

Thailand situation update on 17 July 2020

1. International Situation

As of 17 July 2020, there were a total of 13,967,833 confirmed cases with 59,912 patients in critical condition and 593,100 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 (3,695,469), Brazil (2,014,738), India (1,005,871), Russia (759,203), Peru (341,586), South Africa (324,221), Mexico (324,041), Chile (323,698), Spain (305,935), and England (292,552). The 25th is the People's Republic of China (85,324 cases, as well as 1,656 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 15 July 2020 showed that 7,025,998 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 2,166 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	7,025,998	2,166
• Airport screening* (42,171 flights)	4,509,097	2,152
• Seaports**	157,808	2
• Ground ports***	2,132,470	12
• Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road****	226,623	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.

On 17 July 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 3,076 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 342,698 PUI, as shown in Table 2.

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by Emergency Operations Center, Department of Disease Control

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	636,984
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	342,698
<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)	342,698
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	2,166
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (103,435 cases in Private hospitals, and 237,009 cases in Public hospital) 	340,444
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao 	88
Confirmed cases	3,239
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovered and discharged from hospitals 	3,095
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergoing Treatment 	86
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deaths 	58
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,239
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Transmission 	2,444
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imported Cases 	795
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designated Quarantine Places* 	302

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). 1,789 cases are male, and 1,450 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.23:1). In terms of nationality, 2,900 cases are Thai, 328 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 11 cases.

207 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,032 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 MoPH planned to bring the lessons learned about the findings of the latest imported case to the meeting at the Centre for the COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) for consideration with the main objective of adjusting the disease prevention, surveillance and control measures. The progress of implementation on registering through Thaichana application will be also reported at the meeting. In addition, the Nursing Division, MoPH organized a workshop to strengthen the capacity of the nurses in order for them to have more experience and clinical knowledge for taking care of people and to be ready for coping with the spread of COVID-19.
- The Deputy Minister of Public Health informed people that they can travel normally without quarantine for 14 days in case of traveling to or from Rayong province. The notification of the Ministry of Interior clearly stated that people who traveled to Rayong Province and who visited the D Varee Diva during 8-11 July and Laem Thong shopping mall on 10 July and who are concerned that they were in close contact with an infected person, are encouraged to contact the Rayong Provincial Public Health Office or the Department of Disease Control. If the province finds an indication that there are close contacts of confirmed cases in the area, the province has to proceed according to disease prevention measures to ensure confidence and security for people who are concerned about the risk of infection. People can inform the Rayong Provincial Public Health Office to investigate the disease and they do not have to be quarantined.
- The National Communicable Disease Board has sent a letter requesting cooperation for surveillance and prevention of COVID-19 to every provincial governor. In those who returned from Rayong and have a history of being in the same place and time with the infected Egyptian, 1) visitors returning from Rayong and have a history of staying at D Varee Diva Hotel, Rayong between 8-11 July or traveled to the Passion Department Store (Laemthong Department Store) on July 10 between 11.00-15.00 need to observe their clinical symptoms, wear masks, wash hands, keep distance from others and not share items with others for 14 days. 2) If concerned or if they have suspected symptoms, they should see a doctor immediately and a communicable disease control officer will be assigned to implement public health measures among people traveling from Rayong as appropriate. 3) Temporary closing schools or places should request recommendations from the Provincial Communicable Disease Committee.
- In case of finding contacts with the infected Sudanese individual, 1) the people who returned from Bangkok do not need to quarantine for 14 days but the people who have history close with patient or are family members need to observe their symptoms, wear masks, wash hands, keep distance from others and not share items with other for 14 days. 2) If people who returned from Bangkok have a risk history or suspected symptoms, they should see the doctor.

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.