

Thailand situation update on 3 May 2020

1. International Situation

As of 3 May 2020, there were a total of 3,497,047 confirmed cases with 50,802 patients in critical condition and 244,876 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 (1,160,838), Spain (245,567), Italy (209,328), England (182,260), France (168,396), Germany (164,967), Russia (134,687), Turkey (124,375), Brazil (97,100) and Iran (96,448). The 11th is the People's Republic of China (83,962 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 2 May 2020 showed that among 38,077 flights, there were a total of 4,417,962 passengers screened. Among those, 1,031 people met the case definition criteria of patients under investigation (PUI). Outside of the airports, 141,033 people from 2,038 ships were screened at seaports between 1 January and 2 May 2020, and two people met the PUI criteria. There were 1,868,612 people screened at ground ports between 1 February to 2 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 1,033 people.

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

On 3 May 2020 at 18:00, Thailand announced that 2,523 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 75,268 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)	75,268
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from the airport screening 	1,031
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from seaports 	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals 	74,147
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao 	88

Situation	Total number of PUI
Confirmed cases	2,969
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovered and discharged from hospitals 	2,740
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergoing Treatment 	175
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deaths 	54
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	2,969
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Transmission 	2,456
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imported Case 	513
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designated Quarantine Places* 	84

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

In Thailand, there have been 2,969 confirmed COVID-19 cases. Among the confirmed cases, 2,740 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 3 May 2020, one additional case was reported, and the total number of cases at designated quarantine areas increased to 84 cases. There are 62 cases among Thai people returning from Indonesia, nine cases from America, four cases from the United of Arab Emirates, four 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 14 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). 1,622 cases are male, and 1,346 cases are female (ratio of male to female: 1.21:1).

In terms of nationality, 2,653 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 case), salivary gland cancer (1 case), paranasal sinus disease (1 case), COPD (1 case), multiple underlying diseases (27 cases), stroke (1 case), epilepsy (2 case), thrombocytopenia (1 case), myasthenia gravis (1 case), valvular heart disease (1 case), HIV (2 case), 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 2,835 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, 1,020 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 Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration has issued guidelines to support compliance with relaxation measures for businesses and activities (specified as those having low onsite transmission risk, that are necessary for daily life, and have high impact on society and the economy) to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This guideline was developed by the Ministry of Public Health and issued on May 2, 2020. For more information, please click this link (Thai language): https://ddc.moph.go.th/viralpneumonia/file/m_protect_covie19_white.pdf
- The Supreme Commander delivered the statement at The Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration that the police, soldiers and governing sections have performed their duties in accordance with the safety rules, i.e. setting up checkpoints for screening passengers at Suvarnabhumi and Donmuang Airports including the points of entry with neighboring countries. The aforementioned implementation can control the flow of people crossing the areas effectively, yet there are some gaps of controlling people at ground points of entry. However, the Commander of Army Area 4 ordered all checkpoints to strictly implement the screening protocol in order to control and quarantine all people who enter Thailand.
- The State Railway of Thailand announced to refrain from transportations of commercial trains, fast-track trains, regular trains and local trains for a total of 14 trains. Those trains have scheduled routes across provinces including the fast-track train of Bangkok-Ubon Ratchathani (round trip), the regular train of Bangkok-Phitsanulok (round trip), the regular train of Thonburi-Nam Tok (round trip), the local train of Nakhon Ratchasima - Nong Khai (round trip), the local train of Ubon Ratchathani - Nong Khai (round trip), the local train of Kaeng Khoi Junction - Bua Yai junction (round trip), and the local train of Khiri Rat Nikhom - Surat Thani (round trip) from 3 May 2020 onwards until the next announcement update.
- Bangkok announced for 34 at-risk places to remain closed e.g. theaters, service centers, pubs, bars, entertainment spots, water parks, amusement parks, playgrounds, rinks, snooker halls, internet cafés, swimming pools, cockfighting fields, fitness centers, exhibition centers, convention centers, boxing stadiums and massage parlors until 31 May 2020 or until changes are made via announcements from the Bangkok

Communicable Disease Committee. If someone does not follow, they will be imprisoned up to 1 year in prison, or pay a fine of up to 100,000 baht, or both.

- Nonthaburi Province announced the relaxing of protocols in some businesses and activities on 3 May 2020 including restaurants, shopping malls, retail shops, barbershops and salons. To reopen those businesses, the owners must follow the disease control instructions.
- Samut Prakan Province issued an order of guidelines for supporting the relaxation of measures. At the same time, the order no.3794/2563 was issued stating about maintaining the temporarily closures of 27 risky areas including theatres, pubs, bars, entertainment venues, water parks, playgrounds, amusement parks, ice-skate businesses, snooker halls, billiard establishments, bowling alleys, game and internet shops, swimming pools, chicken fighting stadiums, department stores, fitness centers, beauty clinics, exhibition and convention venues, museums, libraries, nurseries, elderly nursing homes, boxing stadiums, traditional massage parlours, and health massage parlours to prevent the spread of the dangerous disease. This measure comes into effect on May 3, 2020 until further instructions.

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.