

## Thailand situation update on 12 August 2020

### 1. International Situation

As of 12 August 2020, there were a total of 20,542,728 confirmed cases with 64,662 patients in critical condition and 746,337 COVID-19 deaths across more than 213 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 (5,305,957), Brazil (3,112,393), India (2,332,908), Russia (902,701), South Africa (566,109), Mexico (492,522), Peru (489,680), Colombia (410,453), Chile (376,616), and Spain (373,692). The 31st is the People's Republic of China (89,027 cases, as well as 4,244 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 11 August 2020 showed that 7,174,674 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 2,576 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>	7,174,674	2,576
• Airport screening* (43,758 flights)	4,550,269	2,559
• Seaports**	164,355	2
• Ground ports***	2,211,150	15
• Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road****	248,900	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 12 August 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 505 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 389,752 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>	778,023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People who met the PUI criteria</li> </ul>	389,752
<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>	69,581
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People who did not meet the PUI criteria</li> </ul>	308,915
<b>Total number of people who met the criteria of patients under investigation (PUI)</b>	389,752
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detected from ports of entry</li> </ul>	2,576
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (122,398 cases in private hospitals, and 264,690 cases in public hospitals)</li> </ul>	387,088
<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>	3,356
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recovered and discharged from hospitals</li> </ul>	3,169
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undergoing Treatment</li> </ul>	129
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deaths</li> </ul>	58
<b>Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases</b>	3,356
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Transmission</li> </ul>	2,444
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Imported Cases</li> </ul>	912
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Designated Quarantine Places*</li> </ul>	419

Notice: \*Quarantine measures for travelers from abroad have been in effect since 3 April 2020

The median age of the confirmed cases is 36 years old (ranging from 1 month to 97 years old). 1,877 cases are male, and 1,479 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.23:1). In terms of nationality, 3,010 cases are Thai, 337 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 9 cases.

208 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,148 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 Ministry of Defense and Ministry of Public Health organized a consultative meeting on 11 August 2020 to discuss with the representatives of State Quarantine (SQ) and Local Quarantine (LQ) regarding the plan to change from SQ to Alternative State Quarantine (ASQ) and LQ to be Alternative Local Quarantine (ALQ.) In addition, the meeting provided reasons and principles for this change.
- The CCSA issued an announcement allowing venues to have audiences for indoor and outdoor sport competitions. However, the number of spectators will be limited and all activities shall be organized in accordance with the MoPH disease prevention and control measures. This announcement will be effective from 13 August 2020.
- All people are invited to be tested for COVID-19 by a medical team during H.M the Queen’s birthday celebration (12 -14 August 2020). Medical vans for testing of COVID-19 provided by the King and staff are prepared for servicing people at the Sanam Luang Grounds.

### 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.