

Special Announcement of COVID-19 On 16 March 2020

1. The situation on 16 March 2020 at 8.00 a.m.

1. There are currently 108 confirmed cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) being actively treated in hospitals, 38 cases have recovered and have been sent home, and there has been one death, which brings the total number of COVID-19 cases detected in Thailand thus far to 147.

2. From 3 January to 16 March 2020 at 11.00 A.M., the total number of patients under investigation (PUI) was 6,545 people. Of those, 276 PUI were detected from screening at ports of entry, and 6,269 people sought medical services on their own at hospitals. 4,312 cases have recovered and returned home, but a few of these cases have been sent home and are being continually monitored. Most of the PUI were infected with seasonal influenza, and 2,233 PUI are still being admitted to hospitals for further testing.

3. As of 7:00 a.m. on 16 March 2020, since 5 January 2020 the international situation involves 154 countries, two special administrative regions of China, and cruise ships, there were 167,543 confirmed cases and 6,455 deaths. 80,849 of these confirmed cases and 3,199 of these deaths are from the People's Republic of China.

2. The Ministry of Public Health reported one COVID-19 confirmed case recovered and was discharged from the hospital and there are 33 additional confirmed cases

The Ministry of Public Health reported that a confirmed case, a 32 year-old Chinese woman recovered and was discharged from the hospital and 33 additional confirmed cases were reported (they are patients numbered 115-147) from the enhanced screening of high-risk close contacts. The public should strictly follow the recommendations to prevent an epidemic. The classifications for the two groups are as follows:

The first group consists of 16 patients who had close contact history with confirmed cases or were involved with the places that had confirmed cases. Seven confirmed cases had history of going to the boxing stadium, three confirmed cases had history of going to entertainment spots and six confirmed cases had history of close contact with previous cases.

The second group consists of 17 additional confirmed cases. Six confirmed cases came back from abroad, six confirmed cases had history of close contact with foreigners, three confirmed cases are an outbreak cluster and two cases had history of joining a religious ceremony in Malaysia.

Moreover, there are 27 cases under investigation and/or pending COVID-19 tests. In summary, 38 cases fully recovered and were discharged, 108 are being actively treated in hospitals and there has been one death, which brings the total number of COVID-19 cases detected in Thailand thus far to 147 cases. One severe case is being treated at Bamrasnaradura Infectious Disease, as doctors are closely monitoring the patient.

For the 83 travelers from Italy who are currently at Sattahip Naval Base, Chonburi province, six of them are under observation at the hospital despite not having fever and their symptoms continue to be under observation. 77 travelers (24 male and 53 female) do not have fever but are still under observation until they complete 14 days at the Sattahip Navy Reception Building.

Thailand asks the public to strictly follow the instructions of the Ministry of Public Health. Those returning from the ongoing outbreak areas are requested to implement self-quarantine at home for 14 days, separate their personal belongings, and wear a mask at all times to prevent the spreading of the virus to their family members. They should avoid attending social activities, as well. As for the general public, please frequently wash your hands, wear a mask, and avoid going to crowded places.



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If you have a fever with at least one of following respiratory symptoms such as coughing, runny nose, or body aches, you need to seek medical attention immediately and provide travel history/risk of exposure to enter the system for diagnosis, treatment, and surveillance for prevention and control of the disease from spreading widely.

3. Advice for the general public

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/eng/index.php>, 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.

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