

## Special Announcement of COVID-19 On 1 August 2020

Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, two new COVID-19 cases were confirmed. One confirmed case returned from Serbia and the other confirmed case returned from Denmark, which brought the total number of cases to 3,312. They were all under state quarantine supported by the government. 10 cases recovered and were discharged (a total of 3,135 cases have recovered or 94.66% of the total number of the confirmed cases) and 119 were being treated in hospitals (3.59% of the total number of confirmed cases). There were no reports of deaths as the total number of deaths remained at 58 cases.

Today, the two newly confirmed cases include:

- One confirmed case who returned from Serbia. He is a 29 year old male, Serbian football player. He arrived in Thailand by a charter flight at Buriram Airport on 19 July 2020. His laboratory results were negative for the first test, and he was observed under the designated quarantine by the government in Buriram province. After that, his laboratory results were positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) on the second test on July 27th (day 8 of quarantine) but he was asymptomatic and was referred to a hospital in Buriram province.
- One confirmed case who returned from Denmark. He is a 41 year-old male Finnish engineer (he was detected for COVID-19 in the middle of May). At the present time, he has no clinical signs. He arrived in Thailand on 27 July 2020 and was observed under the designated quarantine by the Thai government in Bangkok. On 24 July 2020 (the date before his arrival), his COVID-19 laboratory results showed negative. During the quarantine, his laboratory results were positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) on the first test on July 30th (day 3 of quarantine) and he was asymptomatic. He was referred to a private hospital in Bangkok.

Dr. Sapon Iamsirithaworn, the director of the Division of Communicable Diseases said that today the newly confirmed cases are still people who returned from abroad. The government is strictly implementing the surveillance, prevention and control measures for all nationalities and occupations. They will be observed in the quarantine facilities under the designated standard for 14 days and will be tested for COVID-19 twice. If they test negative, they will be allowed to go back to their normal lives and jobs. Please be assured that the government attaches importance and strict measures to prevent the disease spread for the safety of people in the country.

Nevertheless, the Ministry of Public Health asked for cooperation from people to 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, avoiding touch face, nose and mouth, keeping space from others, and avoiding visiting crowded places or talking with others in close proximity. Continue to monitor your health for any unusual symptoms. If you are sick with respiratory symptoms, you must keep yourself at home to prevent disease from spreading to others, and if you have a high fever or shortness of breath, you must seek medical attention for disease diagnosis.