

## Thailand situation update on 4 August 2020

### 1. International Situation

As of 4 August 2020, there were a total of 18,463,215 confirmed cases with 64,679 patients in critical condition and 697,730 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 (4,862,285), Brazil (2,751,665), India (1,858,689), Russia (861,423), South Africa (516,862), Mexico (443,813), Peru (433,100), Chile (361,493), Spain (344,134), and Colombia (327,850). The 29th is the People's Republic of China (88,102 cases, as well as 3,592 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 3 August 2020 showed that 7,127,517 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 2,524 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
<b>Total number</b>	7,127,517	2,524
• Airport screening* (43,242 flights)	4,537,433	2,509
• Seaports**	162,551	2
• Ground ports***	2,186,582	13
• Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road****	240,951	0

Remark: Includes data starting from \*January 3<sup>rd</sup>, \*\*January 1<sup>st</sup>, \*\*\*February 1<sup>st</sup>, \*\*\*\*January 30<sup>th</sup>

#### 2.2 Situation of Patients with Suspected Symptoms of COVID-19 in Thailand.

On 4 August 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 1,526 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 380,630 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
<b>Total number of laboratory tests</b>	731,449
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People who met the PUI criteria</li> </ul>	380,630
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From the Active Case Finding</li> </ul>	9,775
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Returnees under state quarantine</li> </ul>	63,399
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People who did not meet the PUI criteria</li> </ul>	294,852
<b>Total number of people who met the criteria of patients under investigation (PUI)</b>	380,630
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detected from ports of entry</li> </ul>	2,524
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (118,480 cases in private hospitals, and 259,538 cases in public hospitals)</li> </ul>	378,018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao</li> </ul>	88
<b>Confirmed cases</b>	3,321
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recovered and discharged from hospitals</li> </ul>	3,142
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undergoing Treatment</li> </ul>	121
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deaths</li> </ul>	58
<b>Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases</b>	3,321
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Transmission</li> </ul>	2,444
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Imported Cases</li> </ul>	877
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Designated Quarantine Places*</li> </ul>	384

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 1,473 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.23:1). In terms of nationality, 2,979 cases are Thai, 333 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 9 cases.

206 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,115 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

- Dr. Taweessin Visanuyothin, the spokesperson of the Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) reported on August, 3 that the first group of 71 US soldiers entered Thailand to prepare for exercises with the Thai military. The soldiers traveled from Guam and got off at U-Tapao Airport. All of them have passed screening protocol and are staying at Alternative State Quarantine, or ASQ, at the Conrad Hotel in Bangkok. Another batch of 32 soldiers arrived from Yokota, Japan arriving at U-Tapao airport will be quarantined in Alternative State Quarantine at Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel. On August 4, an additional 7 soldiers from Japan will arrive in Thailand and will be quarantined at Alternative State Quarantine at the Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel and The Idol Hotel. The spokesperson assured that all of them must pass the strict screening protocol and must be quarantined for 14 days according to the measures of the Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration. (CCSA).
- Dr. Suwannachai Wattanayingcharoenchai, the Director-General of the Department of Disease Control stated about the active surveillance measures among the audience who attended the Jenny (the singer) concert, confirming that people who attended are able to get a free COVID-19 test at the Cha-Uat district office, Nakhon Sri Thammarat on 4-5 August 2020, from 9.00-15.00. The Ministry of Public Health is collaborating with local government agencies to provide the testing service to the people by using the five medical mobile vans provided by the King.

### 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

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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.