

Thailand situation update on 1 July 2020

1. International Situation

As of 1 July 2020, there were a total of 10,590,952 confirmed cases with 57,839 patients in critical condition and 514,021 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 (2,727,853), Brazil (1,408,485), Russia (647,849), India (585,792), England (312,654), Spain (296,351), Peru (285,213), Chile (279,393), Italy (240,578), and Iran (227,662). 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 as of 30 June 2020 showed that 6,931,589 people had passed through international ports of entry. Of those, 1,860 people met the case definition criteria of patients under investigation (PUI), as shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Screening passengers at ports of entry

Ports of Entry	Total number of screened people	Total number of PUI
Total number	6,931,589	1,860
• Airport screening* (41,325 flights)	4,486,402	1,855
• Seaports**	154,475	2
• Ground ports***	2,077,932	3
• Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road****	212,780	0

Remark: Includes data starting from *January 3rd, **January 1st, ***February 1st, ****January 30th

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

From 27 June - 1 July 2020 at 20.00, Thailand announced that 1,418 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 313,813 PUI, as shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Results of screening implementation to detect patients with suspected symptoms of COVID-19

Situation	Total number of PUI
Total number of laboratory tests	603,657
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	309,371
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From the Active Case Finding 	9,775
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Returnees under state quarantine 	46,266
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who did not meet the PUI criteria 	238,245
Total number of people who met the criteria of patients under investigation (PUI)	313,813
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	1,860
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (90,271 cases at private hospitals, and 221,594 cases at public hospitals) 	311,865
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao 	88
Confirmed cases	3,173
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovered and discharged from hospitals 	3,059
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergoing Treatment 	56
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deaths 	58
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,173
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Transmission 	2,444
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imported Cases 	729
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designated Quarantine Places* 	236

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

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, 2,836 cases are Thai, 326 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 11 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 Chulabhorn Royal Academy has established a project for the royal merit-making ceremony to celebrate Her Royal Highness Princess Chulabhorn Krom Phra Srisavangavadhana's birthday on July 4, 2020. A project was established to screen 15,000 Thai people for their immune status among those 20 years and older with no history of COVID-19. Those who want to be screened can register online through the website 'covid19.cra.ac.th' on 4 July 2020 from 8.00 am onwards until it reaches the limit. The services will start from 8 July 2020 onwards. For more information, please call 0 2576 6401.
- Mr. Anutin Charnvirakul, the Deputy Prime Minister (the Health Minister), Dr. Sukhum Karnchanapimai, the Permanent Secretary and the executive team attended the teleconference and provided the policies pertaining to the relaxation of COVID -19 measures Phase 5 to the Executives of Provincial Health Offices and general hospitals. In addition, the Deputy Prime Minister emphasized law enforcement to control the disease and gave authority to the Provincial Chief Medical Officers as the secretary of the Provincial Communicable Committee to uphold the law.
- In collaboration with the provincial governor, the administrative officials tightened CCSA guidelines to ensure safety is taken seriously at entertainment spots. All hospitals must survey medical supplies, protective suits, and other necessary equipment for preparedness. Business operators need to implement strict disease prevention measures. The provincial public health offices should use the information from the "Thana Chana" platform that collects information about customers' check-in and check-out and the database from the Thai Guardian app to assess the hygiene of the business operations, and monitor the disease situation in patients with respiratory infections by sending specimens for laboratory testing of the causative agent of COVID-19.

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.