



Novel Coronavirus 2019 Pneumonia News release

by Emergency Operation Center, Department of Disease Control

Special Announcement of the Novel Coronavirus 2019 on 12 February 2020

1. The situation on 12 February 2020 at 8.00 A.M.

1. There are currently 22 confirmed cases of novel coronavirus 2019 disease (COVID-19) being treated in hospitals and 11 cases who returned to their homes, which brings the total number of novel coronavirus cases detected in Thailand to 33.

2. From 3 January to 11 February 2020, the total number of patients under investigation (PUI) increased to 799 people. Of those, 51 PUI were detected from the airport screening and 748 people sought medical services on their own at hospitals, and 587 cases recovered from their illnesses and returned to their homes. Most of the PUI were infected with seasonal influenza, and 212 PUI are admitted at hospitals.

3. Regarding the international situation from 26 countries and two special administrative regions between 5 January to 12 February 2020 at 7.00 A.M., there were 44,789 confirmed cases and 1,112 deaths, with 44,311 cases and 1,110 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 : รู้กันทันโรค, Coronavirus2019, กรมควบคุมโรค กระทรวงสาธารณสุข. You can avoid fake news by checking the website from the Ministry of Digital Economy and Society www.antifakenewscenter.com as well.

2. Ministry of Public Health reported one case of COVID-19 returned back home

The Ministry of Public Health reported one Chinese citizen with COVID-19, had improved and returned home. Currently in Thailand, 11 confirmed cases were discharged from the hospital and 22 cases still remain in the hospital. The total number of patients is 33.

It is now day 8 of quarantine, for the 138 Thais at Sattahip Navy Base in Chonburi. The 136 Thai returnees have been quarantined at the guest houses in the naval base, and all are in good health conditions, with no fever. The other two patients have been at Queen Sirikit Hospital for treatment, without fever, coughing, or runny nose. They will be monitored continuously until completion of the surveillance period. Today, samples will be sent to the laboratory for confirmation. If the results are negative, they will be transferred back to the guest house at the Royal Thai Navy's Sattahip Base.



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Regarding the reports of possible infection in an English prisoner, the prisoner had his health condition evaluated before extradition to England. On 27 January 2020, the aforementioned prisoner received a lung X-Ray and suctioning to detect TB, and the results of the medical check revealed no abnormal symptoms. In the meantime, Thailand has already informed England of this result.

To protect themselves from the disease, the general public should comply with the MoPH's recommendation by eating cooked food, using a serving spoon, washing hands, wearing a mask when visiting crowded places, and not touching their eyes, nose and mouth. MoPH also recommended people to check the content of news before sharing and not believe the information that appears in untrustworthy sources. For further information, please call DDC Hotline 1422.

Today (12 February 2020), Dr. Anutin Charnvirakul, The Deputy Prime Minister (the Minister of Public Health) received a disinfectant fogging machine from the private sector and joined an activity to provide knowledge on COVID-19 prevention at Suankularb School, Nonthaburi.

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 11, 2020. There were a total of 764 flights and 61,356 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 44,074 people that were screened at five sea ports (Bangkok, Laem Chabang, Chiang Saen, Phuket and Samui) since January 1, and 317,546 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 (COVID-19)

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"