

Thailand situation update on 11 September 2020

1. International Situation

As of 11 September 2020, there were a total of 28,351,973 confirmed cases with 60,741 patients in critical condition and 914,256 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 (6,588,181), India (4,566,726), Brazil (4,239,763), Russia (1,051,874), Peru (710,067), Colombia (694,664), Mexico (652,364), South Africa (644,438), Spain (544,143), and Argentina (524,198). The 39th is the People's Republic of China (90,128 cases, as well as 4,914 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 10 September 2020 showed that 7,346,216 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 2,949 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	7,346,216	2,957
• Airport screening* (45,536 flights)	4,593,265	2,938
• Seaports**	171,187	2
• Ground ports***	2,302,402	17
• Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road****	279,362	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 11 September 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 1,173 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 430,235 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	857,645
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	430,235
<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)	430,235
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	2,957
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (135,745 cases in private hospitals, and 291,445 cases in public hospitals) 	427,190
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao 	88
Confirmed cases	3,461
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovered and discharged from hospitals 	3,312
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergoing Treatment 	91
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deaths 	58
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,461
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Transmission 	2,445
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imported Cases 	1,016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designated Quarantine Places* 	523

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). 1,939 cases are male, and 1,522 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.27:1). In terms of nationality, 3,088 cases are Thai, 364 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 9 cases.

211 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,250 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

- MoPH in collaboration with security sectors have strengthened the surveillance measures to prevent the smuggling of people in the border areas and the spread of SARS-COV-2 into Thailand. In addition, the medical vans provided by the King have been provided in the border areas in order to detect for the virus. Only in Tak province, the samples of 2635 people were collected.
- Department of Disease Control reports on the progress of the investigation and control of the COVID-19, Thai prisoner who has detected SARS-CoV-2 during quarantine period on September 3, 2020. The COVID-19 disease investigation team of the Department of Disease Control, local public health departments and related agencies immediately went to the areas for performing case investigations, contacting tracing and collecting the samples. The samples will be sent for COVID-19 RT-PCR test. There are 1,004 who were contacts of a confirmed case, among these numbers, 120 were at high-risk contact and low risk contact and 570 tested, all of them were tested negative.

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.



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- 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.