

Thailand situation update on 18 July 2020

1. International Situation

As of 18 July 2020, there were a total of 14,205,416 confirmed cases with 59,731 patients in critical condition and 599,716 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 (3,770,138), Brazil (2,048,697), India (1,040,948), Russia (765,437), Peru (345,537), South Africa (337,594), Mexico (331,298), Chile (326,539), Spain (307,335), and England (293,239). The 25th is the People's Republic of China (85,404 cases, as well as 1,714 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 17 July 2020 showed that 7,033,129 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 2,299 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 | 7,033,129 | 2,229 |
| • Airport screening* (42,236 flights) | 4,510,997 | 2,215 |
| • Seaports** | 158,155 | 2 |
| • Ground ports*** | 2,135,989 | 12 |
| • Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road**** | 227,988 | 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 18 July 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 3,930 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 346,628 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 | 640,914 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria | 346,628 |
| <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) | 346,628 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry | 2,299 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (105,371 cases in Private hospitals, and 238,940 cases in Public hospital) | 344,311 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao | 88 |
| Confirmed cases | 3,246 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovered and discharged from hospitals | 3,095 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergoing Treatment | 93 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deaths | 58 |
| Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases | 3,246 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Transmission | 2,444 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imported Cases | 802 |
| - Designated Quarantine Places* | 309 |

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). 1,794 cases are male, and 1,452 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.23:1). In terms of nationality, 2,907 cases are Thai, 328 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 11 cases.

209 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,037 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 Deputy Minister of Public Health released economic recovery guidelines for Rayong province. Shopping malls can open on 17 July 2020, hotels and schools can open on 20 July 2020.

- The National Communicable Disease Committee has sent a letter requesting cooperation for surveillance and prevention of COVID-19 to every provincial governor and the chairman of the provincial Communicable Disease Committee. In the case of detaining people from Rayong province who are traveling to other provinces, there is no need to be detained unless they have an epidemiological risk. The situation will be taken into consideration. To stimulate tourism, the Thai government is inviting every ministry, including the Ministry of Public Health, to organize meetings, seminars or workshops in Rayong as well.

-The Bangkok Deputy Governor requested the collaboration from people and operators of apartments and hospitals in the greater Bangkok area to join hands to prevent and control COVID-19. If anyone finds suspected cases, they can inform the Bangkok communicable diseases officers, Emergency Operations Center at 0943860051, Erawan Center at 1646, hospitals under the supervision of Bangkok, public health centers, or the sanitary and environmental sections of district offices in areas.

- MoFA emphasized and encouraged diplomats to strictly comply with the current regulations and requested them to wait for the results of the RT-PCR test at the airport and implement self-quarantine at the isolated facility.

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.



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- 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.