

Thailand situation update on 1 September 2020

1. International Situation

As of 1 September 2020, there were a total of 25,655,736 confirmed cases with 61,158 patients in critical condition and 855,114 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 (6,211,816), Brazil (3,910,901), India (3,694,878), Russia (1,000,048), Peru (652,037), South Africa (627,041), Colombia (615,168), Mexico (599,590), Spain (462,858), and Argentina (417,735). The 38th is the People's Republic of China (89,915 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 31 August 2020 showed that 7,291,246 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 2,882 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	7,291,246	2,882
• Airport screening* (44,943 flights)	4,578,858	2,863
• Seaports**	169,006	2
• Ground ports***	2,274,312	17
• Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road****	267,612	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 1 September 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 1,599 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 419,970 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	847,380
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who met the PUI criteria 	419,970
<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)	419,970
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detected from ports of entry 	2,882
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (132,204 cases in private hospitals, and 284,796 cases in public hospitals) 	417,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao 	88
Confirmed cases	3,417
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovered and discharged from hospitals 	3,274
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergoing Treatment 	85
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deaths 	58
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,417
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Transmission 	2,444
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imported Cases 	973
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designated Quarantine Places* 	480

Notice: *Quarantine measures for travelers from abroad have been in effect since 3 April 2020

The median age of the confirmed cases is 34 years old (ranging from 1 month to 97 years old). 1,909 cases are male, and 1,508 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.23:1). In terms of nationality, 3,060 cases are Thai, 348 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 9 cases.

208 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,209 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

- Anan School, Village No.2, Huai Sat Yai Sub-district, Prachuap Khiri Khan Province and Ban Huai Khrai School, Village No. 3, Beuang Nakorn Sub-District, Hua Hin District, issued a letter to students' parents announcing classes had been suspended due to a special situation in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, because there has been a second wave of COVID-19 outbreak in Rakhine State, Myanmar since August 16, 2020. It is possible that the outbreak in Rakhine State may spread to the other parts of Myanmar and border areas. Thus, the schools announced to suspend the class from Sept 1-7, 2020. Students can resume their normal classes on September 8, 2020. Those schools are located in the border area with Tanintharyi, Myanmar.
- Mae Hong Son province prepared to close all temporarily permitted areas for border trade between Mae Hong Son and Myanmar for 15 days, which is expected to start on 3 September 2020. There will be a ban on entering and exiting for people, vehicles and goods including to the refugee camp in Mae Hong Son province.
- The Prime Minister stated about the way to prevent a second wave of COVID-19 and issued an order to strengthen COVID-19 measures along the border areas to screen those entering the country illegally. In addition, the number of staff to screen people was increased and the screening points were provided in waterways where people swim or cross into the country illegally.

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.



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- 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.

Special Report

“The Myanmar COVID-19 Situation on 1 September 2020”

1. The COVID-19 Situation in Myanmar

State/Region	Total number of confirmed cases	Total number of recovered cases	Total number of deaths	Important disease control measures in Myanmar
Rakhine	361(+32)	16	0	<p><u>March 30 - present:</u> Limits on international flights.</p> <p><u>April 20 - present:</u> Lock down some regions such as 7 areas in Yangon.</p> <p><u>August 20 - present:</u> Closing Sittwe City in Rakhine after an increase in new confirmed cases.</p> <p><u>August 27- September 30:</u> Closing the schools and air borders.</p> <p><u>August 28 - September 30:</u> Extending the period of all regulations.</p> <p><u>August 29 - present:</u> The Tanintharyi government announced they will punish all people entering Kawthaung illegally from the Thailand border.</p> <p><u>August 30 - present:</u> Curfew time was set at 09.00PM - 04.00 AM</p> <p><u>August 30 - present:</u> people who enter Yangon from Rakhine must be quarantined for 21 days (14 days in State Quarantine and 7 days in home quarantine)</p>
Yangon	326 (+6)	252(+2)	5	
Kayin	29	29	0	
Chin	18	13	0	
Shan	11	10	0	
Bago	10	8	1	
Sagaine	9	9	0	
Mandalay	6	4	0	
Tanintharyi	5	2	0	
Magway	3	3	0	
Mon	3	2	0	
Ayeyarwady	2	2	0	
Kachin	2	2	0	
Nay Pyi Taw	2	2	0	
Kayah	0	0	0	
Total	787(+38)	354(+2)	6	

Sources: Ministry of Health and Sports, Myanmar (on 1 August 2020)

The crucial measures in Thailand regarding the Myanmar situation

1. Surveillance in 10 provinces that border Myanmar: Kanchanaburi, Chumphon, Chiang Rai, Chiang Mai, Tak, Prachuap Khiri Khan, Phetchaburi, Mae Hong Son, Ranong, and Ratchaburi, as well as tightening enforcement of Burmese workers who come to work or live in Thailand.



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2. Increasing the intensity of screening and prevention for undocumented people who cross the border (at fixed border crossing channels, special commercial points, special relief points, and natural channels).