

Thailand situation update on 29 May 2020

1. International Situation

As of 29 May 2020, there were a total of 5,922,814 confirmed cases with 53,966 patients in critical condition and 362,391 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 (1,768,461), Brazil (438,812), Russia (387,623), Spain (284,986), England (269,127), Italy (231,732), France (186,238), Germany (182,452), India (165,829) and Turkey (160,979). The 15th is the People's Republic of China (84,107 cases, as well as 1,067 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 28 May 2020 showed that among 39,478 flights, there were a total of 4,444,335 passengers screened. Among those, 1,341 people met the case definition criteria of patients under investigation (PUI). Outside of the airports, people from 2,647 ships were screened at seaports between 1 January and 28 May 2020, and two people met the PUI criteria. There were 1,970,955 people screened at ground ports between 1 February to 28 May 2020. Between 30 January to 29 May 2020, a total of 186,975 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 1,309 people.

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

On 29 May 2020 at 18:00, Thailand announced that 6,279 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 187,747 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	187,747
• Detected from the airport screening	1,341
• Detected from seaports	2
• Sought medical services on their own at hospitals	186,316
• Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao	88

Situation	Total number of PUI
Confirmed cases	3,076
• Recovered and discharged from hospitals	2,961
• Undergoing Treatment	58
• Deaths	57
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,076
• Local Transmission	2,444
• Imported Cases	632
- Designated Quarantine Places*	139

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

In Thailand, there have been 3,076 confirmed COVID-19 cases. Among the confirmed cases, 2,961 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 29 May 2020, 11 additional cases were reported, and the total number of cases at designated quarantine areas increased to 139 cases. There are 62 cases among Thai people returning from Indonesia, 17 cases from Kuwait, 10 cases from Pakistan, seven cases from America, seven cases from Qatar, six cases from Saudi Arabia, five cases from the United of Arab Emirates, four cases from Malaysia, three cases from Egypt, three cases from Russia, three cases from India, two cases from England, two cases from Kazakhstan, two cases from Japan, one case from the Netherlands, one case from Bahrain, and one case from 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 29 cases quarantined in Bangkok, 24 cases in Chonburi, 22 cases in Songkhla, 18 cases in Satun, 14 cases in Samut Prakan, 13 cases in Pattani, 9 cases in Yala, 7 cases in Narathiwat, and 3 cases in Krabi.

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). 1,684 cases are male, and 1,392 cases are female (ratio of male to female: 1.2 :1).

In terms of nationality, 2,739 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.

140 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 2,936 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 Pattaya City Mayor announced that from June 1 onwards, beach areas will be reopened for the public and tourists to visit. However, preventive measures need to be implemented such as arranging social distancing to prevent infection, beach beds are required to be at least 1.5 meters apart, and the operators have to cooperate and comply. The chairman of the community, the committee and the people in the Ko Lan area have a meeting for the second phase of relaxation measures, which is planning to open the areas to the public on 1 June.
- The Phangnga Governor and Deputy Governor joined an activity to exchange agricultural products under the project "Thapfah collaboration to fight against COVID-19." This project was implemented under the collaboration of the Provincial Office of Commercial Affairs, the Offices under the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, and relevant sectors with the main objective of exchanging agricultural products between Phangnga and Sisaket Provinces through cooperative mechanism such as Agricultural Marketing Cooperatives Limited (Sisaket) and Agricultural Marketing Cooperatives Limited (Phangnga).
- Nong Nooch Garden Pattaya is cooperating with the Sattahip City Municipality to bring the vehicles to spray disinfectant to prevent the spread of COVID-19 around Nong Nooch Gardens. The Ugood company also built a tunnel onsite that sprays standard disinfectants on people as they walk through to sterilize the virus.

Also, there are measures to build confidence for tourists including:

1. Temperature measurement, ask tourists to wash hands with alcohol gel and wear face masks
2. Walkthrough the sterilizing tunnel
3. Registration of customers for checking in-out of public places
4. Maintaining distance between people
5. Using one-way entry and exit doors
6. Promote e-banking for all kinds of customer services
7. Arrangement of alcohol gel dispensing spots throughout public areas
8. Prepare sinks for hand washing around the garden.
9. Waste management
10. Schedules for staff to clean all sites, every 2 hours
11. Temperature checks and hand washing among staff before starting work

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.