

Special Announcement of COVID-19 On 22 April 2020

1. From 5 January to 22 April 2020 (as of 07:00 a.m.), There have been 2,554,568 confirmed cases and 177,402 deaths worldwide. The three countries reporting the most cases include the United States with 817,952 confirmed cases and 45,279 deaths, Spain with 204,178 confirmed cases and 21,282 deaths, and the Italian Republic with 183,957 confirmed cases and 24,648 deaths.

2. On 21 April 2020 at 4.00 p.m., 244 cases in Thailand recovered and were discharged (total of 2,352 cases or 83% of total of confirmed cases), 425 were being treated in hospitals (15% of total if confirmed cases), and 15 new COVID-19 cases were confirmed (the 2,812nd - 2,826th cases), which include:

The first group: 10 cases who had a history of close contact with previous cases. (The cases were found in Chumphon, Songkla, Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya and Bangkok).

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

2.1 One confirmed case who returned from abroad.

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

2.3 Three confirmed cases who had occupational risks (a hotel staff, a sale officer, and a parcel messenger)

(Remark: No reports among healthcare workers for the last 4 days. Moreover, no reported cases in people in state quarantines)

There was one fatal case in a 58 year-old Thai woman. She had diabetes, high blood pressure, hyperlipidemia and obesity as underlying diseases with a risk history of close contact with a family member who was a confirmed case. She was admitted to a hospital in Bangkok with symptoms including a fever, reproductive cough, and runny nose. After testing her collected samples in the laboratory, she was positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19). While being treated at the hospital, she developed symptoms such as shortness of breath and diarrhea. Her symptoms did not improve and she passed away (She was the 49th fatal case).

As of today, there have been 2,352 cases who returned home, 425 are being treated at hospitals, and there have been 49 fatal cases. The total number of confirmed cases is 2,826.

According to the COVID-19 report (on 21 April 2020), 36 provinces have not reported any new confirmed cases during the past 14 days 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, Tak, Prachuap Khiri Khan, Sakonnakon, Surin, Sa Kaeo, Ubon Ratchathani, Suphanburi, and Nakhon Ratchasima.

From the investigation report of COVID-19 patients who have history of going to crowded places or in the community, it was found that in Bangkok, the places which reported most of the patients are entertainment spots, boxing stadiums, casinos, cinemas, supermarkets, fitness, temples, beauty salons, universities, restaurants, tourist areas, markets, shopping malls, public transportation, workplaces and hospitals. In the countryside, the places which reported most of the patients are entertainment spots,



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boxing stadiums, casinos, supermarkets, shopping malls, tourist areas, workplaces, hospitals, markets, temples and mosques. According to the report, places which had a lot of people gather, often reported infected cases. Therefore, the measures that recommend people to avoid going to the crowded community are important because it can decrease the risk of COVID-19.

Although the current COVID-19 situation in Thailand has improved, people are requested to continue to strictly comply with the measures for a while. Stop unnecessary travel, refrain joining in groups and parties, and avoid going to crowded places. Wear cloth or surgical masks, wash hands regularly and importantly, keep a distance of 2 meters away from other people.