

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 News release

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Special Announcement of COVID-19 On 14 August 2020

Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, 17 new COVID-19 cases were confirmed. One confirmed case returned from the United States, 15 confirmed cases returned from India, and one confirmed case returned from Australia. They were all under state quarantine supported by the government. This brought the total number of cases to 3,376. Four cases recovered and were discharged (a total of 3,173 cases have recovered or 93.99% of the total number of the confirmed cases) and 145 were being treated in hospitals (4.30% of the total number of confirmed cases). There were no reports of deaths so the total number of deaths remained at 58 cases.

Today, new cases returned from:

- One confirmed case returned from the United States. He is a 54 year-old Thai air conditioner repairman. He arrived in Thailand on 31 July 2020 and was observed under state quarantine in Chonburi province. His laboratory results were positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) on the second test on August 12th (day 12 of quarantine) but he was asymptomatic. Prior to that on the same flight, three cases were confirmed with SARS-CoV-2 infection.
- 15 cases from India including:
 - 4 students (two males 12 and 16 years old, and two females 12 and 14 years old)
 - 4 laborers (three males 31, 28 and 28 years old and one female 35 years old)
 - 3 Traders/ businessmen (Males 30, 40 and 47 years old)
 - 2 Housekeepers (Females 40 and 41 years old)
 - 1 Retired government officer (Female 45 years old)
 - 1 agricultural worker (Male 72 years old)

They arrived in Thailand on 8 August 2020 and were observed under state quarantine in Chonburi province. Their laboratory results were positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) on the first test on August 12th (day 4 of quarantine). They all were asymptomatic. Prior to that on the same flight, two cases were confirmed with SARS-CoV-2 infection.

One confirmed case who returned from Australia is a 25 year-old Thai male student who arrived in Thailand on August 10th and was observed under state quarantine in Chonburi province. His laboratory results were positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) on the first test on August 12th (day 2 of quarantine) but he was asymptomatic.

Nevertheless, the Ministry of Public Health requested the cooperation from people to strictly implement the self-protection measures including wearing a face mask/cloth mask every time when leaving the residence or staying in public places, frequently washing their hands, keeping space between others, and eating fresh and cooked food with personal serving spoons. It is also recommended to avoid visiting crowded places/areas with poor ventilation systems so as to decrease the risk of getting COVID-19.