

## Special Announcement of COVID-19 On 18 April 2020

1. From 5 January to 18 April 2020 (as of 7:00 a.m.), There have been 2,248,037 confirmed cases and 154,126 deaths worldwide. The three countries reporting the most cases include the United States with 709,201 confirmed cases and 37,135 deaths, Spain with 190,839 confirmed cases and 20,002 deaths, and the Italian Republic with 172,434 confirmed cases and 22,745 deaths.

2. On 17 April 2020 at 4.00 p.m., 98 cases in Thailand recovered and were discharged (total of 1,787 cases), 899 were being treated in hospitals, and 33 new COVID-19 cases were confirmed (the 2,701st - 2,733rd cases), which include:

The first group: 11 cases who had a history of close contact with previous cases. (The cases were found in Bangkok).

The second group: 10 additional confirmed cases with the details as follows:

2.1 Two Thai confirmed cases who returned from abroad (Michigan, US and England)

2.2 One confirmed case who contact with a foreigner who returned from England

2.3. Four confirmed cases who had travel history to crowded places including shopping malls, market places or tourist places

2.4 Two confirmed cases who had occupational risks. (Closely working with foreigners, a worker who worked in crowded places).

2.5 One confirmed case in a healthcare worker (a medical doctor)

The third group: 10 cases with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2 infection) and are pending further investigation.

The fourth group: Two confirmed cases who returned from abroad and were under state quarantine. (A Thai woman with an American husband who returned from the United States under State quarantine at Krabi province)

Today, there were no deaths to report. As of today, there have been 1,787 cases who returned home, 899 are being treated at hospitals, and there have been 47 fatal cases. The total number of confirmed cases is 2,733.

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 (4 - 17 April 2020), there are two additional provinces (Rayong and Tak) to add to the total of 29 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, Uthai Thani, Rayong, and Tak.

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.