

by Emergency Operations Center, Department of Disease Control

Thailand situation update on 12 September 2020

1. International Situation

As of 12 September 2020, there were a total of 28,680,101 confirmed cases with 60,893 patients in critical condition and 920,158 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 (6,636,266), India (4,663,930), Brazil (4,283,978), Russia (1,057,362), Peru (716,670), Colombia (702,088), Mexico (658,299), South Africa (646,398), Spain (576,697), and Argentina (535,705). The 39th is the People's Republic of China (90,146 cases, as well as 4,926 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 11 September 2020 showed that 7,352,412 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 2,960 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	7,352,412	2,960
Airport screening* (45,598 flights)	4,594,887	2,941
Seaports**	171,404	2
Ground ports***	2,304,984	17
Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road****	281,137	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 12 September 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 1,506 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 431,741 PUI, as shown in Table 2.



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<u>Table 2: Results of screening implementation to detect patients with suspected symptoms of COVID-19</u>

Situation	Total number of PUI
Total number of laboratory tests	859,151
People who met the PUI criteria	431,741
From the Active Case Finding	15,834
Returnees under state quarantine	81,676
People who did not meet the PUI criteria	329,900
Total number of people who met the criteria of patients under investigation (PUI)	431,741
Detected from ports of entry	2,960
Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (136,025 cases in private hospitals, and 292,668 cases in public hospitals)	428,693
Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao	88
Confirmed cases	3,466
Recovered and discharged from hospitals	3,313
Undergoing Treatment	95
Deaths	58
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,466
Local Transmission	2,445
Imported Cases	1,021
- Designated Quarantine Places*	528

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). 1,943 cases are male, and 1,523 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.27:1). In terms of nationality, 3,091 cases are Thai, 366 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 9 cases.



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211 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,255 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 increases capacity for the control and prevention of disease including diagnosis, medical treatment, risk management, improving Hospital infection prevention, increasing the number of investigation teams by 3 - 5 times. The ministry has been continuing the implementation of preventive measures for disease prevention, public health measures, new normal, and encouraging people to wear a face mask/ surgical mask, wash hands, keep a distance, reduce congestion.

MoPH reported about the COVID-19 case found during the COVID-19 screening among all footballers before Thailand league has been started. He is the Uzbekistan Footballer playing for Buriram United. However, there is no report of found case in his teammates. Now, the high risk close contacts have been quarantined. The other close contacts have been tracked and tested for SARS-COV-2. In addition, to ensure the safety of people, there are additional measures to screen Footballers before the matches, during the season and after ending the season.

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.



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-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.