

Thailand situation update on 16 August 2020

1. International Situation

As of 16 August 2020, there were a total of 21,631,726 confirmed cases with 64,448 patients in critical condition and 769,220 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 (5,529,789), Brazil (3,317,832), India (2,594,112), Russia (922,853), South Africa (583,653), Peru (525,803), Mexico (517,714), Colombia (456,689), Chile (383,902), and Spain (358,843). The 33rd is the People's Republic of China (84,827 cases, as well as 4,481 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 15 August 2020 showed that 7,197,295 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 2,646 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	7,197,295	2,646
• Airport screening* (43,985 flights)	4,555,726	2,628
• Seaports**	165,155	2
• Ground ports***	2,224,820	16
• Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road****	251,594	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 16 August 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 1,613 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 394,115 PUI, as shown in Table 2.

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	782,386
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	394,115
<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)	394,115
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	2,646
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (124,327 cases in private hospitals, and 267,057 cases in public hospitals) 	391,384
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao 	88
Confirmed cases	3,377
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovered and discharged from hospitals 	3,194
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergoing Treatment 	125
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deaths 	58
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,377
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Transmission 	2,444
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imported Cases 	933
- Designated Quarantine Places*	440

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). 1,890 cases are male, and 1,487 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.23:1). In terms of nationality, 3,031 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 3,169 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 Public Health led by Dr. Satit Pituthecha, Deputy Minister of Ministry of Public Health, visited the walking street in Praksa Sub-District Municipality, Samut Prakan Province to empower and raise the standard of street food to improve good health in the new normal style as to build confidence of the cleanliness and safety for consumers.
- The Office of Disease Prevention and Control Region 12, Songkhla, Department of Disease Control prescribed measures to prevent and control imported cases and provide treatment for infected undocumented migrants who enter Thailand as follows:
 - 1) Police officers will arrest migrant workers along the border with military personnel, border patrol police and immigration police
 - 2) Migrant workers will be sent to the local police station
 - 3) International Communicable Disease Control officers will be notified
 - 4) Officers at the International Communicable Disease Control will coordinate with the hospital in the area to transfer patients who meet PUI criteria for treatment
 - 5) Migrant workers who do not meet PUI criteria will be sent to the local police station for detention, wait for testing and further legal action.
- MoPH and MoFA prepared a system to support and assist Thai students and Thai people who would like to return from abroad to Thailand during the COVID-19 situation. This system also included a Line Group, which is the platform that Thai medical experts will provide recommendations and health information to the Thai students and Thai people residing abroad.

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.