



The Coronavirus Disease 2019 News release

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Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, two new COVID-19 cases were confirmed. They returned from the United States and were under state quarantine, which brought the total number of cases to 3,330. There were no reports of new recovered cases as the total number of recovered cases remained at 3,148 (94.53% of the total number of the confirmed cases). 124 were being treated in hospitals (3.72% 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's two newly confirmed COVID-19 cases are a 42 year-old Thai male and a 62 year-old Thai female who arrived in Thailand on July 31 and were under state quarantine supported by the government in Chonburi province. Their laboratory results were positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) on August 4th (day 4 of quarantine) but they were asymptomatic and were referred to a hospital in Chonburi province. Prior to that on the same flight, one case was confirmed with SARS-CoV-2 infection.

Dr. Sopon Iamsirithaworn, the Director of Division of Communicable Diseases, Department of Disease Control said on the global situation that today, 272,542 new confirmed cases were reported with 6,881 deaths which brought the total number of confirmed cases to 18,955,652 and deaths to 710,012. Every country has their own public health measures to monitor, prevent, and control the disease and accelerate creating COVID-19 vaccines. But Thailand's concern is that many countries that have coped with the situation have reported new confirmed cases such as Japan, Vietnam, and Australia. The Philippines has reported 6,352 new confirmed COVID-19 within 24 hours, which is their highest number since the outbreak occurred. The total number of confirmed cases in the Philippines is 112,593 cases.

The main cause of the increased confirmed cases or new waves in other countries is people's behavior. Neglecting to wear a face mask/cloth mask, having group gatherings without concern about social distancing, and not washing hands regularly are risks of easy transmission. Thus, the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) asked for cooperation from people to learn how to strictly implement the MOPH recommended protective measures to maintain to decrease the chance of getting COVID-19.

The World Health Organization (WHO) stated that screening, isolating, testing, treating, investigating, and quarantine for at-risk groups are the base measures to control the outbreak and save the people's lives from COVID-19.