

Thailand situation update on 3 August 2020

1. International Situation

As of 3 August 2020, there were a total of 18,252,851 confirmed cases with 65,735 patients in critical condition and 693,117 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 (4,813,647), Brazil (2,733,677), India (1,808,128), Russia (856,264), South Africa (511,485), Mexico (439,046), Peru (428,850), Chile (359,731), Spain (335,602), and Colombia (317,651). The 29th is the People's Republic of China (87,986 cases, as well as 3,512 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 2 August 2020 showed that 7,121,391 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 2,520 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	7,121,391	2,520
• Airport screening* (43,175 flights)	4,536,048	2,505
• Seaports**	162,302	2
• Ground ports***	2,183,198	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 3 August 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 1,424 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 379,104 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	731,449
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who met the PUI criteria 	379,104
<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)	379,104
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detected from ports of entry 	2,520
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (117,824 cases in private hospitals, and 258,672 cases in public hospitals) 	376,496
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao 	88
Confirmed cases	3,320
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovered and discharged from hospitals 	3,142
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergoing Treatment 	120
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deaths 	58
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,320
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Transmission 	2,444
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imported Cases 	876
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designated Quarantine Places* 	383

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). 1,848 cases are male, and 1,472 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.23:1). In terms of nationality, 2,979 cases are Thai, 332 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 9 cases.

206 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,114 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 Ministry of Public Health strictly manages the measures for all airlines such as screening before plane boarding, wearing masks, and keeping distance at all times while people are in the airport and on the aircraft. Air Asia airlines has accepted the measures and has followed the guidelines of the Ministry of Public Health.
- The Ministry of Public Health tightened quarantine measures in alternative hospital quarantine facilities for Thai patients and foreigners including their caretakers for continuous care groups, patients requiring specialty care, and patients who had appointments. Non-COVID-19 patients from three low-risk countries of COVID-19 including the People’s Republic of China, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Cambodia are required to present COVID-19-free health certificates issued no more than 72 hours before their flight departs and they have to be rechecked three times while hospitalized for 14 days. The hospital will issue COVID-19 free certificates then they can continue traveling as planned. There are 124 hospitals and clinics available.
- The Ministry of Public Health has discussed with the Ministry of Labor about allowing workers from three foreign countries to enter Thailand. They confirmed that all foreigners must be screened at the checkpoint. If an individual is positive, he/she will be rejected from entering Thailand.
- Thai Airways International Public Company Limited opened special flight routes including two flights from Bangkok to Taipei, and two flights from Bangkok to Copenhagen for stranded passengers who have permanent residence in Taiwan and Denmark and would like to return home or for passengers who would like to transit to other locations. This opening of special flights will be strictly implemented in accordance with the COVID-19 prevention and control measures and “Physical Distancing” will be applied throughout the process of traveling.
- The Office of the Basic Education Commission notified the directors of the educational service offices of every region to inform the schools under their authority to be in strict accordance with the preventive measures until the full on-site classroom is approved by the CCSA.

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.