

Special Announcement of COVID-19 On 25 July 2020

Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, three new COVID-19 cases were confirmed. One confirmed case returned from Sudan and two confirmed cases returned from the United States and they were all under state quarantine. This brought the total number of cases to 3,282. Two cases recovered and were discharged (a total of 3,109 cases have recovered or 94.73% of the total number of the confirmed cases) and 115 were being treated in hospitals (3.50% of the total number of confirmed cases). There were no reports of deaths so the total number of deaths remained at 58 cases.

Today, all three newly confirmed cases returned from abroad as follows:

- The confirmed case who returned from Sudan is a 23 year-old Thai female employee who arrived in Thailand on July 10 and was observed under state quarantine in Chonburi province. Her laboratory results were positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) on the second test on July 21st (day 12 of quarantine) but she was asymptomatic. Prior to that on the same flight, 18 cases were confirmed with SARS-CoV-2 infection.

- The two confirmed cases who returned from the United States are a 14 year-old Thai female student and a 23 year-old Thai female student who arrived in Thailand on July 11 and were observed under state quarantine in Bangkok. Their laboratory results were positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) on their second tests on July 23rd (day 13 of quarantine). Prior to that on the same flight, 4 cases were confirmed with SARS-CoV-2 infection.

From the report of the new confirmed cases, they are Thai people returning from abroad. All of them are entered in the surveillance system for disease prevention and control, which is supported by the government and includes entry screening by checking body temperature and respiratory symptoms such as cough and sore throat. They are then put under observation for 14 days. If individuals are sick, they are sent to the hospital immediately to ensure they will not import the disease to the others in the nation.

This week has a long holiday vacation that has led people to return back to their hometowns to make merit and travel. The Ministry of Public Health asked the cooperation from everyone to "not let your guard down" and to strictly practice the protection measures by wearing a face mask/cloth mask when leaving the residence and wearing all times, keeping space between others. In addition, avoid attending mass gathering activities and visiting crowded places. Frequently wash hands, refrain from touching your face, nose, mouth with unclean hands, and adapt yourself to get along well with the new normal behaviors to prevent the disease. If you feel sick from a cold or feel symptoms suspected from the flu, you need to stay at home. 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. If you are sick, you must keep yourself at home and avoid visiting any public places.