



The Coronavirus Disease 2019 News release

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Special Announcement of COVID-19 On 4 August 2020

Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, one new COVID-19 case was confirmed in someone who returned from Russia and was under alternative state quarantine. This brought the total number of cases to 3,321. There were no reports of new recovered cases as the total number of recovered cases remained at 3,142 (94.61% of the total number of the confirmed cases). 121 were being treated in hospitals (3.64% 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 newly confirmed COVID-19 case is a 33 year-old Russian female who arrived in Thailand on 20 July 2020 and was observed under the Alternative State Quarantine in Bangkok. Her laboratory results were positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) on the second test on August 2nd (day 13 of quarantine) but she was asymptomatic. She was referred to receive treatment in a private hospital in Bangkok. Prior to that on the same flight, one case was confirmed with SARS-CoV-2 infection.

Dr. Sophon Iamsirithaworn, the Director of the Division of Communicable Diseases stated that the evidence showed that the newly confirmed cases are still people who returned from abroad. More than 50 percent were asymptomatic because most of them are students and workers in good health. This can reflect that when they are infected, there is a risk of spreading the virus to others. Importantly, these groups have to go out from their residences to work, study, and for other activities, which may heighten the risk of infection and the spread of COVID-19. Therefore, the most important thing is to keep practicing self-protection measures by wearing a mask/cloth mask every time you leave your residence or go outside. Wash your hands frequently, and keep space between others and reduce contact. Avoid gathering or visiting crowded places such as theaters, performances and concerts. If participating in activities, the best self-protection tools are wearing a mask/cloth mask.

For the Jenny (the singer) concert in the Cha-Uat sub-district administrative office in Nakhon Sri Thammarat on 25 July 2020, it was found that the COVID-19 prevention measures are below the government standards and there was a high chance of COVID-19 transmission. The government asked the people who attended that concert to get a free COVID-19 test at the Cha-Uat district office, Nakhon Sri Thammarat during 4-5 August 2020, from 9.00-15.00. The Ministry of Public Health is collaborating with local government agencies to provide the testing service to the people by using the five medical mobile vans provided by the King.