**Special Announcement of COVID-19**
**On 23 July 2020**

Today (23 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, eight new COVID-19 cases were confirmed. Four confirmed cases returned from Egypt, two confirmed cases returned from Sudan, and the other two confirmed cases returned from the United States. They were all under state quarantine supported by the government. This brought the total number of cases to 3,269. There were no reports of new recovered cases as the total number of recovered cases remained at 3,105 (94.98% of the total number of the confirmed cases). 106 were being treated in hospitals (3.24% 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 8 newly confirmed COVID-19 cases include:
- **The four cases from Egypt** include: Two cases that are 21 year-old Thai males who arrived in Thailand on 8 July 2020 and were observed under state quarantine in Chonburi province. Their laboratory results were positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) on the second test on July 19th (day 11 of quarantine) but they were asymptomatic. Prior to that on the same flight, 15 cases were confirmed with SARS-CoV-2 infection.
- Cases 3 and 4 are Thai male students (20 and 24 years old) who arrived in Thailand on July 17th and were observed under state quarantine in Chonburi province. Their laboratory results were positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) on 21 July (day 5 of quarantine) but they were asymptomatic. Prior to that on the same flight, four other cases were confirmed with SARS-CoV-2 infection.
- There were **two confirmed cases who returned from Sudan.** They are 20 year-old Thai students (one male and one female) who arrived in Thailand on July 10th. They met the patient under investigation (PUI) criteria and were tested at the disease control port of Suvarnabhumi Airport but tested negative originally and were observed under state quarantine in Chonburi province. On the third test on July 21st (day 12 of quarantine), their laboratory results were positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19). Prior to that on the same flight, 15 cases were confirmed with SARS-CoV-2 infection.
- There were **two confirmed cases who returned from the United States.** They are 22 and 23 year-old Thai female employees who arrived in Thailand on July 18th and were observed under state quarantine in Bangkok. Their laboratory results were positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) on the first test on July 21st (day 4 of quarantine).

From the report of new confirmed cases, they are Thai people returning from abroad who were observed under state quarantine supported by the government. The data from 23 July 2020 showed that 63,020 people have been observed under quarantine. 332 confirmed cases (0.53%) were detected with COVID-19. Of those confirmed cases, 106 cases were being treated in hospitals and 226 cases recovered and have been discharged.

However, the easing of restrictions and the current situation may lead people to feel nervous and worried. Regardless of the situation, people must keep practicing the protection measures to prevent COVID-19 including wearing a face mask/cloth mask at all times when they leave the residence, washing their hands frequently, keeping space from others, and avoiding visiting crowded places. Continue to monitor your health for any unusual symptoms. If you are sick, you must keep yourself at home and avoid visiting any public places.

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