

Special Announcement of COVID-19 On 10 March 2020

1. The situation on 10 March 2020 at 8.00 a.m.

1. There are currently 19 confirmed cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) being treated in hospitals, 33 cases who returned to their homes and one death, which brings the total number of coronavirus infection cases detected in Thailand to 53.

2. From 3 January to 10 March 2020 at 11.00 A.M., the total number of patients under investigation (PUI) increased to 4,682 people. Of those, 214 PUI were detected from screening at all ports of entry and 4,468 people sought medical services on their own at hospitals, 2,844 cases returned to their homes and some of them are being continually monitored. Most of the PUI were infected with seasonal influenza, and 1,838 PUI are still admitted at hospitals.

3. Regarding the international situation involving 108 countries, two administrative regions and one cruise ship between 5 January to 10 March 2020 at 7.00 A.M., there were 111,817 confirmed cases and 3,893 deaths, with 80,739 cases and 3,120 deaths coming from the People's Republic of China.

2. MOPH reported 3 additional confirmed cases of COVID-19

The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) reported 3 additional confirmed cases of COVID-19 which brings the total number of cases to 53. Of those, 33 cases recovered and were discharged, 19 cases are admitted in hospitals and there was 1 death.

Dr. Yongyos Thammawut, Deputy Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Public Health and his team stated about the COVID-19 situation today, that there are three additional confirmed COVID-19 cases. The first case is a 41 year-old Thai woman who does not have a history of traveling abroad. She is a close contact with the 45th confirmed case who is a Thai employee who recently came back from Italy. She was sick since 7 March 2020 with a high fever and still remains at Rajavithi Hospital (51st patient).

The 2nd and 3rd new confirmed cases are a husband and wife. The wife is 46 years old (the 52nd confirmed case in Thailand) with a travel history to Italy and who arrived back to Thailand on 28 February 2020, feeling unwell. Her husband is 47 years old (the 53rd confirmed case in Thailand), and had no history of traveling abroad. He became ill on March 7, 2020 with high fever and muscle aches. He sought medication treatment by himself at a hospital and found a positive result for the virus causing COVID-19. Contact tracing was implemented and revealed a positive result in his wife as well (both of them isolated themselves at home but were still living together). Currently, both cases are being treated at a hospital in Nakhon Pathom province.

As of today, there are 33 confirmed patients who have fully recovered, with 19 still in hospital, one fatality, and the cumulative number of patients in Thailand is now 53 cases. One severe case is being treated at Bamrasnaradura Institute and has to be closely monitored. As for the global outbreak situation, there are currently 108 countries, 2 special administrative regions and cruise with confirmed COVID-19 cases. Thailand has the 32nd most confirmed COVID-19 cases worldwide.

There are 188 unregistered workers in South Korea residing at Sattahip Navy Base (88 male, 100 female). Among the 188 unregistered workers, eight people departed from Daegu and North Gyeongsangbuk, and 20 people require special care (five pregnant women, four infants, and 11 people with underlying disease). According to the results of disease screening, this group of people does not have anyone with fever and nobody meets the PUI criteria. Alcohol/Alcohol gel is a good option for



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cleaning hands and maintaining personal hygiene, which helps prevent COVID-19. The MoPH determined that hand gel should contain 70% alcohol.

3. Advice for the general public

Request for people to manage their health by doing the following:

1. Avoid going to crowded places
2. Avoid staying close to people who have respiratory disease symptoms
3. Take measures to eat cooked food, use serving spoons, wash hands and wear cloth masks to prevent the disease.

Please follow the news from the Ministry of Public Health. If there are any questions, ask at the Department of Disease Control Hotline 1422 for 24 hours per day or website: <https://ddc.moph.go.th/viralpneumonia/>, Twitter, Facebook, Line official, Tik Tok “ไทยรู้สู้โควิด” and Line official ChatBot 1422 “Kor-Ror-OK”, Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health. People can check for scams at the Ministry of Digital Economy and Society. www.antifakenewscenter.com