

Thailand situation update on 30 August 2020

1. International Situation

As of 30 August 2020, there were a total of 25,187,544 confirmed cases with 61,328 patients in critical condition and 847,039 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 (6,139,466), Brazil (3,846,965), India (3,546,705), Russia (909,326), Peru (639,435), South Africa (622,551), Colombia (599,914), Mexico (591,712), Spain (455,621), and Chile (408,009). The 35th is the People's Republic of China (85,031 cases, as well as 4,787 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 29 August 2020 showed that 7,280,104 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 2,854 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	7,280,104	2,854
• Airport screening* (44,823 flights)	4,577,319	2,835
• Seaports**	168,625	2
• Ground ports***	2,267,927	17
• Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road****	266,233	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 30 August 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 1,111 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 417,044 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	844,454
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who met the PUI criteria 	417,044
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the Active Case Finding 	15,834
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Returnees under state quarantine 	81,676
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who did not meet the PUI criteria 	329,900
Total number of people who met the criteria of patients under investigation (PUI)	417,044
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detected from ports of entry 	2,854
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (131,460 cases in private hospitals, and 282,642 cases in public hospitals) 	414,102
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao 	88
Confirmed cases	3,411
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovered and discharged from hospitals 	3,252
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergoing Treatment 	101
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deaths 	58
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,411
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Transmission 	2,444
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imported Cases 	967
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designated Quarantine Places* 	474

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). 1,908 cases are male, and 1,503 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.23:1). In terms of nationality, 3,060 cases are Thai, 342 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 9 cases.

208 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,203 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 hosted a photo competition under the concept of a new way of life, "Pay attention to hygiene and keep space between people." This contest was in cooperation with Bangkok University and the Royal Photographic Society of Thailand. The photo contest aims to create symbolic images according to the guidelines for building cooperation towards health literacy and for the historical record of Thai peoples' behavior during the spread of COVID-19. There are 19 works that won prizes.
- The Department of Health, Ministry of Public Health and relevant partners developed the type of implementation to promote the health of the working-age population in enterprises so as to prevent COVID-19. The developed implementation issues health knowledge information comprising of 10 main packages: 1) Smart and Healthy Workers 2) Happy Working with Life Balance 3) Smart and Healthy families 4) Smart Moms 5) Pre-retirement and Longevity Planning 6) Office Syndrome Management 7) Happy and Healthy Foreigner Workers 8) Tobacco and Alcohol Free Living 9) Healthy Canteens and 10) Safety and Good Environmental

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.