

Thailand situation update on 1 June 2020

1. International Situation

As of 1 June 2020, there were a total of 6,281,132 confirmed cases with 53,403 patients in critical condition and 374,182 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 (1,837,170), Brazil (514,992), Russia (414,878), Spain (286,509), England (274,762), Italy (232,997), India (191,041), France (188,882), Germany (183,494), and Peru (164,476). The 16th is the People's Republic of China (84,147 cases, as well as 1,085 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 31 May 2020 showed that among 39,654 flights, there were a total of 4,447,448 passengers screened. Among those, 1,391 people met the case definition criteria of patients under investigation (PUI). Outside of the airports, 147,971 people from 2,677 ships were screened at seaports between 1 January and 31 May 2020, and two people met the PUI criteria. There were 1,984,556 people screened at ground ports between 1 February to 31 May 2020. Between 30 January to 1 June 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 1,393 people.

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

On 1 June 2020 at 18:00, Thailand announced that 5,500 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 200,411 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	200,411
• Detected from the airport screening	1,391
• Detected from seaports	2
• Sought medical services on their own at hospitals	198,930
• Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao	88

Situation	Total number of PUI
Confirmed cases	3,082
• Recovered and discharged from hospitals	2,966
• Undergoing Treatment	60
• Deaths	57
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,082
• Local Transmission	2,444
• Imported Cases	638
- Designated Quarantine Places*	145

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

In Thailand, there have been 3,082 confirmed COVID-19 cases. Among the confirmed cases, 2,966 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 31 May 2020, 1 additional case was reported, and the total number of cases at designated quarantine areas increased to 145 cases. There were 62 cases among Thai people returning from Indonesia, 17 cases from Kuwait, 10 cases from Pakistan, eight cases from Saudi Arabia, seven cases from America, seven cases from Qatar, six cases from the United of Arab Emirates, four cases from Malaysia, four cases from Russia, three cases from Egypt, three cases from India, two cases from England, two cases from Kazakhstan, two cases from Japan, two cases from Turkey, 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 30 cases quarantined in Bangkok, 27 cases in Chonburi, 22 cases in Songkhla, 18 cases in Satun, 14 cases in Samut Prakan, 13 cases in Pattani, 9 cases in Yala, 8 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). 1,688 cases are male, and 1,394 cases are female (ratio of male to female: 1.2 :1).

In terms of nationality, 2,746 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.

141 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 2,941 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

- Chiang Mai International Airport increased the number of flights from 14-16 flights per day to 32-34 flights for those who wish to travel across provincial lines and the airport also extended flights hour to 07.00-20.30 hrs. Passengers were informed to spare at least 30 minutes to download the application and register in the system.
- Pattaya, Chonburi relaxed their measures by reopening the beach for locals and tourists, and allowing people to exercise but only on the paved path. However, the umbrella and bed services on the beach are still prohibited. Mass gatherings of parties or drinking alcohol is still banned during this period.
- The Commissioner General of Royal Thai Police emphasized that all policemen are to comply with the mitigation measures, phase 3. The Office of Immigration has implemented intensive measures to screen and isolate suspected cases among returning Thai people.
- Ramathibodi Hospital has cared for 2.2 million patients each year or on average 5,000 - 6,000 patients each day. They have used tele-medicine channels to decrease congestion in hospitals by 30%. Moreover, the service can reduce the risk of COVID-19 with less direct contact with patients. This can help alleviate conditions for healthcare workers.

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.