

Thailand situation update on 22 July 2020

1. International Situation

As of 22 July 2020, there were a total of 15,111,223 confirmed cases with 63,636 patients in critical condition and 619,873 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 (4,028,733), Brazil (2,166,532), India (1,194,888), Russia (789,190), South Africa (381,798), Peru (362,087), Mexico (356,255), Chile (334,683), Spain (313,274), and England (295,817). The 26th is the People's Republic of China (85,773 cases, as well as 2,020 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 21 July 2020 showed that 7,055,224 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	7,055,224	2,313
• Airport screening* (42,477 flights)	4,517,629	2,299
• Seaports**	159,007	2
• Ground ports***	2,147,844	12
• Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road****	230,744	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 22 July 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 2,993 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 355,830 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	690,624
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	355,830
<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)	355,830
<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 (108,757 cases in Private hospitals, and 244,672 cases in Public hospital) 	353,429
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao 	88
Confirmed cases	3,261
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovered and discharged from hospitals 	3,105
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergoing Treatment 	98
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deaths 	58
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,261
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Transmission 	2,444
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imported Cases 	817
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designated Quarantine Places* 	323

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). 1,806 cases are male, and 1,455 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.23:1). In terms of nationality, 2,922 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 3,060 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 Center for the COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) led by the Prime Minister and (Minister of Defense as the president) has resolved to extend the emergency decree for another month until Aug 31, 2020.
- The Department of Disease Control and the Federation of Thai Industries initiated the project, “Enterprises against COVID-19 under the New Normal” in order to reduce disease transmission by 80% among COVID-19 patients is a working age group. This project will be piloted in 3 companies first and will be expanded to other companies so as to prevent the spread of the disease among staff in the enterprises and their family.
- The Department of Health by Health Center 2, Phitsanulok together with the teacher supervision group, Tisa-nor Center for Non-Formal and Voluntary Education, Tha Song Yang District visited at the Mae Fah Luang Thai Hilltribe Community Learning Center, Ban Thimukha, Mae Song Subdistrict, Tha Song Yang District, Tak Province to encourage prevention measures for the transmission of COVID-19 during the school semester.

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.