

## Thailand situation update on 18 June 2020

### 1. International Situation

As of 18 June 2020, there were a total of 8,419,107 confirmed cases with 54,472 patients in critical condition and 451,704 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 (2,234,475), Brazil (960,309), Russia (561,091), India (368,389), England (299,251), Spain (291,763), Peru (240,908), Italy (237,828), Iran (195,051), and Germany (190,179). The 19th is the People's Republic of China (84,459 cases, as well as 1,121 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 17 June 2020 showed that among 40,627 flights, there were a total of 4,471,657 passengers screened. Among those, 1,625 people met the case definition criteria of patients under investigation (PUI). Outside of the airports, 151,797 people from 2,998 ships were screened at seaports between 1 January and 17 June 2020, and two people met the PUI criteria. There were 2,044,571 people screened at ground ports between 1 February to 17 June 2020. Between 30 January to 18 June 2020, a total of 202,369 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 1,627 people.

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

On 18 June 2020 at 18:00, Thailand announced that 4,116 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 284,577 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
<b>Total number of people who met the criteria of patients under investigation (PUI) divided by ports</b>	284,577
• Detected from the airport screening	1,625
• Detected from seaports	2
• Sought medical services on their own at hospitals	282,862
• 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
<b>Confirmed cases</b>	3,141
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recovered and discharged from hospitals</li> </ul>	3,008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undergoing Treatment**</li> </ul>	75
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deaths</li> </ul>	58
<b>Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases</b>	3,141
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Transmission</li> </ul>	2,443
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Imported Cases</li> </ul>	696
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Designated Quarantine Places*</li> </ul>	204

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 3,141 confirmed COVID-19 cases. Among the confirmed cases, 3,008 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 18 June 2020, six additional cases were reported, and the total number of cases at designated quarantine areas increased to 204 cases. There were 65 cases among Thai people returning from Indonesia, 34 cases from Kuwait, 23 cases from Saudi Arabia, 15 cases from the United of Arab Emirates, 13 cases from Pakistan, 11 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 59 cases quarantined in Bangkok, 35 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). 1,729 cases are male, and 1,412 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.22:1).

In terms of nationality, 2,805 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 2,951 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 Deputy Director-General of the Department of Health said that food sanitation is mandatory in both the kitchens and cafeterias in all schools, as well as enforcing distance between individuals. This includes managing drinking water quality and providing handwashing facilities with soap at the entrance of all cafeterias to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Those who are responsible for food sanitation management must ensure that their preparations align with preventive measures in which good hygiene should be provided in the kitchen, canteens and food contact such as providing handwashing facilities with soap at the entrance to the cafeteria, and arranging personal space to maintain distance between individuals. Schools may set the timing of meal breaks to reduce the number of students, and allow time for cleaning the canteens and kitchens with disinfectant. Freshly cooked food should be sold at a reasonable price and should be reheated every 2 hours. Food should be placed at least 60 cm above the floor.
- The Director-General of the Department of Rail Transport revealed that after the meeting to prepare to determine the measures for taking care of passengers, the Department of Disease Control concluded the following: Offer to the government to relax the social distancing measures in BTS sky trains and commuter rails because currently, there are around 800,000 passengers back in the system per day and if the semester starts, we will have more than one million people per day. If we still use the old measures, other infections may arise because a lot of passengers must stand to wait at the station during rush hour. So, we should determine the crowds of people to be no more than 70%, determine the standing points for back-to-back standing and allow them to sit next to each other.
- The Sports Authority of Thailand (SAT) stated that every sport must strictly comply with the government’s regulations. Sporting events must be audience-free to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- The Thai Minister of Foreign Affairs attended the Special ASEAN-Russia Foreign Ministers’ VDO Conference and stated that Thailand has realized the importance of sharing information on disease outbreak prevention and control among ASEAN members States and the Russia Federation, especially the information on medical research, medical technology, medical supplies, vaccines, and antiviral drug development. Sharing of such information will be beneficial to the general public, and a vaccine shall be equally accessed by the members for a reasonable price.

#### 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.