

Thailand situation update on 15 September 2020

1. International Situation

As of 15 September 2020, there were a total of 29,459,649 confirmed cases with 60,679 patients in critical condition and 932,997 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 (6,749,289), India (4,930,236), Brazil (4,349,544), Russia (1,073,849), Peru (733,860), Colombia (721,892), Mexico (671,716), South Africa (650,749), Spain (593,730), and Argentina (565,446). The 40th is the People's Republic of China (90,220 cases, as well as 4,972 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 14 September 2020 showed that 7,366,440 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 2,988 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	7,366,440	2,988
• Airport screening* (45,779 flights)	4,598,832	2,968
• Seaports**	171,979	2
• Ground ports***	2,312,316	17
• Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road****	283,313	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 15 September 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 1,042 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 434,849 PUI, as shown in Table 2.

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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	862,259
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	434,849
<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)	434,849
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	2,988
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (137,043 cases in private hospitals, and 294,730 cases in public hospitals) 	431,773
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao 	88
Confirmed cases	3,480
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovered and discharged from hospitals 	3,316
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergoing Treatment 	106
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deaths 	58
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,480
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Transmission 	2,445
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imported Cases 	1,035
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designated Quarantine Places* 	542

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). 1,953 cases are male, and 1,527 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.27:1). In terms of nationality, 3,100 cases are Thai, 371 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 9 cases.

212 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,268 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

- Thailand’s Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) expanded the suspension of visa exemption scheme (phor. 30) and visa on arrival as travelers who have got their approval for phor. 30 and VOA follow the regulations and conditions set by CCSA, Ministry of Foreign Affairs to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- The Thai Cabinet has approved a special tourist visa (STV) scheme, allowing eligible visitors to stay in the country. Details are as follows;
 - 1) The STV will be granted to long-staying visitors
 - 2) The STV will be granted to visitors who entering the country with their consent to complying with the public health regulations and requirements imposed by the Thai authorities, including a 14-day quarantine
- Ministry of Labor and Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) approve Chanthaburi Province pilot province to open worker from neighboring countries working to solve the problem of the need for labor to collect longan in Pong Nam Ron District and Soi Dao District Chanthaburi province Today (15 September 2020), The first batch of 500 Cambodian workers are allow to pass through the Laem Village Permanent Border Crossing Point Pong Nam Ron District, Chanthaburi Province. The relevant agencies in the province has held a meeting to prepare and coordinate with the entrepreneurs' gardeners about the disease screening procedure. Before entering the quarantine area, wait 14 days to see the symptoms of COVID-19 infection if SARS-CoV-2 infection is detected and will be sent back to treatment in the country immediately.

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.