

## Thailand situation update on 7 August 2020

### 1. International Situation

As of 7 August 2020, there were a total of 19,278,038 confirmed cases with 65,261 patients in critical condition and 718,010 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 (5,032,547), Brazil (2,917,562), India (2,030,001), Russia (877,135), South Africa (538,184), Mexico (462,690), Peru (455,409), Chile (366,671), Colombia (357,710), and Spain (354,530). The 30th is the People's Republic of China (88,461 cases, as well as 3,850 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 6 August 2020 showed that 7,145,796 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 2,544 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>	7,145,796	2,544
• Airport screening* (43,429 flights)	4,541,781	2,528
• Seaports**	163,167	2
• Ground ports***	2,196,066	14
• Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road****	244,782	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 7 August 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 1,182 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 384,399 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
<b>Total number of laboratory tests</b>	755,932
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People who met the PUI criteria</li> </ul>	384,399
<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>	66,906
<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>	384,399
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detected from ports of entry</li> </ul>	2,544
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (120,040 cases in private hospitals, and 261,727 cases in public hospitals)</li> </ul>	381,767
<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>	3,345
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recovered and discharged from hospitals</li> </ul>	3,148
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undergoing Treatment</li> </ul>	139
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deaths</li> </ul>	58
<b>Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases</b>	3,345
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Transmission</li> </ul>	2,444
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Imported Cases</li> </ul>	901
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Designated Quarantine Places*</li> </ul>	408

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). 1,868 cases are male, and 1,477 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.23:1). In terms of nationality, 3,002 cases are Thai, 334 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 9 cases.

209 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,136 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 CCSA said that a specific committee is considering easing measures to prevent and stop the spread of COVID-19 in the aspects of 1) normal patterns of teaching in classrooms without switching study groups, and delivering disease prevention in the classrooms, especially for small-sized schools, 2) the re-opening of public transportation without keeping space between seats, 3) sports events with visitors to watch 4) in-flight meals, and 5) extension of service venues to 2.00AM. All measures must be strictly implemented to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- The Ministry of Public Health updated the health promotion policy for the working age population and improved the New Normal measures of cafeterias in the COVID-19 era under the “canteen safety, health attention” standard.
- The Department of Health Services Support, MOPH announced the Quarantine facilities guidelines no. 2 under the Centre of COVID-19 Situation Administration on Medical and Public Health regarding the COVID-19 outbreak.

### 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.



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-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.