

Thailand situation update on 29 June 2020

1. International Situation

As of 29 June 2020, there were a total of 10,265,207 confirmed cases with 57,347 patients in critical condition and 504,744 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 (2,637,077), Brazil (1,345,254), Russia (641,156), India (549,853), England (311,151), Spain (295,850), Peru (279,419), Chile (271,982), Italy (240,310), and Iran (222,669). The 22nd is the People's Republic of China (84,762 cases, as well as 1,204 and 46 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 28 June 2020 showed that among 41,269 flights, there were a total of 4,485,275 passengers screened. Among those, 1,795 people met the case definition criteria of patients under investigation (PUI). Outside of the airports, 154,305 people from 3,223 ships were screened at seaports between 1 January and 28 June 2020, and two people met the PUI criteria. There were 2,075,171 people screened at ground ports between 1 February to 28 June 2020. Between 30 January to 29 June 2020, a total of 211,285 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 1,798 people.

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

On 28-29 June 2020 at 20.00, Thailand announced that 1,918 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 309,371 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	309,371
• Detected from the airport screening	1,795
• Detected from seaports	2
• Sought medical services on their own at hospitals	307,485
• 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

Confirmed cases	3,169
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovered and discharged from hospitals 	3,056
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergoing Treatment** 	55
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deaths 	58
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,169
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Transmission 	2,444
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imported Cases 	725
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designated Quarantine Places* 	232

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 3,169 confirmed COVID-19 cases. Among the confirmed cases, 3,056 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 29 June 2020, seven additional cases were reported, and the total number of cases at designated quarantine areas increased to 232 cases. There were 65 cases among Thai people returning from Indonesia, 34 cases from Kuwait, 28 cases from Saudi Arabia, 20 cases from India, 17 cases from the United of Arab Emirates, 13 cases from Pakistan, 12 cases from Qatar, 10 cases from America, six cases from Egypt, five cases from Russia, four cases from Malaysia, two cases from England, two cases from Kazakhstan, two cases from Turkey, two cases from the Netherlands, two case from Bahrain, two case from the Philippines, two cases from Sudan, one case from Japan, one case from Madagascar, one case from South Africa, 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 73 cases quarantined in Bangkok, 46 cases in Chonburi, 31 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). 1,743 cases are male, and 1,426 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.22:1).

In terms of nationality, 2,832 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.

195 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 2,974 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 the COVID-19 Situation Administration made its resolution to extend the state of emergency by another month to July 31, 2020 to support the beginning of the school semester and the 5th phase of easing lockdown measures. The details are as follows:
 - Opening all schools and cram schools
 - Allowing department stores, shopping malls, and community malls to close at 10 PM
 - Allowing convenience stores to be open for 24 hours
 - Allowing pubs, bars and karaoke services to open no later than midnight and maintaining at least 1 meter of distance between people.

There is a four square metre rule per person, prohibiting the sharing of tables with other groups, and employees need to wear hygienic masks or cloth masks at all times. The distance between tables should be at least 2 meters apart. If they are unable to do so, a partition must be 1.5 meters high and the facility must have a good ventilation system and specific area for smoking outside of the building. People have to register in with the Thai Chana app.

- Massage parlors are allowed to reopen. However, wearing a mask at all times is still requested except when taking a bath. The service areas must provide sufficient hand-washing points. The rooms, bathtubs, and toilets shall be cleaned before/after providing services, especially the areas frequently touched by the customers. It is also recommended to keep a distance of at least 1 meter between seats or standing areas except when providing services in order to avoid congestion. If the situation under phase 5 of the relaxation continues to show good signs, the CCSA will reduce the number of days reporting on the COVID-19 situation to two days per week (only on Mondays and Thursdays) so that people can live their life in a normal way under the Emergency Decree.
- The new groups of foreigners allowed to travel to Thailand include the following six groups (in addition to the previously allowed groups):
 1. Spouses and children of those who have permits to work in Thailand or who are allowed to work in Thailand by a government agency

2. Non-Thai nationals who hold a valid certificate of residence, or permission to take up residence in the Kingdom
 3. Foreign spouses and legitimate children of Thai citizens and foreigners who are married
 4. People who are not Thai nationals, but come to receive medical treatment in Thailand and their attendants (maximum of 3 people).
 5. Non-Thai nationals who are students of educational institutions approved by Thai authorities, including the parents or guardians of the students
 6. Non-Thai nationals who are in the group of business people or those with technical expertise, and are allowed to enter the Kingdom of Thailand under exclusive agreements. The quota of this group must be consistent with the specified number of alternative state quarantine (ASQ).
- The Minister of Public Health gave an interview about travel bubbles with countries that have a high safety score but there are still no details and conclusions for this issue. Currently, many ambassadors have contacted the MOPH but they must wait for the details of the policies from the Centre for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA). The guidelines for travelers are to protect people in Thailand and for people who would like to travel to other countries from infection.

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.