

## Thailand situation update on 9 August 2020

### 1. International Situation

As of 9 August 2020, there were a total of 19,820,602 confirmed cases with 65,153 patients in critical condition and 729,809 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 (5,150,060), Brazil (3,013,369), India (2,156,443), Russia (887,536), South Africa (553,188), Mexico (475,902), Peru (471,012), Colombia (376,870), Chile (371,023), and Spain (361,442). The 30th is the People's Republic of China (88,673 cases, as well as 4,008 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 8 August 2020 showed that 7,156,383 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 2,568 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>	7,156,283	2,568
• Airport screening* (43,571 flights)	4,545,040	2,551
• Seaports**	163,725	2
• Ground ports***	2,201,410	14
• Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road****	246,108	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 9 August 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 1,070 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 386,931 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>	758,464
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People who met the PUI criteria</li> </ul>	386,931
<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>	385,860
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detected from ports of entry</li> </ul>	2,563
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (121,164 cases in private hospitals, and 263,111 cases in public hospitals)</li> </ul>	384,275
<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>	3,351
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recovered and discharged from hospitals</li> </ul>	3,151
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undergoing Treatment</li> </ul>	142
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deaths</li> </ul>	58
<b>Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases</b>	3,351
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Transmission</li> </ul>	2,444
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Imported Cases</li> </ul>	907
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Designated Quarantine Places*</li> </ul>	414

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). 1,872 cases are male, and 1,479 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.23:1). In terms of nationality, 3,006 cases are Thai, 336 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

- After the meeting of the ad hoc committee tasked with considering the relaxation of lockdown restrictions to prevent and control COVID-19, Ministry of Education, schools will be considered to reopen with 100% full tuition and without spacing between others required. However, students will have to note every place they travel to after finishing school in order to track them in case an infected person was detected in school. The schools also requested to stagger their school days if they can manage with studying hours in the classroom to be as little as possible. It is expected that schools can be allowed to 100% reopen on August 13.
- The Office of the Private Education Commission under the Ministry of Education will open the opportunity for all types of private schools both international and general programs to submit the list of foreign teachers working at each school. Then, the Office of the Private Education Commission will collect all of the lists and disseminate the information to MoFA and CCSA for consideration whether these teachers will be allowed to enter the country. There will be around 3000 foreign teachers planning to return to Thailand. However, before departing to Thailand, they must pass the disease screening standards at the country of origin. Once they arrive in Thailand, they will be strictly quarantined at the quarantine places in accordance with the measures issued by the MoPH and CCSA. All foreign teachers need to shoulder all costs incurred during the quarantine period. If people do not pass the screening standards, they will not be allowed to work in the private school.

### 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.