

Thailand situation update on 26 July 2020

1. International Situation

As of 26 July 2020, there were a total of 16,219,563 confirmed cases with 66,180 patients in critical condition and 648,729 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 (4,315,709), Brazil (2,396,434), India (1,389,170), Russia (812,485), South Africa (434,200), Mexico (385,036), Peru (379,884), Chile (343,392), Spain (319,501), and England (298,681). The 26th is the People's Republic of China (86,382 cases, as well as 2,506 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 25 July 2020 showed that 7,078,926 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 2,427 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	7,078,926	2,427
• Airport screening* (42,700 flights)	4,523,836	2,413
• Seaports**	160,087	2
• Ground ports***	2,160,130	12
• Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road****	234,873	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 26 July 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 1,407 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 365,469 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	700,263
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who met the PUI criteria 	365,469
<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)	365,469
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detected from ports of entry 	2,427
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (112,757 cases in Private hospitals, and 250,197 cases in Public hospital) 	362,954
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao 	88
Confirmed cases	3,291
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovered and discharged from hospitals 	3,109
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergoing Treatment 	124
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deaths 	58
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,291
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Transmission 	2,444
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imported Cases 	847
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designated Quarantine Places* 	354

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). 1,825 cases are male, and 1,466 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.23:1). In terms of nationality, 2,952 cases are Thai, 330 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 9 cases.

201 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,090 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 World Health Organization Representative Office in Thailand warned of three places to avoid entering. These risk areas are places that can have easy disease transmission of COVID-19, including 1) crowded places with a lot of people 2) places where people have close contact places and people talk in close proximity 3) narrow, enclosed places and places with poor ventilation
- The Thailand Professional Qualification Institute jointly cooperated with ten organizations to boost community-based tourism as adjusting to new normal. They are searching for the best model of community enterprise to better the community income as COVID-19 has impacted tourism with a decline in tour groups.
- The Thai Health Promotion Foundation, Wing 5 Royal Thai Airforce and NIDA organized an activity called "Compliance with the laws to ensure the safety of people and reduce the risk of getting the COVID-19 and diseases related to alcoholic beverages and smoking at Manao Bay" . Those organizations joined hands together to manage beaches and raise people's awareness for reducing the risk of getting COVID-19 and chronic diseases. This activity was initially piloted at the military area in Manao Bay as the model of a tourism place. In addition, those organizations revealed the results of research that alcoholic beverages and smoking are the main causes of premature death.

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.



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-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.