

Thailand situation update on 2 May 2020

1. International Situation

As of 2 May 2020, there were a total of 3,413,169 confirmed cases with 51,302 patients in critical condition and 239,711 COVID-19 deaths across more than 209 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 (1,131,492), Spain (242,988), Italy (207,428), England (177,454), France (167,346), Germany (164,077), Russia (124,054), Turkey (122,392), Iran (95,646), and Brazil (92,202). The 11th is the People's Republic of China (83,960 cases, as well as 1,040 and 45 cases in the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau, respectively).

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

2.1 Surveillance Protocol for COVID-19

The accumulated data from 3 January to 1 May 2020 showed that among 38,023 flights, there were a total of 4,416,820 passengers screened. Among those, 986 people met the case definition criteria of patients under investigation (PUI). Outside of the airports, 140,818 people from 2,027 ships were screened at seaports between 1 January and 1 May 2020, and two people met the PUI criteria. There were 1,865,572 people screened at ground ports between 1 February to 1 May 2020. Between 30 January to 1 May 2020, a total of 167,834 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 988 people.

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

On 2 May 2020 at 18:00, Thailand announced that 2,210 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 72,745 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
Total number of people who met the criteria of patients under investigation (PUI)	72,745
• Detected from the airport screening	986
• Detected from seaports	2
• Sought medical services on their own at hospitals	71,669
• Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao	88
Confirmed cases	2,966

Situation	Total number of PUI
• Recovered and discharged from hospitals	2,739
• Undergoing Treatment	173
• Deaths	54
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	2,966
• Local Transmission	2,454
• Imported Case	512
- Designated Quarantine Places*	83

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

In Thailand, there have been 2,966 confirmed COVID-19 cases. Among the confirmed cases, 2,739 patients have recovered and returned home, and 54 patients have died.

A 14-day State Quarantine measure has been implemented by the government for travelers entering Thailand from abroad. On 29 April 2020, two additional cases were reported, and the total number of cases at designated quarantine areas increased to 83 cases. There are 62 cases among Thai people returning from Indonesia, nine cases from America, four cases from the United of Arab Emirates, three cases from Malaysia, two cases from England, one case from the Netherlands, one case from Japan, and one case from India. 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 5 cases quarantined in Narathiwat, 12 cases in Pattani, 8 cases in Yala, 18 cases in Songkhla, 19 cases in Satun, 3 cases in Krabi, 4 cases on Chonburi, and 12 cases in Bangkok.

On 25 April 2020, 42 confirmed cases were found at the immigration quarantine unit at Sadao district in Songkhla province (34 cases were Burmese, 3 cases were Vietnamese, 2 cases were Malaysian, 1 case was Yemeni, 1 case was Cambodian, and 1 case was Indian).

The median age of the confirmed cases is 37 years old (ranging from 1 month to 99 years old). 1,621 cases are male, and 1,345 cases are female (ratio of male to female: 1.21:1).

In terms of nationality, 2,655 cases are Thai, 53 are Burmese, 34 are Chinese, 29 are French, 24 are British, 12 are Russian, 12 are American, 11 are Japanese, nine are Indian, eight are Canadian, eight are Italian, eight are German, six are Swedish, six are Belgian, six are Swiss, five are Danish, five are Filipino, five are Singaporean, four are Pakistani, four are Australian, four are Malaysian, four are Vietnamese, three are South Korean, three are Indonesian, three are Cambodian, two are Kazakh, two are Brazilian, two are Laos, two are New Zealander (one case is Maori), two are Spanish, two are Israeli, two are Albanian, one is American-Samua, one is Malian, one is Kuwaiti, one is Serbian, one is Tunisian, one is Taiwanese, one is Dutch, one is Palestinian, one is Portuguese, one is Finnish, one is Mexican, one is Ukrainian, one is Yemeni, one is Liberian, one is Thai-Indian, one is Iranian, one is Uzbek, one is Hungarian, and data is not available for the remaining 14 cases.

Underlying diseases were found in some of these cases, including hypertension (27 cases), hypotension (1 case), allergies (19 cases), diabetes (10 cases), other NCDs (13 cases), asthma (8 cases), dyslipidemia (3 cases), thyroid disease (3 cases), psoriasis (2 cases), salivary gland cancer

(1 case), paranasal sinus disease (1 case), COPD (1 case), multiple underlying diseases (26 cases), stroke (1 case), epilepsy (2 cases), thrombocytopenia (1 case), myasthenia gravis (1 case), valvular heart disease (1 case), HIV (2 cases), depression (2 cases), anemia (1 case), migraine (1 case), liver cirrhosis (1 case), breast cancer (1 case), Hepatitis B virus (1 case), and rheumatoid arthritis (1 case). There were 2,833 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). 1,752 cases sought medical treatment by themselves, 1,018 cases were tracked via case investigation and defined as “close contacts”. A total of 31 confirmed cases were found from the active case finding measures.

3. Thailand Precautions

- The Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration issued a regulation regarding the extension of the Emergency Situation Declaration from 1 May 2020 to 31 May 2020. The extension was issued by virtue of Section 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situation B.E. 2548 (No. 5). The rules of the requirements are as follows, pursuant to the Emergency Decree:
 1. People are banned from leaving their homes between 10pm and 4am.
 2. Schools are prohibited from teaching and conducting mass gathering activities
 3. Prohibition of engaging in personal activities such as meeting, seminars, distributions
 4. All international passenger flights to Thailand are banned.
 5. Thai and foreign nationals traveling from foreign countries must be quarantined and detainees are required to strictly follow the rules.
 6. The Governor of Bangkok and provincial governors must close down the following locations: pubs, bars, water parks, playgrounds, amusement parks, zoos, snooker halls, gaming stores, internet shops, bowling alleys, department stores, fitness centers, chicken fighting stadiums, beauty clinics, libraries, boxing stadiums, and other places where people can gather together.
 7. The regulations in (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6) must be performed pursuant to the Emergency Decree
 8. Religious activities can be carried out under the discretion of the respective institution.
 9. Refrain from or delay traveling across provinces. For more details, please visit: <http://www.mratchakitcha.soc.go.th/index.php>
- The Emergency Decree, Section 9, regarding Public Administration in Emergency Situation B.E. 2548 (No. 6) discusses the extension of the Declaration of an Emergency Situation, effective between 1 May 2020 to 31 May 2020. Details are as follows:
 1. There will be a few measures relaxed to allow people to take care of their own health and financial stress by allowing some businesses to reopen, and for people to take part in certain activities for lifestyle benefits, such as exercise.
 2. Owners of businesses that will reopen must follow standard health precautionary measures, outlined in the Emergency Decree against COVID-19, such as maintaining space between people, measuring the temperature of all customers, seeing people by

appointment and not allowing customers to wait inside the shop, and encouraging both customers and staff members to wear face masks at all times. Owners must limit both the number of customers and the time spent using the service. For more details, please visit: <http://www.mratchakitcha.soc.go.th/index.php>

- The Department of Airports announced that the following airlines will reopen their services starting 1 May 2020: Nok Air, Thai AirAsia, Thai Lion Air, and Thai Vietjet Air. They are open for service at the airports under the Department of Airports located at 14 locations, namely Lampang, Mae Sot, Phitsanulok, Buriram, Sakon Nakhon, Nakhon Phanom, Roi Et, Khon Kaen, Ubon Ratchathani, Udon Thani, Trang, Nakhon Si Thammarat, Surat Thani, and Krabi. However, passengers are being advised to monitor travel announcements or provincial orders for any travel changes. Passengers must comply with the announcements made by each province.
- The Ministry of Interior tasked all provincial governors to acknowledge and strictly comply with the regulations and orders. All provincial governors were also encouraged to share any information determined by government agencies regarding disease control measures to operators, service providers, customers, general public, all staff members, and all relevant government officers at all levels. Providing such information will prevent the spread of COVID-19. According to the Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) no. 2/2563, this is how we can comply with the regulations under Section 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situation (2548). If any provincial governors would like to propose a different course of regulatory action, they can report to the Ministry of Interior before taking action. Each province must continue to monitor the effects of implementing the regulations in their area, and report the results, including any obstacles faced. Provincial governors may submit requests for further support if deemed necessary.
- The Governor of Nakhon Ratchasima Province announced COVID-19 surveillance, prevention, and control measures for travelers coming from the following 10 provinces: Bangkok, Samutprakan, Nonthaburi, Pathumthani, Pattani, Yala, Songkhla, Phuket, Chonburi, and Chiangmai. Travelers arriving in Nakhon Ratchasima Province from these 10 provinces are required to quarantine themselves at their place of residence for 14 days, and inform village health volunteers or public health officers in the area within 24 hours of their arrival.

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.

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 Situation

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- 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.