

## Special Announcement of COVID-19 On 8 July 2020

Today (8 July 2020) at the Centre of COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA), Ministry of Public Health, Nonthaburi, Dr. Panprapa Yongtrakul Vice-Spokesperson of CCSA stated that regarding the COVID-19 situation in Thailand, two new COVID-19 cases were confirmed. One confirmed case returned from India and the other confirmed case returned from Indonesia. Both have been under state quarantine. This brought the total number of cases to 3,197. Two cases recovered and were discharged (a total of 3,074 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.

Currently, Thailand has had no reported local transmission of COVID-19 for 44 consecutive days. All new confirmed cases were only found in Thai people returning from abroad. Today, the two new confirmed COVID-19 cases are as follows:

- One confirmed case who returned from India is a 31 year-old Thai male who arrived in Thailand on June 23 and was observed under state quarantine in Bangkok. His laboratory results were positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) on the second test on July 5th but he was asymptomatic.

- Another confirmed case who returned from Indonesia is a 39 year-old Thai male who arrived in Thailand on June 24 and was observed under state quarantine in Chonburi province. His laboratory results were positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) on the second test on July 5th but he was asymptomatic.

Even though all new confirmed cases during this period still are Thai people returning from abroad, the government has continued to set up the surveillance system to observe them for 14 days. This measure is important to prevent the disease from spreading to other people in the country. No matter what the situation is, protecting yourself from COVID-19 is still necessary. People must wear a mask/cloth mask when leaving the residence, frequently wash hands, refrain from touching their face, nose, mouth with unclean hands, and keep space between others. In addition, avoid attending mass gathering activities, visiting crowded places, and talking with people in close proximity. You should check in with the entry/exit registration by the "Thai Cha Na" digital platform every time so that the investigation team can track the number of visitors/ customers in each place. Importantly, people are recommended to continually monitor their health for any unusual symptoms. If anyone is sick, they must keep themselves at home and stop working to prevent the spread of the disease to others.