

## Special Announcement of COVID-19 On 16 April 2020

1. From 5 January to 16 April 2020 (as of 7:00 a.m.), There have been 2,081,770 confirmed cases and 134,508 deaths worldwide. The three countries reporting the most cases include the United States with 644,061 confirmed cases and 28,526 deaths, Spain with 180,659 confirmed cases and 18,812 deaths, and the Italian Republic with 165,155 confirmed cases and 21,645 deaths.

2. On 15 April 2020 at 4.00 p.m., 96 cases in Thailand recovered and were discharged (total of 1,593 cases), 1,033 were being treated in hospitals, and 29 new COVID-19 cases were confirmed (the 2,644th - 2,672nd cases), which include:

The first group: 14 cases who had a history of close contact with previous cases. (Six of them had family members who were infected, the cases were found in Pattani, Yala, Narathiwat, Phuket, Chumphon, and Bangkok).

The second group: Five additional confirmed cases with the details as follows:

- 2.1 Two Thai confirmed cases who returned from abroad (England)
- 2.2 One confirmed case who had travel history to crowded places including shopping malls, market places or tourist places
- 2.3 Two confirmed cases who were company employees (close contact with foreigners)

The third group: Ten cases with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2 infection) and are pending further investigation

Today, three fatal cases were reported.

The first new fatal case was a 55 year-old Malaysian man, who was a tour guide with no underlying disease but he had a risk history. He was a tour guide to Georgia and a tourist in his group had COVID-19. He was treated at Rajavithi Hospital with symptoms including reproductive cough, difficulty breathing, and fatigue. He died on 14 April 2020 (he was the 44th fatal case)

The second case was a 35 year-old Thai woman who had diabetes and hyperlipidemia as underlying diseases. Her risk history included contact with her boyfriend who works at an entertainment place where a confirmed case was (but her boyfriend was negative). She was an outpatient at a private hospital in Bangkok with symptoms including cough and fatigue. After that, she revisited the hospital with symptoms such as cough, fatigue, sore throat, mucus and difficulty breathing. She was tested and diagnosed with laboratory results positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID - 19) and she died on 15 April 2020 (45th fatal case).

The third fatal case was a 37 year-old Thai man, a general contractor and backhoe driver. He had underlying diseases including high blood pressure and obesity. His risk factors included contact with his wife who used to work as a restaurant staff in Bangkok. He first visited a clinic with high fever and tonsillitis. He was treated at the clinic five times, then was admitted to a hospital in Prachinburi



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province with fever, dizziness, and fainting. The doctors implemented resuscitation and intubation. Chest radiography results showed pneumonia. His samples were collected and were found to be positive for SARS-CoV-2 via laboratory examination. He died on 15 April 2020 (the 46th fatal case).

As of today, there have been 1,593 cases who returned home, 1,033 who are being treated at hospitals, and 46 fatal cases. The total number of confirmed cases is 2,672.

For the COVID-19 situation in Thailand, patients have been found in 68 provinces. The provinces with the most patients include Bangkok (1,349 cases), Phuket (191 cases), Nonthaburi (148 cases) and Samutprakan (108 cases). The nine provinces that have not found patients are Kamphaengphet, Chainat, Trat, Nan, Buengkan, Phichit, Ranong, Singburi and Angthong.