

Thailand situation update on 17 August 2020

1. International Situation

As of 17 August 2020, there were a total of 21,842,782 confirmed cases with 64,335 patients in critical condition and 773,279 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 (5,566,632), Brazil (3,340,197), India (2,651,290), Russia (927,745), South Africa (587,345), Peru (535,946), Mexico (522,162), Colombia (468,332), Chile (385,946), and Spain (358,843). The 33rd is the People's Republic of China (84,849 cases, as well as 4,525 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 16 August 2020 showed that 7,203,197 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 2,653 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	7,203,197	2,653
• Airport screening* (44,047 flights)	4,557,408	2,635
• Seaports**	165,350	2
• Ground ports***	2,228,845	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 17 August 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 1,293 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 395,408 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	783,679
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	395,408
<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)	395,408
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	2,653
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (124,787 cases in private hospitals, and 267,880 cases in public hospitals) 	392,667
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao 	88
Confirmed cases	3,378
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovered and discharged from hospitals 	3,198
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergoing Treatment 	122
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deaths 	58
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,378
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Transmission 	2,444
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imported Cases 	934
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designated Quarantine Places* 	441

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). 1,891 cases are male, and 1,487 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.23:1). In terms of nationality, 3,032 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 3,170 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

- Yala province, ONB news reported that Betong International Airport, Yarama Subdistrict, Betong District has allowed tourists throughout Thailand to visit the architecture of the Betong International Airport Building decorated with bamboo reflecting the local identity. The words "Betong" or "Buitong" is a Malay dialect which means "bamboo". The building has become a new landmark of Betong District. Tourists are strictly supervised by staffs, they are required to submit ID card, register before entering the building and comply with the COVID-19 preventive measures of the Ministry of Public Health
- The Deputy Minister of Health presided over the meeting “ MCATT: New normal ERA” hosted by the Department of Mental Health. The main objective of this meeting is to share the information and experience about the implementation on mitigating the mental health of COVID -19 affected people and to prepare the mental health services system in case where there is the second wave of the COVID-19 outbreak affecting the mental health of people in the future.

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.



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-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.