

## Thailand situation update on 20 September 2020

### 1. International Situation

As of 20 September 2020, there were a total of 31,008,616 confirmed cases with 61,398 patients in critical condition and 961,734 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 (6,967,420), India (5,400,619), Brazil (4,528,347), Russia (1,103,399), Peru (762,865), Colombia (758,398), Mexico (694,121), South Africa (659,656), Spain (659,334), and Argentina (622,934). The 41st is the People's Republic of China (90,358 cases, as well as 5,033 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 19 September 2020 showed that 7,397,138 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 3,035 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>	7,397,138	3,035
• Airport screening* (46,095 flights)	4,607,201	3,015
• Seaports**	173,217	2
• Ground ports***	2,324,949	17
• Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road****	291,771	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 20 September 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 1,137 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 439,769 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
<b>Total number of laboratory tests</b>	867,179
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People who met the PUI criteria</li> </ul>	439,769
<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>	439,769
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detected from ports of entry</li> </ul>	3,039
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (138,608 cases in private hospitals, and 298,034 cases in public hospitals)</li> </ul>	436,642
<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>	3,506
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recovered and discharged from hospitals</li> </ul>	3,343
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undergoing Treatment</li> </ul>	104
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deaths</li> </ul>	58
<b>Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases</b>	3,506
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Transmission</li> </ul>	2,445
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Imported Cases</li> </ul>	1,061
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Designated Quarantine Places*</li> </ul>	568

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). 1,968 cases are male, and 1,538 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.28:1). In terms of nationality, 3,122 cases are Thai, 375 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 9 cases.

212 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,294 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 Department of Health Service Support together with the Department of Disease Control have prepared State Quarantine, Alternative State Quarantine, and Alternative Hospital Quarantine facilities to accommodate 270 days of arrival of international tourists. It will start with travelers who are allowed to comply with the preventive measures prescribed by the CCSA, focusing on people from low-risk countries in the initial phase with businessmen who come to stimulate domestic income. Before traveling, travelers must have a Fit-to-Fly certificate and documentation showing they are free from SARS-CoV-2 infection that was released within 72 hours of departure, They must have health insurance covering 100,000 USD for health treatment that includes COVID-19 treatment. While waiting for departure, they must avoid visiting crowded communities in the origin country. Upon arrival, individuals must enter a 14-day quarantine system, perform 3 COVID-19 tests, and use a tracking application.

### 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.