

Thailand situation update on 13 May 2020

1. International Situation

As of 13 May 2020, there were a total of 4,357,357 confirmed cases with 46,330 patients in critical condition and 293,134 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 (1,408,636), Spain (269,520), Russia (242,271), England (226,463), Italy (221,216), France (178,225), Brazil (178,214), Germany (173,273), Turkey (141,475), and Iran (110,767). The 11th is the People's Republic of China (84,022 cases, as well as 1,051 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 12 May 2020 showed that among 38,559 flights, there were a total of 4,427,539 passengers screened. Among those, 1,123 people met the case definition criteria of patients under investigation (PUI). Outside of the airports, 143,437 people from 2,273 ships were screened at seaports between 1 January and 12 May 2020, and two people met the PUI criteria. There were 1,903,642 people screened at ground ports between 1 February to 12 May 2020. Between 30 January to 13 May 2020, a total of 174,390 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 1,125 people.

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

On 13 May 2020 at 18:00, Thailand announced that 3,671 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 111,288 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	111,288
• Detected from the airport screening	1,123
• Detected from seaports	2
• Sought medical services on their own at hospitals	110,075
• Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao	88

Situation	Total number of PUI
Confirmed cases	3,017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovered and discharged from hospitals 	2,850
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergoing Treatment 	111
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deaths 	56
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Transmission 	2,475
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 3,017 confirmed COVID-19 cases. Among the confirmed cases, 2,850 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 12 May 2020, no additional cases were reported, and the total number of cases at designated quarantine areas remained at 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). 1,638 cases are male, and 1,379 cases are female (ratio of male to female: 1.19:1).

In terms of nationality, 2,683 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 2,862 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 36 confirmed cases were found from the active case finding measures.

3. Thailand Precautions

- After it was observed that some people were neglecting to follow rules Bangkok implemented, Bangkok has now dispersed staff members to survey public parks, especially during popular times in the morning and evening. Those who are found not following the rules for safe distancing practices will be removed by the staff from the area. If it is found that many people are disobeying the rules and recommendations, then the committee of Thailand's Centre for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) may decide to close the public parks in Bangkok.
- The director of the National Office of Buddhism revealed that 914 almshouses have opened, which have helped distribute food and water to both Thai people and foreigners. Right now, there are 274,000 people receiving aid daily, with a budget of 10.9 million baht per day. People receiving assistance have to pass the screening, wear a mask and keep their distance from others. Among the volunteers at the temples are cooks from restaurants that can not be opened due to the pandemic measures. They are also required to screen for fever and wash hands before cooking. The next steps are to set up a drive-through service that allows people to get their food without leaving their cars, and to mobilize almshouses to better distribute food and water to communities.
- The Pattani Governor revealed that there have been no newly reported cases in Pattani for the past 22 days, and the relaxation of measures is currently being considered. The reopening of mosques and religious services in Pattani is under the responsibility of the chair of the club, the head of the village, and the subdistrict headman. The Provincial Administrative Organization will provide equipment such as thermometers, alcohol gel, and disinfectant. There are currently 204 mosques in nine districts that are requesting to reopen. There are three districts that are still not showing any signs of readiness to reopen. On 22 May 2020, people may visit their mosque to perform the Salah religious ritual, in accordance with the issued measure under the consideration of Pattani Islamic Committee. Rehearsals held at mosques prior to 22 May in preparation for Salah prayer services are permitted, however, all mosques must strictly comply with the all measures issued by the Sheikhu Islam Office. All mosques must also inform the province about

any such rehearsals so that the province can provide staff to assist and monitor the situation to ensure that measures are being enforced.

- In accordance with social distancing, the Ministry of Transport implemented measures to have people sit or stand at least one meter apart. The Department of Land Transport has emphasized all transportation offices to strictly follow these measures.
- All types of public buses and their passengers at both bus stations and checkpoints will be screened in all provinces that have implemented the rules to maintain a distance of sitting and standing at least one meter apart while riding the bus, and while sitting in the bus stop passenger terminals. If passengers who are screened prior to travel are found to have body temperatures higher than 37.5 degrees Celsius, then these passengers will not be allowed to travel. Passengers are requested to fill out a health questionnaire in the form of Tor. 8-KorKor, stating their name, address (original and final destinations), and telephone number, which is all useful information for disease prevention and control. Every passenger must wear a face mask or cloth mask before and during any kind of travel. It is imperative that provincial transportation coordinate with transportation operators in the area to increase concentration of screening in non-routine buses and taxis to strictly comply with various measures stipulated by the government. The Ministry of Transport offices are still providing registration and tax services as usual and announced the online annual car tax payment services at <https://eservice.dlt.go.th>. Those who are unable to use the online service can use the Drive Thru service; there is one located in every province. Moreover, The Ministry of Transport asked for cooperation from the public to wear face masks/ cloth masks at all times while in social contact.

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.