



The Coronavirus Disease 2019 News release

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Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, 13 cases recovered and were discharged (a total of 2,732 cases have recovered or 92.11% of the total number of the confirmed cases) and 180 were being treated in hospitals (6.07% of the total number of confirmed cases).

Currently, the number of new cases is gradually decreasing. Today, six new COVID-19 cases (the 2,961st - 2,966th cases) were confirmed. Of those six cases, two confirmed cases had a history of close contact with previous cases. Two cases were found from active case finding in Phuket province. Two of the cases were those who returned from Japan and India and were under state quarantine (under observation in the quarantine area of Bangkok). There were no reports of deaths.

During the long holiday in which there has been an easing of the protocol, people are traveling to other provinces or hometowns to meet with their families. To prevent the spread of COVID-19 disease, the Ministry of Public Health asked for cooperation from everyone to keep social distance, wear a mask or cloth mask, frequently wash hands especially travelers from the risk-provinces that have reported large number of cases such as Bangkok, Nonthaburi, Phuket. People must avoid close contact with other persons, no hugging especially with the vulnerable groups like the elderly, or those who have underlying conditions because it can increase the infection rate and potentially lead to severe disease more easily than in other groups. People can greet via Wai (Thai greeting) from a distance of 1 or 2 meters. When staying together, people must wear the masks, use personal utensils or serving spoons, or eat a la carte servings to protect themselves and loved ones from getting the disease.

In summary, today there were 6 new cases, 13 cases who returned home, a total of 2,732 recovered cases, 180 being treated at hospitals, and there have been 54 fatal cases. The total number of confirmed cases is 2,966.