

Special Announcement of COVID-19 On 3 July 2020

Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, one new COVID-19 case was confirmed is someone who returned from Bahrain and was under state quarantine. This brought the total number of cases to 3,180. Seven cases recovered and were discharged (a total of 3,066 cases have recovered or 96.42% 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.

Dr. Anupong Sujariyakul, senior expert of the Department of Disease Control (DDC) said that the COVID-19 situation in Thailand is gradually improving. New confirmed cases have been Thai people who returned from abroad and were under state quarantine supported by the government. Thailand has been able to successfully cope and control the disease because of the cooperation from everyone who take care of themselves and complied with the prevention measures created by the government and the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) including wearing a face mask/cloth mask when leaving the residence, leaving residence only when necessary, working from home, reducing gatherings or visiting crowded places, and frequently washing hands.

The epidemiology information from the DDC revealed that between January 1st to June 30th, 2020, Thailand had 103,234 cases infected with influenza with 3 deaths. Compared with last year in the same period of time, 194,598 cases were reported with 14 deaths. As for pneumonia, this year has seen 102,476 cases with 70 deaths. Last year, there were 124,906 cases of pneumonia with 98 deaths. This evidence indicated that COVID-19 prevention measures were beneficial for health and significantly decreased respiratory diseases. However, we are still at-risk of facing a second wave of re-emergence if people let their guard down and return to their normal life without protection. The MOPH asked people to always be aware and keep their guard up with strict practice of self-prevention until it becomes a habit. Now, the MOPH has prepared medical equipment and health staff to respond when the second wave occurs.