

Thailand situation update on 9 June 2020

1. International Situation

As of 9 June 2020, there were a total of 7,214,495 confirmed cases with 53,790 patients in critical condition and 409,033 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 (2,026,597), Brazil (710,887), Russia (485,253), Spain (288,797), England (287,399), India (267,249), Italy (235,278), Peru (199,696), Germany (186,233), and Iran (173,832). The 18th is the People's Republic of China (84,196 cases, as well as 1,108 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 8 June 2020 showed that among 40,100 flights, there were a total of 4,458,956 passengers screened. Among those, 1,505 people met the case definition criteria of patients under investigation (PUI). Outside of the airports, 149,700 people from 2,824 ships were screened at seaports between 1 January and 7 June 2020, and two people met the PUI criteria. There were 2,018,153 people screened at ground ports between 1 February to 8 June 2020. Between 30 January to 9 June 2020, a total of 193,697 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 1,507 people.

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

On 9 June 2020 at 18:00, Thailand announced that 6,523 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 243,464 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	243,464
• Detected from the airport screening	1,505
• Detected from seaports	2
• Sought medical services on their own at hospitals	241,869
• Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao	88

Situation	Total number of PUI
Confirmed cases	3,121
• Recovered and discharged from hospitals	2,981
• Undergoing Treatment	82
• Deaths	58
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,121
• Local Transmission	2,444
• Imported Cases	677
- Designated Quarantine Places*	184

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

In Thailand, there have been 3,121 confirmed COVID-19 cases. Among the confirmed cases, 2,981 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 9 June 2020, two additional cases were reported, and the total number of cases at designated quarantine areas increased to 184 cases. There were 62 cases among Thai people returning from Indonesia, 34 cases from Kuwait, 15 cases from the United of Arab Emirates, 14 cases from Saudi Arabia, 12 cases from Pakistan, nine cases from Qatar, eight cases from America, five cases from Russia, four cases from Malaysia, four cases from India, three cases from Egypt, two cases from England, two cases from Kazakhstan, two cases from Japan, two cases from Turkey, two cases 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 51 cases quarantined in Bangkok, 28 cases in Chonburi, 26 cases in Samut Prakan, 25 cases in Songkhla, 18 cases in Satun, 15 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). 1,717 cases are male, and 1,404 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.22:1).

In terms of nationality, 2,785 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.

188 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 2,933 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 Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration led by the prime minister, has suggested that people who travel the beach help take care of the beach to make them attractive and as clean as beaches in foreign countries.

Tourist attractions were divided into 4 groups:

- 1) restaurants located in no-swimming areas are allowed to open
- 2) retail shops and stalls located in no-swimming areas are allowed to open and need to provide preventives measures
- 3) private beaches located in swimming areas are allowed to open. Shops are not allowed but people can bring their own food in
- 4) public beaches located in swimming areas are allowed to open but shops and outside food is not allowed. Therefore, the implementation of various preventive measures to prevent the spread of the pandemic are still continuing and the important thing is to get cooperation from people.

- The Health Minister provided information about the COVID-19 situation in Thailand that there has not been any reported locally transmitted cases in the country for two weeks. However, imported cases are still reported every day, therefore, if the country plans to reopen, it is necessary to implement the opening carefully. Regarding the cancelling of the Emergency Decree, the implementation shall align with phase 4 of the relaxation measures including the opening of educational institutes since the safety of the people and the children is the first priority. The key factor making Thailand able to control the disease effectively is the collaboration from people. Although the country has a good law to control the disease, it will not be effective if the people do not comply with the law.
- The Deputy Prime Minister said that allowing foreign tourists back into Thailand is considered an essential issue in restoring tourism. The measures allowing tourists to enter Thailand must be carefully considered to protect Thailand from outbreaks of COVID-19. For example, tourists traveling to Thailand may be selected and matched between a city of their country of departure and a province of Thailand as determined in the protocol and situations of both locations. The local officers can connect those tourists/travelers to monitor through a digital platform. These measures have to re-open slowly. Foreign tourists are expected to visit Thailand in the 3rd and 4th quarters.

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.