

Special Announcement of COVID-19 On 12 July 2020

Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, one new COVID-19 case was confirmed in someone who returned from Japan and was observed under state quarantine supported by the government in Bangkok. This brought the total number of cases to 3,217. There were no reports of new recovered cases as the total number of recovered cases remained at 3,088 (95.99% of the total number of the confirmed cases). 71 were being treated in hospitals (2.21% 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 newly confirmed case is a 39 year-old Thai male business officer who returned from Japan and arrived in Thailand on June 30. He was observed under state quarantine in Bangkok. His laboratory results were positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) on his second test on July 10th but he was asymptomatic.

Dr. Sapon Iamsirithaworn, Director of Division of Communicable Diseases, Department of Disease Control said that Thailand has passed through the first outbreak wave since Thailand has not reported local transmission of COVID-19 for 48 consecutive days and currently has the 100th most confirmed cases in the world as a result of people's cooperation and strict compliance with the self-protective measures. But the world is still experiencing a pandemic. The three countries reporting the most cases include the United States (3,355,646 cases), followed by Brazil (1,840,812 cases), and India (850,358 cases) respectively. Several countries/regions have faced a second wave of COVID-19 like Japan, South Korea, China (Hong Kong) due to risk behaviors for entering into the crowded places such as entertainment venues and wholesale markets

From the lessons learned, the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) is still asking for cooperation from everyone to protect themselves from COVID-19. Everyone should strictly practice self-protection measures until they become their normal habits including wearing a face mask/cloth mask every time you leave the residence, avoiding attending mass gathering activities, avoiding visiting crowded places, keeping space from others, and frequently washing your hands. If you are sick, you must stay at home and avoid visiting any public places to prevent spreading the disease to others. You should check-in with the entry-exit registration by the "Thai Cha Na" digital platform every time you use the services to assist the investigation team to follow up close contacts and bring them into the tracking, disease surveillance when confirmed cases are found. The MOPH has prepared medical equipment and health care personnel to manage the disease if Thailand has to face a second wave of COVID-19.