

## Special Announcement of COVID-19 On 4 July 2020

Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, five new COVID-19 cases were confirmed. three confirmed cases returned from Sudan, one confirmed case returned from the United Kingdom, and the other confirmed case returned from Kuwait. They were all under state quarantine. This brought the total number of cases to 3,185. There were no reports of new recovered cases as the total number of recovered cases remained at 3,066 (96.26% of the total number of the confirmed cases). 61 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.

Dr. Sapon Iamsirithaworn, Director of the Division of Communicable Diseases said that today, the 5 newly confirmed COVID-19 cases include:

- One confirmed case who returned from Kuwait. He is a 24 year-old Thai male who arrived in Thailand on June 29 and was observed under state quarantine in Bangkok. His symptoms on July 2 included fever, throat irritation, and hyposmia. His laboratory results were positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19).
- One confirmed case returned from the United Kingdom. She is a 41 year-old Thai female who arrived in Thailand on June 26 and was observed under state quarantine in Chonburi province. Her laboratory results were positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) on July 1st but she was asymptomatic.
- Three confirmed cases who returned from Sudan. All of them are Thai males, aged 23, and 25 years-old (2 people). They arrived in Thailand on June 24 and were observed under state quarantine in Chonburi province. Their laboratory results were positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) on July 2.

Dr. Sapon also said that the government has begun Phase 5 of easing the restrictions today (1 July 2020) for entertainment venues and business operators can reopen their businesses. These business groups are at high-risk of COVID-19 spread. The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) asked for cooperation from business owners to strictly comply with the disease prevention and control measures under the New Normal by keeping space in the services areas, screening for age and fever before entering, cleaning surfaces that are frequently touched, and service staff must wear a face mask/cloth mask at all times. Customers also need to practice self-protection by wearing a face mask cloth mask, preparing hand sanitizers, and checking-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.

After providing or using the services, customers are asked to observe their symptoms. If they have respiratory symptoms including fever, cough, sore throat, they must stop working and seek medical attention in the hospital and provide their risk history to support and accelerate the diagnosis and treatment.