

Thailand situation update on 17 June 2020

1. International Situation

As of 17 June 2020, there were a total of 8,218,451 confirmed cases with 54,635 patients in critical condition and 446,461 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 (2,208,402), Brazil (928,834), Russia (553,301), India (355,060), England (298,136), Spain (291,408), Italy (237,500), Peru (237,156), Iran (192,439), and Germany (188,382). The 19th is the People's Republic of China (84,423 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 16 June 2020 showed that among 40,570 flights, there were a total of 4,470,172 passengers screened. Among those, 1,622 people met the case definition criteria of patients under investigation (PUI). Outside of the airports, 151,603 people from 2,988 ships were screened at seaports between 1 January and 16 June 2020, and two people met the PUI criteria. There were 2,041,651 people screened at ground ports between 1 February to 16 June 2020. Between 30 January to 17 June 2020, a total of 201,023 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 1,624 people.

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

On 17 June 2020 at 18:00, Thailand announced that 3,888 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 280,461 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	280,461
• Detected from the airport screening	1,622
• Detected from seaports	2
• Sought medical services on their own at hospitals	278,749
• Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao	88

Situation	Total number of PUI
Confirmed cases	3,135
• Recovered and discharged from hospitals	2,997
• Undergoing Treatment**	80
• Deaths	58
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,135
• Local Transmission	2,443
• Imported Cases	692
- Designated Quarantine Places*	198

Notice: *Quarantine measures for travelers from abroad have been in effect since 3 April 2020

**information from the Department of Health Services Support.

In Thailand, there have been 3,135 confirmed COVID-19 cases. Among the confirmed cases, 2,997 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 17 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 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 meeting of the Centre for the Administration of the Situation in Bangkok has discussed the possibility of a second wave of COVID-19. Many relevant sectors are speculating that Bangkok could be the most possible area at risk of infection. Therefore, relevant agencies were requested to coordinate and jointly prepare to support the situation and there is also cooperation with related departments such as the Department of Disease Control, Department of Health, Ministry of Public Health, and the hospital network in Bangkok.
- The Minister of Digital Economy and Society (DES) revealed that on June 15, 2020, the DES Ministry proposed a project from the Economic and Social Rehabilitation Plan of 400 billion baht under the Emergency Decree and for loans under the the Office of the National Economic and Social Development Council’s one trillion baht financial package. The first phase includes 7 projects for a total of 14,000 million baht
- The Thai Hotels Association (THA) stated that after phase 4 of relaxing the COVID-19 measures began, some government organizations requested to use hotel meeting rooms for seminars. It is expected that the rate of requests for such rooms will increase throughout July. Event management is expected to come back in the next 2-3 months.
- The Vice Governor of Nakhon Ratchasima Province and the Deputy Chief of Public Health Doctors of Nakhon Ratchasima came together as Chairs of the Communicable Disease Committee meeting in Nakhon Ratchasima to discuss the disease preventive and control measures to prevent the outbreak while reopening schools on 1st July 2020.
- The Centre for the COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) updated the situation on COVID-19 that today, there will be four flights from Nepal, India, New Zealand and Philippines bringing Thai people back to the country (total of 427 people). In addition, on 19 June 2020, 3 flights from Australia, Indonesia, and the United States (through Japan and South Korea) will bring 520 Thai people back to the country. Currently, the cumulative number of people returning to Thailand and undergoing State Quarantine is 41,345 people. There have been 31,060 people who returned home, 198 COVID-19 infected patients, and 117 people who have already recovered.

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.