



The Coronavirus Disease 2019 News release

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Special Announcement of COVID-19

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Dr. Sapon Iamsirithaworn, Director of the Division of Communicable Diseases said that regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, six new COVID-19 cases were confirmed. Four confirmed cases returned from Egypt and two confirmed cases returned from Saudi Arabia which brought the total number of cases to 3,304. They were all under state quarantine supported by the government. There were no reports of new recovered cases as the total number of recovered cases remained at 3,111 (94.16% of the total number of the confirmed cases). 135 were being treated in hospitals (4.09% 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, all six newly confirmed cases returned from abroad as follows:

- Four confirmed cases returned from Egypt. All are male Thai students between 21 and 25 years old. They arrived in Thailand on 17 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 28th (day 11 of quarantine) but they were asymptomatic. Prior to that on the same flight, two cases were confirmed with SARS-CoV-2 infection.
- The two confirmed cases who returned from Saudi Arabia are a 25 year-old male Thai student and a 50 year-old Thai maid. They arrived in Thailand on 25 July 2020 and were observed under state quarantine in Chonburi province. Their laboratory results were positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) on the first test on July 28th (day 3 of quarantine) but they were asymptomatic. Prior to that on the same flight, one case was confirmed with SARS-CoV-2 infection.

The worldwide situation is still widespread. Approximately 200,000-250,000 newly confirmed cases have been reported each day, which has brought the total number of global cases to 17,182,927. The countries reporting the most cases include the United States (4,568,037 cases), followed by Brazil (2,555,518 cases), and India (1,584,384 cases). Moreover, several countries had controlled the situation but are now faced with a second wave of COVID-19 including Japan, South Korea, China (Hong Kong), and Vietnam. Still, Thailand has not reported local transmission of COVID-19 for a while.

The GCI Global Advisory Council has placed Thailand as number one out of 184 countries for the country with the best recovery during the COVID-19 outbreak. The rankings were evaluated from two factors, namely the Global Recovery Index and the Global Severity Index. For the Global Recovery Index, Thailand has an overall score of 82.27, which is ranked 5th for countries that have the most advanced virus outbreak relief in the world. This index was evaluated from 1) the number of active cases per capita, 2) the number of recoveries per confirmed case, 3) the number of tests conducted per confirmed case, and 4) the number of tests conducted per capita. This index also combines the score from the Global Health Security Index assessed by Johns Hopkins University, USA.

For the Global Severity Index, Thailand has an overall score of 10.70, which is the 1st ranking in the world. This measures how well a country handles the crisis in terms of the morbidity rate and fatality rate per population. This index is evaluated from the number of confirmed cases per capita, and 2) the proportionate death rate due to COVID-19 and is combined with the Global Health Security Index, which represents outbreak readiness.