

Thailand situation update on 4 June 2020

1. International Situation

As of 4 June 2020, there were a total of 6,589,291 confirmed cases with 54,228 patients in critical condition and 388,317 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 (1,902,031), Brazil (584,562), Russia (441,108), Spain (287,406), England (279,856), Italy (233,836), India (217,554), Germany (184,425), Peru (178,914) and Turkey (166,422). The 17th is the People's Republic of China (84,166 cases, as well as 1,099 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 3 June 2020 showed that among 39,821 flights, there were a total of 4,451,274 passengers screened. Among those, 1,414 people met the case definition criteria of patients under investigation (PUI). Outside of the airports, 148,630 people from 2,737 ships were screened at seaports between 1 January and 3 June 2020, and two people met the PUI criteria. There were 1,998,462 people screened at ground ports between 1 February to 3 June 2020. Between 30 January to 4 June 2020, a total of 190,473 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 1,416 people.

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

On 4 June 2020 at 18:00, Thailand announced that 6,164 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 218,262 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	218,262
• Detected from the airport screening	1,414
• Detected from seaports	2
• Sought medical services on their own at hospitals	216,758
• Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao	88

Situation	Total number of PUI
Confirmed cases	3,101
• Recovered and discharged from hospitals	2,971
• Undergoing Treatment	72
• Deaths	58
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,101
• Local Transmission	2,444
• Imported Cases	657
- Designated Quarantine Places*	164

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

In Thailand, there have been 3,101 confirmed COVID-19 cases. Among the confirmed cases, 2,971 patients have recovered and returned home, and 58 patients have died.

A 14-day State Quarantine measure has been implemented by the government for travelers entering Thailand from abroad. On 4 June 2020, 17 additional cases were reported, and the total number of cases at designated quarantine areas increased to 164 cases. There were 62 cases among Thai people returning from Indonesia, 30 cases from Kuwait, 12 cases from Saudi Arabia, 10 cases from Pakistan, seven cases from America, nine 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 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 36 cases quarantined in Bangkok, 27 cases in Chonburi, 25 cases in Songkhla, 23 cases in Samut Prakan, 18 cases in Satun, 14 cases in Pattani, 9 cases in Yala, 9 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). 1,705 cases are male, and 1,396 cases are female (the ratio of male to female: 1.21:1).

In terms of nationality, 2,765 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 2,960 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 Saen Suk municipal mayor Narongchai Kunplome said that after reopening the beach, on June 1st, it was too crowded and there was an increased chance of the disease spreading. The Saen Suk administrative office and local police station are working together to close the roads temporarily to clear the backlog and regulate visitor numbers. Beachgoers must follow the activities regulations at Bangsaen beach, including keeping 1-2 meters of space from others, avoiding shouting for communication, avoid swimming if it's crowded, limiting the number of people per round in banana boats and swimming rings, and people must follow the service protocols in the bathing areas.
- Mr. Juti Krairerk, Minister of Social Development and Human Security (MSDHS) as the chairman opened the “Wherever you are, MSDHS will visit” activity under the project “พม.เราไม่ทิ้งกัน.” He stated that their intention is to help the target population in 22 pilot communities in Bangkok that did not register including Phra Khanong, Prawet and Khlong Toei districts which have been impacted from the COVID-19 epidemic. One Home of the MSDHS team will try to listen and solve the problems of the target populations especially mothers and children and improve them. They will identify the people who were impacted by COVID-19 and give the help according to the government policy.
- Mr. Jirakiat Bhumisawat, the Kanchanaburi Governor announced the order of the Kanchanaburi Communicable Disease Committee restricting the movement and travel of Myanmar migrant workers so as to prevent the spread of the disease since there are many Myanmar migrant workers who try to return to Myanmar illegally through natural points of entry. The Myanmar migrant workers are restricted from traveling to Sangkhlaburi, Thong Pha Phum, Sai Yok and Mueng Districts, Kanchanaburi until the COVID -19 situation in the country further improves. However, Myanmar migrant workers whose workplaces are located in Kanchanaburi are allowed to enter those areas.
- Mr. Banyat Kantha, of the Phuket Provincial Land Transport, discussed with Mr. Phudit Raksararat, the mayor of Ratsada District and Mr. Chob Phutasupha, the station manager of the Phuket Bus Station about the schedule to officially open a second Phuket Bus Terminal on 5 June 2020. The terminal opening has been arranged in accordance with the “new normal” concept by proceeding with surveillance measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 including wearing masks at all times on public buses, refraining from talking or talking on the phone while traveling, and washing hands with alcohol gel or water whenever touching surfaces.

- Drivers of all types of public transportation were recommended to always observe their symptoms. They were strongly suggested not to drive and implement self-quarantine if they have illness, fever, coughing or sneezing. The drivers are also advised to wash their hands frequently with alcohol gel or water, wear hygienic masks or cloth masks while providing service. While driving, if there is anyone coughing or sneezing, it is recommended to turn off the air conditioner and open the windows to increase ventilation in the car and reduce the chance of getting infection of drivers and other passengers. Alcohol gel should be provided in the buses/cars. The buses/cars need to be cleaned every time before and after providing services and high-touch areas must be cleaned. In case there are passengers coughing, sneezing or with illness, the car must be disinfected with 70% rubbing alcohol. Moreover, during the break, the doors and windows should be opened or the air conditioning vents should be opened for ventilation. The public bus service and services at the bus terminals will implement physical distancing measures with at least 1-2 meters of space apart, for example, passengers need to sit two seats away from each other in vans and there should be designated standing areas on the buses.

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 only 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.