

Special Announcement of COVID-19 On 13 August 2020

Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, three new COVID-19 cases were confirmed. One confirmed case returned from Singapore and two confirmed cases returned from India. They were all under state quarantine supported by the government. This brought the total number of cases to 3,359. There were no reports of newly recovered cases as the total number of recovered cases remained at 3,169 (94.34% of the total number of the confirmed cases). 132 were being treated in hospitals (3.93% 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 three newly confirmed cases returned from abroad as follows:

- One confirmed case who returned from Singapore. He is a 53 year-old Thai male construction employee who arrived in Thailand on August 7th and was observed under state quarantine in Chonburi province. His laboratory results were positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) on August 11st (day 4 of quarantine) but he was asymptomatic.
- Two confirmed cases who returned from India. They are 30 year-old Thai female massage therapists who arrived in Thailand on August 8th and were observed under state quarantine in Chonburi Bangkok. Their laboratory results were positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) on August 11th (day 3 of quarantine). On August 9th, the first case had a nasal mucus and anosmia. On August 11th, the other one had a cough and muscle pain.

Dr. Sapon Iamsirithaworn, the Director of the Division of Communicable Diseases stated that the report of people returning from abroad who were observed under state quarantine supported by the government between April 3rd to August 12th 2020 showed that 75,684 people have been observed under quarantine. 422 confirmed cases (0.56%) were detected with COVID-19. The government has implemented the screening, observation, and testing in all returnees to prevent importing the disease to spread to people in the nation.

Although, there are currently no reports of local transmission cases, people should not let their guard down because it may return again, which has been shown in many countries, where there are reports of new confirmed COVID-19 cases. People's behaviors, group gatherings, and not wearing a face mask/cloth mask when staying in public places are considered to be risk factors increasing the transmission of the disease. Therefore, people must be aware to protect themselves by wearing a mask/cloth mask every time they leave the residence and are in public places. They should frequently wash their hands with hand sanitizer, keep space between others and reduce close contact with others. Avoid visiting crowded places and please check-in with the entry-exit registration by the "Thai Cha Na" digital platform every time you use the services in order to assist the investigation team to follow up close contacts and bring them into the tracking, disease surveillance, and treatment process.