

Thailand situation update on 16 June 2020

1. International Situation

As of 16 June 2020, there were a total of 8,134,980 confirmed cases with 54,572 patients in critical condition and 439,519 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 (2,182,950), Brazil (891,556), Russia (545,458), India (344,407), England (296,857), Spain (291,189), Italy (237,290), Peru (232,992), Iran (189,876), and Germany (188,044). The 19th is the People's Republic of China (84,379 cases, as well as 1,113 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 15 June 2020 showed that among 40,508 flights, there were a total of 4,468,448 passengers screened. Among those, 1,618 people met the case definition criteria of patients under investigation (PUI). Outside of the airports, 151,426 people from 2,978 ships were screened at seaports between 1 January and 15 June 2020, and two people met the PUI criteria. There were 2,038,849 people screened at ground ports between 1 February to 15 June 2020. Between 30 January to 16 June 2020, a total of 199,710 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 1,620 people.

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

On 16 June 2020 at 18:00, Thailand announced that 4,872 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 276,573 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	276,573
• Detected from the airport screening	1,618
• Detected from seaports	2
• Sought medical services on their own at hospitals	274,865
• Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao	88

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 Situation

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Situation	Total number of PUI
Confirmed cases	3,135
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovered and discharged from hospitals 	2,996
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergoing Treatment** 	84
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deaths 	58
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,135
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Transmission 	2,443
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imported Cases 	692
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designated Quarantine Places* 	198

Notice: *The quarantine measures for travelers from aboard have been in effect as of 3 April 2020
** the information from the Department of Health Services Support.

In Thailand, there have been 3,135 confirmed COVID-19 cases. Among the confirmed cases, 2,993 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 16 June 2020, no additional cases were reported, and the total number of cases at designated quarantine areas remained at 198 cases. There were 65 cases among Thai people returning from Indonesia, 34 cases from Kuwait, 18 cases from Saudi Arabia, 15 cases from the United of Arab Emirates, 13 cases from Pakistan, 10 cases from India, nine cases from Qatar, nine cases from America, five cases from Russia, four cases from Malaysia, three cases from Egypt, two cases from England, two cases from Kazakhstan, two cases from Turkey, two cases from the Netherlands, one case from Japan, one case from Bahrain, one case from the Philippines, one case from Madagascar, and one case from China. 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 54 cases quarantined in Bangkok, 34 cases in Chonburi, 28 cases in Samut Prakan, 25 cases in Songkhla, 18 cases in Satun, 15 cases in Pattani, 9 cases in Yala, 9 cases in Narathiwat, 3 cases in Chachoengsao, 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). 1,724 cases are male, and 1,411 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.22:1).

In terms of nationality, 2,799 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 Translated by Office of International Cooperation, DDC Thailand

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.

189 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 2,946 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 director of the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand is planning for international travel to resume in September with new conditions under the COVID-19 preventive measures. However, international flights are likely to resume in a stepwise manner, as they will gradually open for services so that the private sector can clearly understand and adapt to the guidelines.
- The committee assigned to screen loan spending is considering the details and elements of three stimulus packages to stimulate domestic tourism to present to the cabinet. The period of the packages is four months (from July to October). The packages are worth 20 billion baht under the emergency decree for loans to mitigate and solve the economic problem (of one trillion baht).
- The manager of the water park and amusement park called Siam Amazing Park, or Suan Siam stated that the reopening was on June 15, 2020. There were about 500-600 people on the first day and most of them were families on vacation to swim and play. It is predicted that more than a thousand customers per day may visit before the re-opening of the school semester in July or during the compensation dates of canceled holidays during the peak of the COVID-19 epidemic.

4. Risk Communication to the Public

- In case of traveling to areas and across areas by public transport, the public transport operator must prepare the system and comply with the disease control measures, i.e. cleaning the vehicle, screening passengers, encouraging passengers to wear a mask, limiting bus services during certain periods, arranging distance between seats, and limiting the number of passengers. Customers must wear a mask at all times while traveling, refrain from talking and eating on public transport, and register each time they enter/leave the service area.

- For other business places/enterprises, operators are recommended to keep the areas clean, encourage people to wear a mask, limit the number of customers in accordance with the COVID-19 control measures.

- For people visiting crowded places or closed areas such as meeting rooms, department stores, and movie theatres, they are recommended to wear a mask, keep

a distance of at least 1-2 meters from other people, and limit contact with other people to be only for a short period of time.

-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.