

Thailand situation update on 28 July 2020

1. International Situation

As of 28 July 2020, there were a total of 16,664,856 confirmed cases with 66,579 patients in critical condition and 656,967 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 (4,433,410), Brazil (2,446,397), India (1,484,136), Russia (823,515), South Africa (452,529), Mexico (395,489), Peru (389,717), Chile (347,923), Spain (325,862), and England (300,111). The 27th is the People's Republic of China (86,784 cases, as well as 2,779 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 27 July 2020 showed that 7,088,287 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 2,449 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	7,088,287	2,449
• Airport screening* (42,821 flights)	4,526,806	2,435
• Seaports**	160,611	2
• Ground ports***	2,165,997	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 28 July 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 1,668 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 368,207 PUI, as shown in Table 2.

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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	703,001
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who met the PUI criteria 	368,207
<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)	368,207
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detected from ports of entry 	2,449
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (113,970 cases in private hospitals, and 251,700 cases in public hospitals) 	365,670
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao 	88
Confirmed cases	3,297
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovered and discharged from hospitals 	3,111
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergoing Treatment 	128
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deaths 	58
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,297
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Transmission 	2,444
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imported Cases 	853
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designated Quarantine Places* 	360

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). 1,829 cases are male, and 1,468 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.23:1). In terms of nationality, 2,959 cases are Thai, 330 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 9 cases.

202 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,095 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 encouraged people to join the volunteer activity called "New way of life under graciousness... we will create together" in order to honor King Rama 10 on the occasion of His Majesty the King's Birthday on 28 July 2020. In addition, the MoPH prepared medical vans provided by the King to provide service to people regarding COVID-19 detection (checking 30 persons/day) and organized activities to give health knowledge to people from 28-31 July 2020.
- Dr. Taweessin Visanuyothin, the spokesperson of the Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) stated that the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Public Health have a joint meeting to consider allowing schools to reopen as usual. There are currently 4,528 schools that have implemented time shifting and due to the small size of some schools it is difficult to accommodate large numbers of students and this has affected student learning. The meeting concluded to allow students to study as usual but there must be strong additional measures including arranging space between tables as much as possible, opening windows and doors during lunch breaks or when there are no classes, and recording data of those who have respiratory illness.

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.