



The Coronavirus Disease 2019 News release

by Emergency Operations Center, Department of Disease Control

Special Announcement of COVID-19 On 2 July 2020

Today (2 July 2020) at the Centre of COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA), Ministry of Public Health, Nonthaburi, Dr. Panprapa Yongtrakul Vice-Spokesperson of the CCSA stated that regarding the COVID-19 situation in Thailand, six new COVID-19 cases were confirmed. Four new confirmed cases were returnees coming from Indonesia, one confirmed case returned from South Africa, and one confirmed case returned from Sudan, and they were all under state quarantine. This brought the total number of cases to 3,179. There were no reports of newly recovered cases as the total number of recovered cases remained at 3,059 (93.23% of the total number of the confirmed cases). 62 were being treated in hospitals (1.95% 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.

Today, the 6 newly confirmed COVID-19 cases include:

- Four confirmed cases who returned from Indonesia. All of them are Thai males, aged 21, 37, 43, and 62 years-old. They arrived in Thailand on 24 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 29 June but they were asymptomatic.
- One confirmed case returned from South Africa. He is a 20 year-old Thai male who arrived in Thailand on 28 June 2020 with a cough and was detected as a Patient Under Investigation (PUI) at Suvarnabhumi Airport. He was referred to a hospital in Samut Prakan province. His laboratory results were positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) on his second test (collected on 30 June).
- One confirmed case returned from Sudan. He is a 21 year-old Thai male who arrived in Thailand on 24 June 2020 and was observed under state quarantine in Chonburi province. His laboratory results were positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) on 29 June but he was asymptomatic.

The group consisting of students and workers aged between 20 - 39 years are a special surveillance group because when they are infected, they do not always show symptoms and their lifestyles often involve leaving their residence or meeting with numerous people. Phase 5 of the government's relaxation of restrictions have allowed people to return closer to normal life which may increase the risk of infection. This is consistent with the information from the Department of Disease Control revealing that almost 50% of confirmed cases were found from these age groups. Asymptomatic infection has a risk of spreading the disease to family members and close contacts. Thus, the general population must remain aware and protect themselves at all times when they leave to study, work, and have outdoor activities by wearing a face mask/cloth mask, not touching their faces, eyes, nose, and mouth with unclean hands, preparing hand sanitizer and frequently washing their hands, keeping 1-2 meters of space from others, and avoiding gatherings and crowded places. Eating cooked food with personal spoons and maintaining physical health is good for your own safety and for the safety of others.