

Thailand situation update on 25 August 2020

1. International Situation

As of 25 August 2020, there were a total of 23,829,497 confirmed cases with 61,694 patients in critical condition and 817,351 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 (5,915,630), Brazil (3,627,217), India (3,170,942), Russia (966,189), South Africa (611,450), Peru (600,438), Mexico (563,705), Colombia (551,696), Spain (420,809), and Chile (399,568). The 35th is the People's Republic of China (84,981 cases, as well as 4,711 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 24 August 2020 showed that 7,249,456 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 2,799 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	7,249,456	2,799
• Airport screening* (44,520 flights)	4,569,512	2,784
• Seaports**	167,446	2
• Ground ports***	2,252,561	16
• Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road****	259,937	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 25 August 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 1,240 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 409,632 PUI, as shown in Table 2.

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 Situation

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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	797,903
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who met the PUI criteria 	409,632
<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)	409,632
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detected from ports of entry 	2,799
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (129,406 cases in private hospitals, and 277,339 cases in public hospitals) 	406,745
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao 	88
Confirmed cases	3,402
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovered and discharged from hospitals 	3,229
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergoing Treatment 	115
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deaths 	58
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,397
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Transmission 	2,444
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imported Cases 	958
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designated Quarantine Places* 	465

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). 1,904 cases are male, and 1,498 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.23:1). In terms of nationality, 3,055 cases are Thai, 338 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 9 cases.

208 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,194 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 Department of Health Service Support, Ministry of Public Health has considered having a secondary authority or a physician in an Alternative State Quarantine (ASQ) instead of the Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Public Health to sign certificates for foreign teachers on completing the 14 days of Alternative State Quarantine. This is because the foreign teachers who complete the 14 day quarantine duration are unable to return to work as teachers because they have to wait several more days for their documents. Therefore, a change in the system is needed, so that those who complete the quarantine period can receive their documents faster.

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.