

Thailand situation update on 21 July 2020

1. International Situation

As of 21 July 2020, there were a total of 14,870,983 confirmed cases with 63,710 patients in critical condition and 613,600 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 (3,961,580), Brazil (2,121,645), India (1,156,189), Russia (783,328), South Africa (373,628), Peru (357,681), Mexico (349,316), Chile (333,029), Spain (311,916), and England (295,372). The 26th is the People's Republic of China (85,698 cases, as well as 1,959 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 20 July 2020 showed that 7,049,619 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 2,313 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	7,049,619	2,313
• Airport screening* (42,432 flights)	4,516,174	2,299
• Seaports**	158,893	2
• Ground ports***	2,145,256	12
• Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road****	229,296	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 21 July 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 2,31 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 352,837 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	687,631
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who met the PUI criteria 	352,837
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the Active Case Finding 	9,775
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Returnees under state quarantine 	58,766
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who did not meet the PUI criteria 	266,253
Total number of people who met the criteria of patients under investigation (PUI)	352,837
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detected from ports of entry 	2,313
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (107,848 cases in Private hospitals, and 242,588 cases in Public hospital) 	350,436
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao 	88
Confirmed cases	3,255
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovered and discharged from hospitals 	3,105
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergoing Treatment 	92
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deaths 	58
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,255
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Transmission 	2,444
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imported Cases 	811
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designated Quarantine Places* 	318

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). 1,803 cases are male, and 1,452 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.23:1). In terms of nationality, 2,916 cases are Thai, 328 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 11 cases.

201 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,054 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 Department of Disease Control in collaboration with the Environmental and Sanitation Office, Bangkok Health Department, Wattana District Office, King's Guard 2nd Cavalry Division, 4th Field Military Police Company and the police from the Lumpini Police Station visited entertainment venues located on Soi Cowboy in Sukhumvit in order to follow up on the implementation of measures in accordance with Phase 5 of the relaxation measures.
- The ad hoc committee is considering easing the enforcement of measures to prevent and stop the spread of COVID-19 by proposing a renewal of the Emergency Decree that will expire on 31 July for an additional month. This issue will be taken to the CCSA on 22 July 2020

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.