

Thailand situation update on 2 August 2020

1. International Situation

As of 2 August 2020, there were a total of 18,042,795 confirmed cases with 65,777 patients in critical condition and 689,164 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 (4,764,588), Brazil (2,708,876), India (1,756,220), Russia (850,870), South Africa (503,290), Mexico (434,193), Peru (422,183), Chile (357,658), Spain (335,602), and Iran (306,752). The 29th is the People's Republic of China (87,829 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 1 August 2020 showed that 7,116,375 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 2,507 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	7,116,375	2,507
• Airport screening* (43,119 flights)	4,534,815	2,492
• Seaports**	161,909	2
• Ground ports***	2,179,808	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 2 August 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 1,040 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 377,680 PUI, as shown in Table 2.

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 Situation

by Emergency Operations Center, Department of Disease Control

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	730,025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	377,680
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From the Active Case Finding 	9,775
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Returnees under state quarantine 	63,399
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who did not meet the PUI criteria 	279,171
Total number of people who met the criteria of patients under investigation (PUI)	377,680
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	2,507
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (117,142 cases in private hospitals, and 257,943 cases in public hospitals) 	375,085
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao 	88
Confirmed cases	3,317
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovered and discharged from hospitals 	3,142
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergoing Treatment 	117
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deaths 	58
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,317
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Transmission 	2,444
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imported Cases 	873
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designated Quarantine Places* 	380

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). 1,846 cases are male, and 1,471 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.23:1). In terms of nationality, 2,976 cases are Thai, 332 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 9 cases.

205 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,112 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 Royal Gazette announced on its website regarding the Regulation Issued under Section 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005) (No.13), with details as follows:

Article 1: Mass gathering activities shall be in accordance with the rules prescribed under the law on public gatherings and the person responsible for organizing activities shall be arranged for ensuring participants to comply with disease prevention measures.

Article 2: Opening Operations for Places and Activities

(1) Shooting of films, TV series and videos are permitted

(2) Places where there are inflatable toys, inflatable playground bounce houses etc. which have been inspected and certified according to the Thailand Building Control Act can be reopened

(3) The Bangkok Governor or the provincial governors shall have the power to consider allowing bull-racing tracks, cockfighting stadiums, fish-fighting arenas, or other competition fields to be able to open for operations and provide services as appropriate.

Article 3: The additional determination for allowing passengers to enter the country: this will be useful for the implementation to screen the passengers entering the country, control the virus and prevent the disease outbreak, therefore, the type of passengers allowed to enter the country appearing in the regulation (Edition 12) was amended and added.

Article 4: To support and stimulate the economy together with sustaining national health security, the special task force was requested to consider easing the COVID – 19 control measures and work with the relevant organizations to check, screen and prepare for the order issued by the Prime Minister and the CCSA Re: allowing additional types of passengers to enter the country in the future.

Article 5: Enforcing disease prevention measures by asking the owner or main responsible person of the places, and activities to arrange disease prevention measures determined by the government. The customers need to wear hygienic masks or alternative masks, keep social distancing and follow disease prevention measures as specified by the government

Article 6: Coordination by having discussions with the specific committee for consideration to relax enforcing measures to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, chaired by the Secretary-General of the National Security Council.

Article 7: The Bangkok Governor or the Provincial Governors shall have the power to consider allowing the opening of competition courts located in their governing area for operation if the courts are well prepared and ready to operate.

- The Buri Rum Provincial Health office explained about the foreign football player who traveled to join the Thunder Castle team, Buriram United (Thai League). He was tested and found to be positive for COVID-19 while in state quarantine. The football player did not play football with other teammates before he was admitted to the hospital. The Buri Rum Provincial Health office confirmed that Buriram province has strict screening measures.

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.