

Thailand situation update on 20 June 2020

1. International Situation

As of 20 June 2020, there were a total of 8,781,719 confirmed cases with 54,785 patients in critical condition and 463,011 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 (2,297,360), Brazil (1,038,568), Russia (576,952), India (396,661), England (301,815), Spain (292,655), Peru (247,925), Italy (238,011), Chile (231,393), and Iran (200,262). The 21st is the People's Republic of China (84,525 cases, as well as 1,128 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 19 June 2020 showed that among 40,750 flights, there were a total of 4,473,998 passengers screened. Among those, 1,709 people met the case definition criteria of patients under investigation (PUI). Outside of the airports, 152,207 people from 3,035 ships were screened at seaports between 1 January and 19 June 2020, and two people met the PUI criteria. There were 2,050,551 people screened at ground ports between 1 February to 19 June 2020. Between 30 January to 19 June 2020, a total of 203,237 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 1,711 people.

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

On 20 June 2020 at 18:00, Thailand announced that 2,363 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 290,451 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	290,451
• Detected from the airport screening	1,709
• Detected from seaports	2
• Sought medical services on their own at hospitals	288,652
• Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao	88

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 Situation

by Emergency Operations Center, Department of Disease Control

Situation	Total number of PUI
Confirmed cases	3,147
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovered and discharged from hospitals 	3,018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergoing Treatment** 	71
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deaths 	58
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,147
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Transmission 	2,443
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imported Cases 	704
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designated Quarantine Places* 	210

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 3,147 confirmed COVID-19 cases. Among the confirmed cases, 3,018 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 20 June 2020, one additional case was reported, and the total number of cases at designated quarantine areas increased to 210 cases. There were 65 cases among Thai people returning from Indonesia, 34 cases from Kuwait, 28 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, two case from Bahrain, one case from Japan, 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 64 cases quarantined in Bangkok, 36 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). 1,734 cases are male, and 1,413 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.23:1).

In terms of nationality, 2,811 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.

190 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 2,957 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 Comptroller General's Department has added criteria on medical fees for outpatients and inpatients. For eligible persons or family members who are at risk of COVID-19 or infected with SARS-CoV-2, medical expenses can be reimbursed at private hospitals. Family members or other eligible people can qualify for this right if they have fever, cough, sore throat, difficulty breathing, or symptoms of pneumonia in accordance with the specified conditions.
- The Tak Governor issued an urgent official letter ordering staff members who assisted Myanmar migrant workers to return home to be tested for SARS-COV-2. In addition, the Governor issued strict orders to implement SARS-COV2 screening for returning Myanmar migrant workers at the second Thai-Myanmar point of entry Friendship Bridge, located across the Moei River in Tak's Mae Sot District. 20 May 2020 was the first date that Thailand allowed all Myanmar migrant workers to return to their home country, and since then around 24,000 Myanmar migrant workers have returned home.
- The Chairman of the Office of the Election Commission of Thailand has joined the selection committee for new members of the house of representatives of Lampang Province and also visited the polling stations which opened at unit 9, Ko Kha Kindergarten, Sala Sub-district, Ko Kha District, Lampang Province. The Chairman witnessed the opening of the polling station together with the Vice Governor of Lampang Province, the Commander of Lampang Province provincial police, Election Commissioner of Lampang Province and the sheriff of Ko Kha. who joined as an observer. Preventive measures are being implemented at this polling station, for example, everyone must wear a face mask at all times and must have their body temperature checked before entering the voter status check point. Every one must present their identification card for verification, and briefly take off their face masks to confirm their identity before signing. Anyone with a temperature higher than 37.5 degrees Celsius will be directed to a separate polling election station nearby. After those separated complete their voting, health officials will perform a more thorough screening of those with high body temperatures, and determine if further screening at a hospital is necessary.

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.