



The Coronavirus Disease 2019 News release

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Special Announcement of COVID-19 On 17 April 2020

1. From 5 January to 17 April 2020 (as of 7:00 a.m.), There have been 2,180,003 confirmed cases and 145,417 deaths worldwide. The three countries reporting the most cases include the United States with 677,056 confirmed cases and 34,580 deaths, Spain with 184,948 confirmed cases and 19,315 deaths, and the Italian Republic with 168,941 confirmed cases and 22,170 deaths.

2. On 17 April 2020 at 4.00 p.m., 96 cases in Thailand recovered and were discharged (total of 1,689 cases), 964 were being treated in hospitals, and 28 new COVID-19 cases were confirmed (the 2,673rd - 2,700th cases), which include:

The first group: 16 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, Phuket, Chumphon, Khon Kaen, and Bangkok). No cases were reported in healthcare workers and people returning from abroad.

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

2.1 One confirmed case who had travel history to crowded places including shopping malls, market places or tourist places

2.3 Four confirmed cases who had occupational risks. (An officer had close contact with a foreigner's colleague, a factory employee, an entertainment worker, and a general contractor).

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

Today, one fatal case was reported. The case was an 85 year-old Thai woman, a housewife with chronic diseases including diabetes and high blood pressure. She was admitted to a hospital in Chumphon province with fever, cough, and dyspnea. The preliminary diagnosis was pneumonia. Doctors intubated the patient and collected her specimens for laboratory testing. The results showed positive for the causative agent of COVID-19. She died on 16 April 2020 (the 47th fatal case).

As of today, there have been 1,689 cases who returned home, 964 are being treated at hospitals, and there have been 47 fatal cases. The total number of confirmed cases is 2,700.

People should follow the recommendations of the Ministry of Public Health strictly, and should avoid leaving their houses if unnecessary, and avoid joining in groups to prevent the infection from outside into the house. People should wear masks, wash hands regularly, separate dishes, use an individual serving spoon and keep two meters away for physical distancing to decrease the spread of infection to other people.

According to the COVID-19 report during the past 14 days (3 - 16 April 2020), there are 27 provinces that have not reported new confirmed cases including Chiang Rai, Phetchaburi, Phetchabun, Phrae, Mae Hong Son, Kanchanaburi, Kalasin, Chanthaburi, Nakhon Nayok, Buriram, Mahasarakham, Mukdahan, Yasothon, Roi et, Ratchaburi, Lopburi, Lamphun, Sisaket, Samut Songkhram, Saraburi, Sukhothai, Nong Khai, Nong Bua Lam Phu, Amnat Charoen, Udon Thani, Uttaradit, and Uthai Thani.

There are nine provinces with no reports of confirmed cases at all including Kamphaeng Phet, Chai Nat, Trat, Nan, Bueng Kan, Phichit, Ranong, Sing Buri, and Ang Thong.