



The Coronavirus Disease 2019 News release

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On 23 April 2020 at the Emergency Operations Center (Press Conference), the Ministry of Public Health, Nonthaburi province, Dr. Anek Mungaomklang, Director of Urban Institute for Disease Prevention and Control stated that the government focus for COVID-19 epidemic prevention and control is especially on the people who returned from abroad. The government informed the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Public Health to establish state quarantine/ local quarantine places for observing the health status of people who were quarantined after returning from abroad for at least 14 days.

The Ministry of Public Health is cooperating with the Ministry of Defense to supervise the state quarantine in Bangkok. MOPH also worked with the Ministry of Interior for arranging local quarantine in other provinces under the Communicable Disease Committee at the provincial level with governors as committee chairs. Currently, there are 10 state quarantine facilities in Bangkok and four in other provinces including Chon Buri and Nakhon Pathom. To date, there have been a total of 1,478 people who have been under the state quarantine to observe symptoms and nine cases found to have COVID-19. There are 1,192 local quarantines facilities throughout the country with a total of 3,506 people under observation and of these, 62 were infected.

For the implementation of the state quarantine, it is under the responsibility of the Ministry of Defense in consultation with staff from the Department of Disease Control who provide information on disease prevention and control including how to follow up patients and screening of PUI. The said implementation is also under the supervision of the Incident Commander and leaders, the Department of Medical Services, the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Health that all provide staff. In addition, the quarantined people will be taken care of, medically checked and provided with recommendations for by public health staff available 24 hours at the quarantine places. Moreover, during the 5th to 7th days of quarantine, those quarantined people will be tested for COVID-19 at the laboratories. If anyone is positive or meets the PUI criteria, they will be referred to a hospital determined by the MoPH for further diagnosis and treatment.

In this regard, the Department of Disease Control has assigned the Urban Institute for Disease Prevention and Control to be the management center for State Quarantine to respond to COVID-19 and for human capacities development to provide services that ensure the operations of disease prevention and control are complete and effective. The director of the Urban Institute for Disease Prevention and Control will be the incident commander of the State Quarantine in Bangkok.