

Thailand situation update on 30 June 2020

1. International Situation

As of 30 June 2020, there were a total of 10,426,075 confirmed cases with 57,768 patients in critical condition and 508,515 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 (2,681,811), Brazil (1,370,488), Russia (647,849), India (568,315), England (311,965), Spain (296,050), Peru (282,365), Chile (275,999), Italy (240,436), and Iran (225,205). The 22nd is the People's Republic of China (84,781 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 29 June 2020 showed that among 41,325 flights, there were a total of 4,486,402 passengers screened. Among those, 1,795 people met the case definition criteria of patients under investigation (PUI). Outside of the airports, 154,475 people from 3,233 ships were screened at seaports between 1 January and 29 June 2020, and two people met the PUI criteria. There were 2,077,932 people screened at ground ports between 1 February to 29 June 2020. Between 30 January to 30 June 2020, a total of 212,780 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 29-30 June 2020 at 20.00, Thailand announced that 3,024 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 312,395 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	312,395
• Detected from the airport screening	1,795
• Detected from seaports	2
• Sought medical services on their own at hospitals	310,509
• 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	3,171
• Recovered and discharged from hospitals	3,059
• Undergoing Treatment**	54
• Deaths	58
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,171
• Local Transmission	2,444
• Imported Cases	727
- Designated Quarantine Places*	234

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 3,171 confirmed COVID-19 cases. Among the confirmed cases, 3,059 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 30 June 2020, two additional cases were reported, and the total number of cases at designated quarantine areas increased to 234 cases. There were 65 cases among Thai people returning from Indonesia, 34 cases from Kuwait, 28 cases from Saudi Arabia, 17 cases from the United of Arab Emirates, 14 cases from India, 13 cases from Pakistan, 14 cases from Qatar, nine 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, 48 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). 1,745 cases are male, and 1,426 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.22:1).

In terms of nationality, 2,834 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.

194 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 2,977 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 Minister of Transport, by the Director of the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT), has signed the announcement regarding the conditions for allowing aircraft to fly in and out of Thailand. The aircraft had been temporarily banned from the country since 3 April 2020 to support the prevention and control of COVID-19. At present, the situation of the COVID-19 epidemic has not improved in some countries, therefore it is necessary to specify measures to restrict travel to the Kingdom of Thailand in accordance with the competence of screening management systems among existing officials and communicable disease control officers. These measures are in line with the disease prevention measures to effectively control and prevent the spread of a new epidemic wave in the country. There are 11 groups of people that can travel to Thailand. This is effective from 1 July 2020 onward.
- Airports of Thailand Public Co., Ltd. (AOT) is enforcing 6 measures to prevent and control COVID-19, including:
 - (1) Wearing a hygienic mask or cloth mask at all times when indoors.
 - (2) Keeping one meter apart from others
 - (3) Register service users in the information system via QR Code.
 - (4) Screening for temperature measurement.
 - (5) Regularly washing hands with soap, disinfectant or alcohol gel, and
 - (6) Strictly following the measures and regulations

There are six airports with new normal measures namely Suvarnabhumi Airport, Don Mueang Airport, Chiang Mai Airport, Mae Fah Luang-Chiang Rai Airport, Hat Yai Airport and Phuket Airport.

- The Department of Health Service Support held an Administrative Committee Meeting to develop Thailand to be an international medical hub. The Minister of Tourism and Sports as the chair of the Committee considered measures to stimulate the economic system, especially income received from medical tourism after the COVID-19 situation in the country has continued to recover. The meeting agreed in principle upon the three following issues:
 1. Creating guidelines to provide treatment and develop hospitals as quarantine places.

2. Developing Thailand to be the global capital of health services.
3. Elevating the measures and structures to develop medical equipment that support the COVID-19 outbreak.

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.