The Coronavirus Disease 2019 Situation

by Emergency Operations Center, Department of Disease Control

Thailand situation update on 1 August 2020

1. International Situation

As of 1 August 2020, there were a total of 17,786,028 confirmed cases with 65,600 patients in critical condition and 683,491 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 (4,706,180), Brazil (2,666,298), India (1,701,307), Russia (845,443), South Africa (493,183), Mexico (424,637), Peru (414,735), Chile (355,667), Spain (335,602), and England (303,181). The 29th is the People's Republic of China (87,735 cases, as well as 3,398 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 31 July 2020 showed that 7,112,848 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 2,500 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	7,112,848	2,500
Airport screening* (43,058 flights)	4,533,220	2,485
Seaports**	161,615	2
Ground ports***	2,178,170	13
Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road****	239,843	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 1 August 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 1,294 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 376,640 PUI, as shown in Table 2.



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<u>Table 2: Results of screening implementation to detect patients with suspected symptoms of COVID-19</u>

Total number of PUI
728,985
376,640
9,775
63,399
279,171
376,640
2,500
374,052
88
3,312
3,145
112
58
3,312
2,444
868
375

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). 1,843 cases are male, and 1,469 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.23:1). In terms of nationality, 2,971 cases are Thai, 332 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 9 cases.



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203 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,109 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 Bangkok Governor signed the Bangkok Announcement no. 13 regarding temporary closing of premises. In summary, this announcement is to prevent the spread of COVID-19 so cock-fighting, bull-fighting and fish-fighting arenas and practice courts, or other similar stadiums are closed temporarily. It will be effective for another 1 month from 1 August to 31 August, 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.