

Thailand situation update on 10 May 2020

1. International Situation

As of 10 May 2020, there were a total of 4,116,513 confirmed cases with 47,668 patients in critical condition and 280,608 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 (1,347,318), Spain (262,783), Italy (218,268), England (215,260), Russia (209,688), France (176,658), Germany (171,324), Brazil (156,061), Turkey (137,115), and Iran (106,220). The 11th is the People's Republic of China (83,991 cases, as well as 1,045 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 9 May 2020 showed that among 38,410 flights, there were a total of 4,425,023 passengers screened. Among those, 1,108 people met the case definition criteria of patients under investigation (PUI). Outside of the airports, 142,746 people from 2,192 ships were screened at seaports between 1 January and 9 May 2020, and two people met the PUI criteria. There were 1,892,127 people screened at ground ports between 1 February to 9 May 2020. Between 30 January to 8 May 2020, a total of 172,033 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 1,110 people.

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

On 10 May 2020 at 18:00, Thailand announced that 3,446 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 100,404 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) divided by ports	100,404
• Detected from the airport screening	1,108
• Detected from seaports	2
• Sought medical services on their own at hospitals	99,206
• Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao	88

Situation	Total number of PUI
Confirmed cases	3,009
• Recovered and discharged from hospitals	2,796
• Undergoing Treatment	157
• Deaths	56
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,009
• Local Transmission	2,467
• Imported Case	542
- Designated Quarantine Places*	90

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

In Thailand, there have been 3,009 confirmed COVID-19 cases. Among the confirmed cases, 2,796 patients have recovered and returned home, and 56 patients have died.

A 14-day State Quarantine measure has been implemented by the government for travelers entering Thailand from abroad. On 10 May 2020, three additional cases were reported, and the total number of cases at designated quarantine areas increased to 90 cases. There are 62 cases among Thai people returning from Indonesia, nine cases from America, five cases from the United of Arab Emirates, four cases from Malaysia, two cases from England, two cases from Kazakhstan, two cases from Pakistan, one case from the Netherlands, one case from Japan, one case from India, and one case from Russia. 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, 14 cases in Bangkok, and one case in Samut Prakan.

On 8 May 2020, 65 confirmed cases were found at the immigration quarantine unit at Sadao district in Songkhla province (37 cases were Burmese, 20 cases were stateless Rohingya, 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). 1,634 cases are male, and 1,375 cases are female (ratio of male to female: 1.19:1).

In terms of nationality, 2,675 cases are Thai, 56 are Burmese, 34 are Chinese, 29 are French, 24 are British, 20 cases are Stateless Rohingya, 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 (20 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 (28 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 2,854 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, 1,021 cases were tracked via case investigation and defined as “close contacts”. A total of 32 confirmed cases were found from the active case finding measures.

3. Thailand Precautions

- The Office of Disease Prevention and Control is using the ‘clicknic application’ for active surveillance of large numbers of people living in housing estates. These people can consult with healthcare providers about their symptoms and receive preliminary screening tests. Those suspected to be at risk of infection will be referred to go and receive lab testing to mitigate the risk of transmission. Moreover, active case finding was hastened in four risk groups, including 1) crowded places such as in slum areas, temples, and prisons 2) housing estate groups 3) medical and public health staff in Ob-Aun Community Clinic 4) taxi drivers and all travelers and passengers using public transportation. For the groups of people coming from abroad, the Ministry of Public Health has collaborated with the Ministry of Defense to screen and identify cases among patients in all state quarantine areas. Medical staff have been provided with resources to monitor processes everywhere.
- The Mall Department Store issued new measures regarding reopening services that are in accordance with both preventing COVID-19 transmission and the government’s relaxation of measures to fill consumer demand. The Mall Department Store intends to strengthen measures on beauty clinics and institutes by booking customers in advance to avoid crowds in waiting areas. There are also online consultations during working hours. All customers will have their temperature checked, and will be asked about their travel history to assess their risk level, thereby determining if they can use the service. Furthermore, providing services within one hour, sterilizing equipment with UV ray devices, cleaning surfaces with disinfectant before and after services, wearing rubber gloves among employees while practicing and discarding them immediately after the service, suspending conversations while providing the service, refraining from massage services and some handling procedures, avoiding the services that require common equipment without cleaning such as make-up equipment, and installing an air purifier in the beauty clinics will be provided for the customers.
- The officers of 437th Border Patrol Police Company in Songkhla province are still patrolling the natural channels at the border between Thailand and Malaysia in Sadao district, Na Thawi district and Saba Yoi district 24 hours per day. This is to prevent people crossing the natural borders without permission and without passing the COVID-19 screening process. They will expand

surveillance to more than 30 natural channel points at the border between Thailand and Malaysia from Songkhla to Satun province because currently, they have found workers who worked in Malaysia coming back to Thailand via natural channels without permission.

- Dr Taweessin Visanuyothin, the spokesman of the Centre for the COVID-19 Situation Administration informed that the public hearing on the additional relaxation of measures in businesses and activities will be implemented from 8-12 May 2020 and the implementation of relaxation phase 1 will be assessed on 13 May 2020. In addition, on 14 -15 May 2020, there will be a meeting to consider the new regulations of relaxation phase 2 initially drafted by the small group meeting at the Centre for the Covid-19 Situation Administration. In the meantime, the new regulations of relaxation phase 2 will be piloted in some areas, i.e. some zones in department stores and the result of the piloted implementation will be assessed on 16 May 2020. If the results of the assessment pass the criteria, the relaxation of measures phase 2 will be announced. The department stores and the Mall Group issued 100 safety measures to build customer confidence and that of the government sector regarding COVID-19 prevention. For IconSiam and Paragon, they are ready to reopen the businesses in accordance with the Government's orders and have strictly implemented the disease control measures by integrating innovative disease control strategies for ensuring safe services to partners and consumers.

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.