

## Thailand situation update on 15 April 2020

### 1. International Situation

As of 15 April 2020, there were a total of 2,005,542 confirmed cases with 51,592 patients in critical condition and 126,858 COVID-19 deaths across more than 207 countries, two Special Administrative Regions of the People's Republic of China (Hong Kong and Macau), and on cruise ships. The ten countries with the most confirmed COVID-19 cases include: the United States (614,246), Spain (174,060), Italy (162,488), France (143,303), Germany (132,210), England (93,873), the People's Republic of China (83,357 cases, as well as 1,017 and 45 cases in the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau, respectively), Iran (74,877), Turkey (65,111) and Belgium (31,119).

### 2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

#### 2.1 Surveillance Protocol for COVID-19

The accumulated data from 3 January to 14 April 2020 showed that among 37,132 flights, there were a total of 4,397,083 passengers screened. Among those, 594 people met the case definition criteria of patients under investigation (PUI). Outside of the airports, 134,780 people from 1,591 ships were screened at seaports between 1 January and 14 April 2020, and two people met the PUI criteria. There were 1,798,518 people screened at ground ports between 1 February to 14 April 2020. Between 30 January to 15 April 2020, a total of 153,993 people who were renewing their passports were screened at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road. The total number of PUI from all ports is currently 596 people.

#### 2.2 Situation of Patients with Suspected Symptoms of COVID-19 in Thailand.

On 15 April 2020 at 18:00, Thailand announced that 1,043 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 36,495 PUI, as shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Results of screening implementation to detect patients with suspected symptoms of COVID-19

Situation	Total number of PUI
<b>Total number of people who met the criteria of patients under investigation (PUI)</b>	36,495
• Detected from the airport screening	594
• Detected from seaports	2
• Sought medical services on their own at hospitals	35,811
• Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao	88

Situation	Total number of PUI
<b>Confirmed cases</b>	2,643
• Recovered and discharged from hospitals	1,593
• Undergoing Treatment	1,007
• Deaths	43
<b>Characteristic of Infection in Confirmed cases</b>	2,643
• Local Transmission	2,161
• Imported Case	482
- Designated Quarantine Places*	63

Notice: \*The quarantine measures for travelers from aboard have been in effect as of 3 April 2020

In Thailand, there have been 2,643 confirmed COVID-19 cases. Among the confirmed cases, 1,593 patients have recovered and returned home, and 43 patients have died.

A 14-day State Quarantine measure has been implemented by the government for travelers entering Thailand from abroad. On 11 April 2020, One additional case was reported, which brought the total number of cases at designated quarantine areas to 63 cases. 61 cases were Thai people returning from Indonesia and two cases from America. All Thai people returning from abroad are required to comply with State Quarantine measures, meaning they have to quarantine in specific provinces; in total there are 4 cases quarantined in Narathiwat, 12 cases in Pattani, 8 cases in Yala, 18 cases in Songkhla, 19 cases in Satun, and 2 cases in Bangkok.

The median age of the confirmed cases is 37 years old (ranging from 1 months to 91 years old). 1,392 cases are male, and 1,169 cases are female (ratio of male to female: 1.2:1). Gender data is not available for 82 cases.

In terms of nationality, 2,307 cases are Thai, 33 are Chinese, 22 are French, 20 are British, 13 are Burmese, 12 are Russian, 11 are Japanese, nine are American, eight are Canadian, six are German, six are Italian, six are Swedish, five are Danish, five are Belgian, five are Swiss, five are Singaporean, four are Pakistani, four are Indian, three are South Korean, three are Australian, two are Portuguese, two are Indonesian, two are Spanish, two are Cambodian, two are Malaysian, two are Filipino, two are Albanian, two are Kazakh, one is Uzbek, one is Iranian, one is a New Zealander, one is Finnish, one is Ukrainian, one is Laos, one is Taiwanese, one is Serbian, one is Liberian, one is Vietnamese, one is Hungarian, one is Mexican, one is Tunisian, one is Thai-Indian, one is Dutch, one is Brazilian, one is Israeli, one is Palestinian, and data is not available for the remaining 119 cases.

Underlying diseases were found in some of these cases, including hypertension (20 cases), hypotension (1 case), allergies (15 cases), diabetes (9 cases), other NCDs (13 cases), asthma (8 cases), dyslipidemia (2 cases), thyroid disease (2 cases), psoriasis (1 case), salivary gland cancer (1 case), paranasal sinus disease (1 case), COPD (1 case), multiple underlying diseases (21 cases), stroke (1 case), epilepsy (1 case), thrombocytopenia (1 case),

myasthenia gravis (1 case), valvular heart disease (1 case), HIV (1 case), and rheumatoid arthritis (1 case). There were 2,541 cases reported without any underlying disease. 40 cases were detected from the screening protocol at airports (one case was found within the group of Thai workers returning from Wuhan). 1,655 cases sought medical treatment by themselves, 948 cases were tracked via case investigation and defined as “close contacts.”

### 3. Thailand Precautions

- The chancellor amended the order of the Special Committee on the procurement for prevention, control, and treatment of COVID-19 with representatives from the Ministry of Public Health. The additional components amended include the Permanent Secretary of the chancellor as a chairman, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Public Health is the 1st vice-president, the Director General of the Department of Disease Control and the Secretary-General of Food and Drug Administration as members.
- On 3 and 6 April 2020, the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT) issued a Temporary Ban on All International Flights to Thailand to control the spread of COVID-19. In order to continue preventing more severe outbreaks and to maintain the continuity of the prevention and control measures, CAAT announced that the ban on international passenger flights to Thailand has been extended to April 30. This will be effective from 00:01 on 19 April 2020, to 23:59 hours on 30 April 2020.
- CAT Telecom Public Company Limited collaborated with people, private and public sectors to develop and create an application "หมอชนะ." The application contains a questionnaire regarding their travel, social, and medical histories to allow users to assess their risk level of getting COVID-19. This application will also be beneficial for medical staff because having patients upload their information on this application will aid quick and safe medical treatment.
- The Governor of Khon Kaen province made a few more announcements (No.8 – No.10) regarding the COVID-19 surveillance, prevention, and control measures. The new measure states that places at risk for aiding transmission of the disease will be closed. Due to the uncertainty surrounding the timeline of the pandemic, the announcement extended the closure of grocery stores and supermarkets until 15 April 2020. The closure of public areas for exercise/activities, any exhibition areas, and the prohibition of selling alcohol beverages has been extended through 30 April 2020.
- The district chief of Nam Phong District prepared to close the Kut Nam Sai village, after a confirmed case of COVID-19 was reported in this area. There are groups of people who are now at risk because they have since been in contact with the infected person. Both the district chief and the Public Health and Environment Division officers in Kut Nam Sai Subdistrict Municipality have gone to the area to give medical advice and to investigate close contacts and family members for the disease. Nearly 100 staff members of Nam Phong Hospital and Khon Kaen Hospital have been detained in hotels that are used as field hospitals for their exposure to a person with COVID-19.

- The Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives created a project to offer emergency credit to people affected by COVID-19. This project creates emergency credit of 20 billion Baht to be used towards helping people mitigate the burden of necessary and emergent expenditure occurring during the spread of COVID-19. The target group of this project is farmers and their families. The bank will open the registration channel to request for the emergency credit through "LINE BAAC Family" on 15 April 2020.
- The Chairman of the Thai Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade of Thailand will hold a conference call with representatives from various agencies on April 15, 2020. During this conference call each stakeholder will present the progress of the current situation in the private sector, as well as provide information regarding managing the spread of COVID-19, and suggestions for improvement. The conclusions and proposals will be submitted to be presented at the public and private meeting on April 20. The framework to discuss is to determine which business groups will be able to provide services as soon as possible to reduce business impacts. The meeting will also discuss the significant factors for potentially reopening those business groups so as to reduce the broader impacts on businesses sectors and general public.
- The Prime Minister gave a press conference after the cabinet meeting, and announced that the number of people infected has decreased. The number of infected persons is one indicator that the Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) is taking into consideration when determining which measures can be gradually alleviated. It depends on the situation in each area, as some areas are still reporting active outbreaks, such as Bangkok and its surrounding provinces, as well as the central and southern regions. Extending the period of the Emergency Decree beyond 30 April 2020 will depend on the evaluation and analysis of many aspects of the CCSA

#### 4. Risk Communication to the Public

- The measures including disease screening, isolation, quarantine or quarantine for observation to control and prevent the disease are implemented among passengers departing from areas or countries affected by COVID-19.
- In cases where it is necessary to make contact with other people, please wear a mask and maintain a distance of at least 1 meter between yourself and the other person when interacting with others. It is also recommended to only make contact with people for a short period.
- Regularly wash hands with water and soap or use alcohol gel. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with your hands.
- Do not use or share personal stuff with others (i.e. handkerchiefs, glasses, and towels) since pathogens causing respiratory disease can be transmitted to other people through secretions.
- Avoid eating raw food.