

Thailand situation update on 8 August 2020

1. International Situation

As of 8 August 2020, there were a total of 19,561,395 confirmed cases with 64,994 patients in critical condition and 724,381 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 (5,095,748), Brazil (2,967,064), India (2,091,416), Russia (882,347), South Africa (545,476), Mexico (469,407), Peru (463,875), Chile (368,825), Colombia (367,196), and Spain (361,442). The 30th is the People's Republic of China (88,581 cases, as well as 3,939 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 7 August 2020 showed that 7,152,003 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 2,563 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	7,152,003	2,563
• Airport screening* (43,505 flights)	4,543,271	2,547
• Seaports**	163,475	2
• Ground ports***	2,199,149	14
• Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road****	246,108	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 7 August 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 1,461 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 385,860 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	757,393
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who met the PUI criteria 	385,860
<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)	385,860
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detected from ports of entry 	2,563
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (120,733 cases in private hospitals, and 262,476 cases in public hospitals) 	383,209
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao 	88
Confirmed cases	3,345
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovered and discharged from hospitals 	3,148
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergoing Treatment 	139
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deaths 	58
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,345
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Transmission 	2,444
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imported Cases 	904
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designated Quarantine Places* 	411

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). 1,871 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.

207 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,141 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. Suwannachai Wattanayingcharoenchai, Director-General of the Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health stated about the US military personnel who had COVID-19. He clarified that 110 soldiers who arrived in Thailand on August 3 - 4, 2020 were all negative for COVID-19. There are three measures to be taken for the U.S. soldiers; 1) all US soldiers are treated as returnees from abroad for example 14 days alternative quarantine (ASQ), 2) during 14 day quarantine, they are not allowed to leave the quarantine facility and are guarded by both public health officials and staff of the Ministry of Defense, 3) during the quarantine period, they have to be tested for COVID-19 not less than two times.

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.



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