

Thailand situation update on 31 August 2020

1. International Situation

As of 31 August 2020, there were a total of 25,406,582 confirmed cases with 61,106 patients in critical condition and 850,877 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 (6,173,653), Brazil (3,862,311), India (3,624,613), Russia (995,319), Peru (647,166), South Africa (625,056), Colombia (607,938), Mexico (595,841), Spain (455,621), and Chile (409,974). The 36th is the People's Republic of China (85,048 cases, as well as 4,811 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 30 August 2020 showed that 7,285,221 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 2,872 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	7,285,221	2,872
• Airport screening* (44,884 flights)	4,578,858	2,853
• Seaports**	168,834	2
• Ground ports***	2,271,296	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 31 August 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 1,327 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	845,781
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who met the PUI criteria 	418,371
<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)	418,371
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detected from ports of entry 	2,872
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (131,802 cases in private hospitals, and 283,609 cases in public hospitals) 	415,411
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao 	88
Confirmed cases	3,412
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovered and discharged from hospitals 	3,274
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergoing Treatment 	80
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deaths 	58
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,412
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Transmission 	2,444
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imported Cases 	968
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designated Quarantine Places* 	475

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 1,504 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.23:1). In terms of nationality, 3,060 cases are Thai, 343 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 9 cases.

208 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,204 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 Interior informed the ten provincial governors that share a border with Myanmar to follow the disease prevention measures from the Ministry of Public Health and control movement of entering and exiting the border area because currently, Myanmar is in a 2nd wave of COVID-19.
- Officials at the International Communicable Disease Control Office, Ban Huak, Phayao province have been continuing strict surveillance, prevention and control of COVID-19, with restrictions on entry and exit, and duration of visits. Drivers have to be strictly screened with a temperature check every time they enter and exit and they must wear a face mask and wash hands with alcohol gel. Public health staff, immigration police, Thai customs staff, livestock staff, national park staff, soldiers, military-police, and border patrol police are working together. However, there have not been any Myanmar nationals who have entered and exited through the Ban Huak checkpoint.
- The Red Cross Youth Volunteers Club set up the project “Volunteers to fight against COVID-19” and they made a field visit to communities in Prayathai, Bangrak, and Pathumwan Districts to provide cloth masks to people, ask about problems of implementing self-protection, and provide disease prevention and control knowledge and knowledge on how to way to cope with increasing level of stress during the COVID-19 situation. The main concept of this project is to create COVID-19 surveillance communities, as well as to enhance and support the quality of life of people in the communities.

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.



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- 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.