

Thailand situation update on 14 August 2020

1. International Situation

As of 14 August 2020, there were a total of 21,092,096 confirmed cases with 64,510 patients in critical condition and 757,727 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 (5,415,977), Brazil (3,229,621), India (2,464,316), Russia (912,823), South Africa (572,865), Peru (507,996), Mexico (505,751), Colombia (433,805), Chile (380,034), and Spain (355,856). The 32nd is the People's Republic of China (89,193 cases, as well as 4,361 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 13 August 2020 showed that 7,161,381 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 2,579 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 | 7,185,864 | 2,596 |
| • Airport screening* (43,873 flights) | 4,546,722 | 2,579 |
| • Seaports** | 164,772 | 2 |
| • Ground ports*** | 2,218,081 | 15 |
| • Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road**** | 250,257 | 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 14 August 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 368 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 391,504 PUI, as shown in Table 2.

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 Situation

by Emergency Operations Center, Department of Disease Control

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 | 779,775 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria | 391,504 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From the Active Case Finding | 9,775 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Returnees under state quarantine | 69,581 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who did not meet the PUI criteria | 308,915 |
| Total number of people who met the criteria of patients under investigation (PUI) | 391,504 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry | 2,596 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (123,143 cases in private hospitals, and 265,677 cases in public hospitals) | 388,820 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao | 88 |
| Confirmed cases | 3,376 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovered and discharged from hospitals | 3,193 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergoing Treatment | 125 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deaths | 58 |
| Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases | 3,376 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Transmission | 2,444 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imported Cases | 932 |
| - Designated Quarantine Places* | 439 |

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). 1,889 cases are male, and 1,487 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.23:1). In terms of nationality, 3,030 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 3,168 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

- In Bangkok, the Secretary General of the Basic Education Commission spoke on the on-site learning simulation during the COVID-19 situation. After the semester started, there were recommendations to stop alternate study days because some parents do not have time to take care of their children while online learning prevented students from being in class to join their peers and have social engagement. Although currently, Thailand has not found new cases, the MOPH still requests the schools to strictly follow the disease prevention and control measures.
- In Bangkok, the International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) and the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) announced that the qualifying round of the World Cup of the Asia Zone that was to occur during October–November 2020 has been postponed to 2021 because of COVID-19 situation.

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.