

Special Announcement of COVID-19 On 1 July 2020

Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, two new COVID-19 cases were confirmed. All were returnees coming from Kuwait, and they were screened at Suvarnabhumi airport and were under state quarantine. This brought the total number of cases to 3,173. Three cases recovered and were discharged (a total of 3,059 cases have recovered or 96.41% of the total number of the confirmed cases) and 56 were being treated in hospitals (1.76% 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 reports of people who returned from abroad and were under state quarantine supported by the government. Among 49,458 people who have been observed since February 2020, 236 confirmed cases were detected with COVID-19. The highest COVID-19 prevalence among Thai returnees are those who came from Kuwait with 36 (12.29%) infected returnees of 293 people, followed by Saudi Arabia with 28 (10.22%) of 274 returnees, Pakistan with 13 (6.63%) infected out of 196 returnees, and Indonesia with 65 (5.95%) of 1,092 Thais returning to Thailand.

Today is the first day of Phase 5 of easing the restrictions in businesses at high risk of disease spread including pubs, bars, karaoke shops, and breweries. Currently, many countries have faced a cluster of re-emerging infections from those places. In addition, the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) asked for cooperation from business owners to strictly follow the prevention measures released by the MOPH to reduce the risk of spreading disease by arranging space in the services area, providing body temperature screening stations, limiting the number of customers, cleaning areas and surfaces that are frequently touched such as microphones, bathrooms, handrails, and doorknobs, and limiting the service time so that it is not over midnight. All service staff must wear hygienic masks/cloth masks at all times. Customers must practice self-protection by not gathering in groups of more than 5 people, not sharing spoons, plates, and glasses with others, wearing a face mask/cloth mask, frequently washing hands, and checking-in with the entry-exit registration by the "Thai Cha Na" digital platform every time.