

Special Announcement of COVID-19 On 6 July 2020

Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, five new COVID-19 cases were confirmed. All new confirmed cases returned from Kuwait and were under state quarantine. All of them were positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) but they are asymptomatic. This brought the total number of cases to 3,195. One case recovered and was discharged (a total of 3,072 cases have recovered or 96.15% of the total number of the confirmed cases) and 65 were being treated in hospitals (2.03% of the total number of confirmed cases). There were no reports of deaths so the total number of deaths remained at 58 cases.

Dr. Sopon Iamsirithaworn, Director of the Division of Communicable Diseases said that the COVID-19 situation in Thailand is improving and the new confirmed cases still are Thai returnees coming back from abroad. Currently, Thailand has not reported local transmission of COVID-19 for 42 consecutive days as a result of people's cooperation and strict compliance with the self-protective measures by wearing a face mask/face mask, keeping space from others, and frequently washing their hands. Even though Thailand has not had any reports of case within the country, it does not mean that there are not any infected cases in the community. If people let their guard down, Thailand may face a second wave of re-emerging infections like many other countries that reported re-infection in group clusters from crowded places such as fresh markets and entertainment venues.

Thus, during this long vacation during Asanha Bucha Day and Buddhist Lent Day. Many people return to their hometown to make merit, travel which leads to crowds and congestion of people in attractions as the places at-risk of spreading COVID-19 and other respiratory diseases. The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) asked for the cooperation from the general public to strictly practice self-protection including wearing a face mask/cloth mask every time when you leave the residence and use services in any place to prevent infection. Together with keeping space from others, frequently wash your hands and avoid touching surfaces that are frequently touched such as railings, tables, and lift buttons. Do not touch your face, eyes, nose, and mouth with unclean hands. You should check in with the entry-exit registration by the "Thai Cha Na" digital platform every time to assist the investigation team to follow up the close contacts and bring them into the tracking, disease surveillance and treatment process. Importantly, if you are sick, you must keep yourself at home and not visit public places to prevent the spread of infection to others.