphasizes people to comply with the new normal lifestyle and check in with the entry-exit registration by the “Thai Cha Na” digital platform every time they use the services to assist the investigation team to follow up close contacts and bring them into the tracking, disease surveillance, and treatment process.

On July 1, all schools will begin a new semester across the country. The schools must follow the disease prevention measures. All schools have to follow the prevention measures to prevent the disease from spreading in accordance with the guidelines created by the Ministry of Public Health and the Ministry of Education namely enforcing wearing of mask/cloth mask at all times when in the school, providing hand washing stations with soap or alcohol gel, and arranging space in the classroom to prevent crowding. There is a focus on teaching methods which can reduce congestion such as limiting the number of students in each room to 20-25 people per room. The cooperation from the parents with the school is necessary including preparing protective equipment for their children such as face masks/cloth masks and hand sanitizer. After finishing school, students should go back home and clean their bodies immediately. Importantly, if the child is sick with a fever, cough, or sneezing, the parent must keep the child at home to reduce the risk of spreading the infection to others. Moreover, the parent should access the “THAISTOPCOVID” platform to evaluate the school’s disease prevention measure for your child’s safety. If we remain aware and work together, we can reduce the chance of a second wave of COVID-19.