



# The Coronavirus Disease 2019 News release

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## Special Announcement of COVID-19 On 3 May 2020

Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, 7 cases recovered and were discharged (a total of 2,739 cases have recovered or 92.25% of the total number of the confirmed cases) and 176 were being treated in hospitals (5.93% of the total number of confirmed cases).

Currently, the number of new cases is gradually decreasing. Today, three new COVID-19 cases (the 2,967th - 2,969th cases) were confirmed. Of those three cases, two confirmed cases had a history of close contact with previous cases in their families. One case returned from Malaysia and was under local quarantine (under observation in the quarantine area of Narathiwat). There were no reports of deaths.

From the report of the new confirmed cases today, the main cause was having a history of contact with a confirmed case in the family such as husband-wife. This is in line with the country's overall picture in which the highest number of people were infected via family contact, followed by occupational risk, and returning from abroad. It reflected that some people still have not complied with the strict implementation of the social distancing measures with their household members. In addition, people are returning to their hometown during this time, and there is a chance to be infected from those people to other people in their hometowns or in their close contacts. People are asked to cooperate by keeping distance from other people, wearing a mask and washing hands often.

As for group gatherings such as drinking parties or eating Thai style BBQ, there is a probable chance to be infected for people in those groups. People should be patient during this period to avoid exposure to the virus and not bring the virus from outside back to their home to spread the disease in the households. The relaxation of measures does not mean that everyone will be able to return to their normal lives, but they must remain disciplined to protect themselves. Importantly, "not touching your face, eyes, nose or mouth when not necessary, eating cooked food, using your own personal spoons or serving spoons, frequently washing hands, keeping social distance and wearing a mask" offer the best protection from the disease.

In summary, today there were 3 new cases, 7 cases who returned home, a total of 2,739 recovered cases, 176 being treated at hospitals, and there have been 54 fatal cases. The total number of confirmed cases is 2,969.