

Thailand situation update on 25 May 2020

1. International Situation

As of 25 May 2020, there were a total of 5,516,842 confirmed cases with 53,203 patients in critical condition and 346,949 COVID-19 deaths across more than 210 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 (1,686,436), Brazil (365,213), Russia (353,427), Spain (282,852), England (259,559), Italy (229,858), France (182,584), Germany (180,328), Turkey (156,827), and India (139,237). The 14th is the People's Republic of China (84,096 cases, as well as 1,066 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 24 May 2020 showed that among 39,250 flights, there were a total of 4,439,857 passengers screened. Among those, 1,239 people met the case definition criteria of patients under investigation (PUI). Outside of the airports, 146,292 people from 2,551 ships were screened at seaports between 1 January and 24 May 2020, and two people met the PUI criteria. There were 1,953,418 people screened at ground ports between 1 February to 24 May 2020. Between 30 January to 25 May 2020, a total of 182,810 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 1,241 people.

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

On 25 May 2020 at 18:00, Thailand announced that 6,329 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 160,320 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	160,320
• Detected from the airport screening	1,239
• Detected from seaports	2
• Sought medical services on their own at hospitals	158,991
• Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao	88

Situation	Total number of PUI
Confirmed cases	3,042
• Recovered and discharged from hospitals	2,929
• Undergoing Treatment	56
• Deaths	57
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,042
• Local Transmission	2,444
• Imported Cases	598
- Designated Quarantine Places*	105

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

In Thailand, there have been 3,042 confirmed COVID-19 cases. Among the confirmed cases, 2,929 patients have recovered and returned home, and 57 patients have died.

A 14-day State Quarantine measure has been implemented by the government for travelers entering Thailand from abroad. On 25 May 2020, one additional case was reported, and the total number of cases at designated quarantine areas increased to 105 cases. There are 62 cases among Thai people returning from Indonesia, 10 cases from Pakistan, nine cases from America, five cases from the United of Arab Emirates, four cases from Malaysia, three cases from Egypt, two cases from England, two cases from Kazakhstan, two cases from India, two cases from Russia, one case from the Netherlands, one case from Japan, one case from Bahrain, and one case from the Philippines. 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 6 cases quarantined in Narathiwat, 12 cases in Pattani, 8 cases in Yala, 19 cases in Songkhla, 18 cases in Satun, 3 cases in Krabi, 21 cases in Chonburi, 17 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 97 years old). 1,654 cases are male, and 1,388 cases are female (ratio of male to female: 1.19:1).

In terms of nationality, 2,705 cases are Thai, 56 are Burmese, 35 are Chinese, 29 are French, 24 are British, 20 cases are Stateless Rohingya, 12 are Russian, 13 are American, 11 are Japanese, nine are Indian, nine are German, eight are Canadian, eight are Italian, 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-Samoa, 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 (28 cases), hypotension (1 case), allergies (20 cases), diabetes (11 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 2,902 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). 1,588 cases sought medical treatment by themselves, 1,189 cases were tracked via case investigation and defined as “close contacts”. A total of 55 confirmed cases were found from the active case finding measures.

3. Thailand Precautions

- The Governor of Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya province reported on the situation after the relaxation of measures on certain businesses/activities and the easing of lockdown measures for containing the spread of COVID-19 last weekend. This is the first time that archaeological sites and temples were reopened for the public to visit and people are now allowed to make merit and pay homage to the Buddha as usual. It was found that a large number of Thai people, especially, those who come from Bangkok and other provinces have visited places such as Wat Phanan Choeng and Wat Yai Chaimongkol.
- The Office of the National Economic and Social Development Council (NESDC) revealed a budget framework in the amount of 400 billion baht under the Emergency Decree, allowing the Ministry of Finance to loan money to revive the economy for relief from the COVID-19 epidemic's consequences for a total of one trillion baht. The NESDC will announce further details such as a work plan and will call for proposals among governmental units. The proposals will be taken into consideration and will be submitted to the cabinet at the beginning of June 2020.
- The Director General of the Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public health clarified about the unclear decision on the permission to open enterprises/activities in accordance with the relaxation measures of phase 3 and 4 that this issue needs to wait for the resolution from the Center for COVID -19 Situation Administration. For the opening of the movie theaters during the relaxation of measure phase 3, the MoPH stated that this kind of place can reopen under the condition of implementing social distancing. However, the ventilation system in the theater must be well managed since this is the gathering place where people stay together for long periods of time.
- The Government Housing Bank has a measure to help customers who are impacted by the spread of COVID-19 and established a project to help Thai people recover from the recession after the COVID-19 situation improves. The bank committee agree to start the Government Housing Bank project to provide loan products, “เราไม่ทิ้งกัน” housing project with the financial amount of 20 billion baht to loan to family members of people eligible for

the government measure (“เราไม่ทิ้งกัน” project) 5,000 baht per month for three months or family members of the Government Housing Bank’s customers who registered to request to enroll in the measure.

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.