



Novel Coronavirus 2019 Pneumonia News release

by Emergency Operation Center, Department of Disease Control

Special Announcement of the coronavirus disease starting in 2019 (COVID19) on 11 February 2020

1. The situation on 11 February 2020 at 8.00 A.M.

1. There are currently 23 confirmed cases of coronavirus disease starting in 2019 (COVID19) being treated in hospitals and 10 cases who returned to their homes, which brings the total number of novel coronavirus infection cases detected in Thailand to 33.

2. From 3 January to 10 February 2020, the total number of patients under investigation (PUI) increased to 693 people. Of those, 51 PUI were detected from the airport screening and 693 people sought medical services on their own at hospitals, and 336 cases recovered from their illnesses and returned to their homes. Most of the PUI were infected with seasonal influenza, and 357 PUI are admitted at hospitals.

3. Regarding the international situation from 27 countries between 5 January to 10 February 2020, there were 42,797 confirmed cases and 1,013 deaths, with 42,336 cases and 1,011 deaths coming from the People's Republic of China.

4. The Ministry of Public Health needs the cooperation from the public to follow its recommendations. With the public's cooperation, the situation will improve. The public is advised not to believe all of the circulating rumors from different sources. Please "Check before you Share." Information about patients are prohibited to share on online channels out of respect to the individual. Do not share the news situation from unreliable sources because incorrect information may cause widespread panic. Individuals spreading fake information can be found guilty under Thailand's Computer Crime Act of 2017. Please follow the news from the Ministry of Public Health. If you have any questions, you can ask the Department of Disease Control hotline: 1422, 24 hours per day or visit the website <https://ddc.moph.go.th/viralpneumonia/>, Line @ / Facebook : ู้กัันทัันโรค, Coronavirus2019, กรมควบคุมโรค

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2. Thai Ministry of Public Health confirmed one new case of COVID19, in a Chinese tourist.

Thailand's Ministry of Public Health found one new confirmed case of COVID19 in a high-risk close contact, bringing the total number in the country to 33 cases. Concerning the cruise ship sailing from Hong Kong to disembark in Thailand, The Westerdam cruise ship, right now hasn't allowed passengers to disembark in Thailand.

Dr. Suwannachai Wattanayingcharoenchai, Director-General, Department of Disease Control and his team have reported the updated situation regarding COVID19. Today (11 February, 2020), a group of experts in three areas (clinical management, epidemiology, and laboratory) reported that the new case is a 54-year-old Chinese woman from Wuhan who had close contact with the 22nd confirmed case. The patient had her temperature taken and her symptoms are being observed everyday. She has presented with respiratory illness since 6 February 2020, including fever, coughing, and sore throat and is being treated in an isolation room at Bamrasnaradura Infectious Diseases Institute. She is the 33rd patient. The detection of this patient shows the intensive screening of additional patients to prevent the virus from spreading widely.

Regarding the MS Westerdam's cruise ship, requested to dock at Laem Chabang Port, Chonburi province. As posted on online media, MOPH has contacted the Port Authority of Thailand and Marine Department. Both agencies confirmed that they received the request from the cruise ship. The MOPH has



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convened a meeting with relevant partners to ensure there is no risk of importation of COVID19 into the country.

According to the Communicable Diseases Act, B.E. 2558 (2015), Article 23, there must be a port of entry work team, which consists of relevant agencies such as representatives of the Immigration Bureau, Marine Department, and International Communicable Diseases Control Office and according to Article 24 there must be joint implementation of actions for surveillance, prevention, and control of international communicable diseases.

In case suspecting that there is a cruise traveling from outbreak areas or ports, MOPH officially assigned the health control officers at points of entry to apply the authority in accordance with Section 39 under the Communicable Diseases Act 2015 for investigation of the passengers' conditions before allowing the cruise to dock. This kind of action was implemented in accordance with the international standards for preventing an international outbreak.

Today, Dr. Suthep Petchmark, the Inspector General at Health Region 6 (Chonburi), Dr. Suwit Thammapalo, the Director of the International Quarantine Division and Dr. Hansa Ruksakom, Director of the Office of Disease Prevention and Control 6 (Chonburi) have a field visit with the main objective to consult and discuss disease control implementation with a working group at points of entry.

However, the Deputy Prime Minister (The Minister of Public Health) and the Minister of Transportation realized the people's concern regarding this matter and assured people that Thailand has not yet allowed any cruises to dock.

For the surveillance results of the 138 passengers travelling back from Wuhan who are residing at Sattahip Naval Base, there are currently 135 people living in a prepared residence. All of those people are in good health without fever. Regarding three people admitted at Somdej Phranangchaosirikit Hospital, Chonburi Hospital, and Sattahip Hospital, the patients have not shown any symptoms including fever, coughing, or runny nose. However, all of them are still under medical care until the termination of the disease surveillance period.

3. The results of implementation at Health Control

From 3-23 January 2020, the Department of Disease Control has been implementing the surveillance protocol by fever screening of arrival passengers of direct flights from Wuhan, China at the Suvarnabhumi, Don Mueang, Chiang Mai, Phuket and Krabi airports. On 24 January, the screening protocol began to be implemented at Chiang Rai Airport. The screening protocol has expanded to cover all arrival and departure flights from China at Suvarnabhumi Airport from January 29 to February 10, 2020. There were a total of 792 flights and 58,362 passengers and air crew members that were screened for the disease. For more effective screening throughout 24 hours, MoPH has also provided staff to assist the health officers at points of entry.

- For the screening protocol outside the airports, there were 43,986 people that were screened at five sea ports (Bangkok, Laem Chabang, Chiang Saen, Phuket and Samui) since January 1, and 304,736 people at the ground ports.
- All passengers will receive a Health Beware Card from immigration officers and health officers at health control.

4. The daily recommendation for preventing the coronavirus disease starting in 2019 (COVID19)

It is recommended to frequently wash hands with water and soap or use alcohol gel, avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth, and strictly comply with the recommendations "eating cooked food, using serving spoons and washing hands"