



The Coronavirus Disease 2019 News release

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Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, 32 cases recovered and were discharged (a total of 2,719 cases have recovered or 91.86% of the total number of the confirmed cases) and 187 were being treated in hospitals (6.32% of the total number of confirmed cases).

Currently, the number of new cases is gradually decreasing. Today, six new COVID-19 cases (the 2,955th - 2,960th cases) were confirmed. Of those six cases, one confirmed case had travel history to crowded places (a flea market). Five cases were found from active case finding in Yala province. There were no reports of deaths.

From the report of the new confirmed cases today, visiting crowded places such as markets or tourist places have been associated with the risk of infection. People must take care of themselves by always wearing masks or cloth masks, and keeping distance when traveling in crowded places, not talking too close to others and limiting the duration spent in crowded places. The probability of infection may depend on the density of people that are in that place. (The more people there are, the higher the potential risk of getting an infection.) The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) strongly recommends the measures when you return from outside including 1) cleaning yourself immediately when you arrive at the residence and avoiding contact with family members to reduce disease transmission among household members and 2) for the benefit of case investigations when you have symptoms, you must record your travel history everyday.

Although the situation of COVID-19 infection has been improved, the general public should not let their guard down. You need to intensify practicing the measures including keeping physical distance, wearing a mask/cloth mask, washing hands frequently, eating cooked and warm food, and using your own personal spoon.

In summary, today there were 6 new cases, 32 cases who returned home, a total of 2,719 recovered cases, 187 being treated at hospitals, and there have been 54 fatal cases. The total number of confirmed cases is 2,960. Overall, most of the confirmed cases are in Bangkok followed by Phuket, Nonthaburi, and Yala respectively.