

## Special Announcement of COVID-19 On 23 April 2020

1. From 5 January to 23 April 2020 (as of 07:00 a.m.), There have been 2,634,529 confirmed cases and 184,021 deaths worldwide. The three countries reporting the most cases include the United States with 848,115 confirmed cases and 47,639 deaths, Spain with 208,389 confirmed cases and 21,717 deaths, and the Italian Republic with 187,327 confirmed cases and 25,085 deaths.

2. On 22 April 2020 at 4.00 p.m., 78 cases in Thailand recovered and were discharged (total of 2,430 cases or 85.5% of total of confirmed cases), 359 were being treated in hospitals (12.6% of total confirmed cases), and 13 new COVID-19 cases were confirmed (the 2,827th - 2,839th cases), which include:

The first group: Five cases who had a history of close contact with previous cases. (The cases were found in Chumphon, Songkhla, Chonburi, and Bangkok).

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

2.1 One confirmed case who returned from abroad (Returned from England on 26 March 2020).

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 had occupational risks (a parcel messenger and government officer who worked closely with foreigners)

2.4 One confirmed case who was found to be positive before undergoing medical procedures.

(Remark: No reports among healthcare workers for the last 5 days. Moreover, no reported cases in people in state quarantine)

Three of the confirmed cases were found by active case finding in Phuket province.

There was one fatal case in a 78 year-old Thai woman. She had a stroke and thyroid disease as underlying conditions. She was admitted to a private hospital in Bangkok with a stroke and had a urinary tract infection. After that, she had a fever and pneumonia. After testing her collected samples in the laboratory, she was positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19). She passed away on 21 April 2020 with septicemia, pneumonia, and respiratory failure. (She was the 50th fatal case).

As of today, there have been 2,430 cases who returned home, 359 are being treated at hospitals, and there have been 50 fatal cases. The total number of confirmed cases is 2,839.



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From the investigation report of COVID-19 patients, it was found that the majority of confirmed cases had a close contact history with close contacts. Therefore, people must strictly follow the social distancing measures. Stop unnecessary travel, no group meetings and parties, frequently wash hands, and wear a face mask or cloth mask to protect yourself and your loved ones from COVID-19.

In addition, the Institute for Urban Disease Control and Prevention has implemented active case finding in Bangkok to screen for risk groups, prevent spreading in the community, and to reduce illness and deaths from COVID-19. In Bang Khen district from 15 - 22 April 2020, out of 1,876 people (public transportation staff, delivery messengers, taxi drivers, vendors, garbage collectors, and gardeners) only one confirmed case was found. That's consistent with the national data that the number of new patients is continuously decreasing. Next week, Khlong Toei district will be examined. However, the Ministry of Public Health will focus on active findings for patients within targeted groups including people in crowded communities and risky areas to forecast information and will prepare a prevention plan which will be more targeted than widespread screening.