

Thailand situation update on 5 August 2020

1. International Situation

As of 5 August 2020, there were a total of 18,722,090 confirmed cases with 65,363 patients in critical condition and 704,674 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 (4,918,770), Brazil (2,808,076), India (1,910,681), Russia (866,627), South Africa (521,318), Mexico (449,961), Peru (439,890), Chile (362,962), Spain (349,894), and Colombia (334,979). The 29th is the People's Republic of China (88,292 cases, as well as 3,755 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 4 August 2020 showed that 7,134,019 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
Total number	7,134,019	2,524
• Airport screening* (43,242 flights)	4,538,740	2,509
• Seaports**	162,762	2
• Ground ports***	2,190,224	13
• Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road****	242,293	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 5 August 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 1,140 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 381,770 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 	381,770
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the Active Case Finding 	9,775
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Returnees under state quarantine 	66,906
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who did not meet the PUI criteria 	294,852
Total number of people who met the criteria of patients under investigation (PUI)	381,770
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detected from ports of entry 	2,524
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (118,948 cases in private hospitals, and 260,210 cases in public hospitals) 	379,158
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao 	88
Confirmed cases	3,328
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovered and discharged from hospitals 	3,146
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergoing Treatment 	126
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deaths 	58
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,328
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Transmission 	2,444
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imported Cases 	884
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designated Quarantine Places* 	391

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). 1,852 cases are male, and 1,476 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.23:1). In terms of nationality, 2,985 cases are Thai, 334 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 9 cases.

206 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,122 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 Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration has announced 34 alternative state quarantine facilities which have been approved by the Ministry of Public Health and the Ministry of Interior for Thai people or foreigners who do not want to be quarantined in the state quarantine facilities provided by the government but who still need to be quarantined for 14 days. They can choose to stay at four-or-five-star luxury hotels at their own expense. Hotels that wish to join as an alternative state quarantine facilities are required to be legally licensed hotels and be places where the government targets people who travel to the Kingdom of Thailand, both Thai and foreigners with no symptoms who are PUI for COVID-19 infection. The list of hotels can be assessed via the link: <http://www.hsscovid.com/>
- The Ministry of Public Health with network partners suggested early childhood development centers use new normal approaches on fever screening, bathing and changing clothes before entering classes. Small group activities should have 5 children per teacher, keep distancing within the group and between the groups. All teachers and children older than 2 years have to wear masks at all times.
- The Department of Medical Sciences announced that there are 219 laboratory centers that passed the standards for testing SARS-COV-2. 81 laboratory centers are located in the Bangkok Metropolitan Region (36 public centers and 45 private centers) and 135 laboratory centers are located in provincial areas (111 public centers and 24 private centers).

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.