

## Thailand situation update on 13 September 2020

### 1. International Situation

As of 13 September 2020, there were a total of 28,960,892 confirmed cases with 60,888 patients in critical condition and 924,874 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 (6,676,601), India (4,754,356), Brazil (4,315,858), Russia (1,062,811), Peru (722,832), Colombia (708,964), Mexico (663,973), South Africa (648,214), Spain (576,697), and Argentina (546,481). The 39th is the People's Republic of China (90,169 cases, as well as 4,939 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 12 September 2020 showed that 7,355,998 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 2,968 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
<b>Total number</b>	7,355,998	2,968
• Airport screening*(45,656 flights)	4,596,076	2,9349
• Seaports**	171,521	2
• Ground ports***	2,307,264	17
• Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road****	281,137	0

Remark: Includes data starting from \*January 3<sup>rd</sup>, \*\*January 1<sup>st</sup>, \*\*\*February 1<sup>st</sup>, \*\*\*\*January 30<sup>th</sup>

#### 2.2 Situation of Patients with Suspected Symptoms of COVID-19 in Thailand.

On 13 September 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 1,012 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 432,753 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
<b>Total number of laboratory tests</b>	860,163
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People who met the PUI criteria</li> </ul>	432,753
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From the Active Case Finding</li> </ul>	15,834
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Returnees under state quarantine</li> </ul>	81,676
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People who did not meet the PUI criteria</li> </ul>	329,900
<b>Total number of people who met the criteria of patients under investigation (PUI)</b>	432,753
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detected from ports of entry</li> </ul>	2,968
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (136,354 cases in private hospitals, and 293,343 cases in public hospitals)</li> </ul>	429,697
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao</li> </ul>	88
<b>Confirmed cases</b>	3,473
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recovered and discharged from hospitals</li> </ul>	3,313
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undergoing Treatment</li> </ul>	102
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deaths</li> </ul>	58
<b>Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases</b>	3,473
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Transmission</li> </ul>	2,445
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Imported Cases</li> </ul>	1,028
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Designated Quarantine Places*</li> </ul>	535

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). 1,948 cases are male, and 1,525 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.27:1). In terms of nationality, 3,093 cases are Thai, 369 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 9 cases.

2112 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,261 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

Department of Medical Services, Ministry of Public Health together with the University Hospital (Uhosnet) under the Ministry of Defense, hospitals under the Royal Thai Police, hospitals under Bangkok Metropolitan and private hospitals are proactive to prepare for the second wave of outbreak in general issues, including surveillance for infection prevention control in hospitals, arrangements for health facilities, preparation of clinical treatment guidelines, medicines and medical supplies, hospital bed management's system and essential medical services to patients according to the New Normal medical service such as the Telemedicine system, receiving drug at home/ at drugstore nearby home including chemotherapy in patients with colon cancer at home. There are medical practices in the home service, prevention of infection in all service departments such as operating room, emergency room, non-communicable diseases, dentistry, outpatient / inpatient and physical therapy patients

Nakhon Phanom Communicable Disease Committee at the Nakhon Phanom Provincial Health Office determined COVID-19 control measures along the border areas in order to prevent the smuggling of people into the country. In addition, COVID-19 screening points will be provided in the areas organizing the Illuminated Boat Procession or 'Lai Ruea Fai' event during 25 September - 3 October 2020 so as to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Thai League Co., Ltd. announced that Thai League 4 football matches will be postponed after Buriram football players tested positive for COVID-19. Practice guidelines when entering the field are issued for football fans. They have to register with Thai Chana before entering and leaving the place, undergo temperature measurement with the average tended to be not exceeded 37 degrees Celsius, wear a mask all the time, speak or cheer in a normal volume of voice and without shouting. Cheering equipment are not allowed to bring into the stadium, sitting in a group of up to 4 people, maintain a distance of 1 meter from other groups, regularly wash hands with 70% alcohol soap or gel. They are also required to be able to comply with the measures set by the state and to cooperate and strictly comply with preventive measures. If there are any symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, cough, etc. They are requested for their cooperation not to travel to the stadium, and the football fans are allowed to enter the stadium 25 percent of the stadium capacity, but not more than 4,000 people.

## 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.

-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.