

## Special Announcement of COVID-19 On 23 August 2020

Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, 5 new COVID-19 cases were confirmed. One confirmed case returned from India, One confirmed case returned from England, and three confirmed cases returned from Oman. They were all under state quarantine supported by the government. This brought the total number of cases to 3,395. One case recovered and was discharged (a total of 3,221 cases have recovered or 94.87% of the total number of the confirmed cases) and 116 were being treated in hospitals (3.42% of the total number of confirmed cases). There were no reports of deaths so the total number of deaths remained at 58 cases.

Today, information on the new cases are as follows:

- One confirmed case returned from India. She is a 41 year-old Thai housekeeper. She arrived in Thailand on 8 August 2020 and was observed under state quarantine in Bangkok. Her laboratory results were positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) on the third test on August 21st. She noted that she previously had symptoms. Prior to that on the same flight, 19 cases were confirmed with SARS-CoV-2 infection.
- One confirmed case returned from England. She is a 45 year-old Thai employee. She arrived in Thailand on 10 August 2020 and was observed under state quarantine in Chonburi province. Her laboratory results were positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) on the second test on August 21st but she was asymptomatic.
- Three confirmed cases returned from Oman. One case was an unemployed and a 26 year-old Thai female . One case was a 29 year-old Thai women hotel office worker. The other one is a 53 year-old Thai male employee. They arrived in Thailand on 17 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 21st but they were asymptomatic.

Dr. Sapon Iamsirithaworn, Director of the Division of Communicable Diseases said that the disease prevention and control measures for Thai returnees are being strictly implemented. All returnees have to be quarantined to observe their symptoms for 14 days and will be tested for COVID-19 twice to ensure they cannot spread the disease within the nation. If an individual is sick or gets infected, they will be referred to receive appropriate treatment immediately.

However, people were concerned that Thailand may face a second wave of COVID-19. It is important for people to strictly practice their 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. Avoid visiting crowded places and please check-in with the entry-exit registration by the "Thai Cha Na" digital platform every time you use those services. Those including the businesses owners, public and private organizations have to give cooperation to strictly maintain their disease prevention measures which are recommended by the government to protect and keep the situation in Thailand in low level. If the second wave occurs, Thailand's public health system is ready to support the care and treatment of the people. The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) asks for cooperation from people to not forward, share, or believe fake news from unknown sources of information. People can follow the correct and reliable news from the Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) and MOPH. If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Disease Control hotline 1422.