

## Thailand situation update on 22 September 2020

### 1. International Situation

As of 22 September 2020, there were a total of 31,505,063 confirmed cases with 61,880 patients in critical condition and 969,771 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 (7,046,216), India (5,562,663), Brazil (4,560,083), Russia (1,115,810), Peru (772,896), Colombia (770,435), Mexico (700,580), Spain (671,468), South Africa (661,936), and Argentina (640,147). The 43rd is the People's Republic of China (90,390 cases, as well as 5,047 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 21 September 2020 showed that 7,407,793 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 3,054 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>	7,407,793	3,054
• Airport screening* (46,215 flights)	4,609,819	3,034
• Seaports**	173,706	2
• Ground ports***	2,329,492	18
• Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road****	294,776	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 22 September 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 1,047 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 441,755 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>	869,165
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People who met the PUI criteria</li> </ul>	441,755
<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>	441,755
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detected from ports of entry</li> </ul>	3,054
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (139,279 cases in private hospitals, and 299,334 cases in public hospitals)</li> </ul>	438,613
<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>	3,511
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recovered and discharged from hospitals</li> </ul>	3,345
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undergoing Treatment</li> </ul>	107
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deaths</li> </ul>	59
<b>Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases</b>	3,511
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Transmission</li> </ul>	2,445
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Imported Cases</li> </ul>	1,066
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Designated Quarantine Places*</li> </ul>	573

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). 1,970 cases are male, and 1,541 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.28:1). In terms of nationality, 3,123 cases are Thai, 379 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 9 cases.

212 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,299 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, 573 cases were positive from the state quarantine supported by the government. A total of 55 confirmed cases were found from the active case finding measures.

### 3. Thailand Precautions

The Department of Health requests athletic organizations and staff such as sports competition staff, athletes, and spectators to follow the Ministry of Public Health COVID-19 related guidelines for all sport activities. Sporting events with spectators and close competition can prevent the spread of COVID-19 and a 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of the pandemic as follows:

- Organizers of the competition must be divided into 2 phases: the preparation phase and the competition opening phase.
- In the preparation phase, the organizers will have to prepare the event venue (the stadium and surrounding area) by setting up the entry and exit point and the places for hand sanitizing, cleaning up the area and surfaces, limiting audiences number (25% of the stadium's seating capacity for outdoor sports and 15% of the seating capacity for indoor sports), as well as educating the officers, judges, restaurant operators, and housekeepers in self protection and setting up online system for tickets purchasing in advance.
- During the competition should provide the separate zone for staff and audience. Limit the number of people not to be crowded (1 person/ 4 Square Meter). Providing the good ventilation system. For who does not attend the competition must always wear a face mask.
- For the staff should observe the symptoms if they have a fever, cough or runny nose. They should stop working and immediately see the doctor. Regularly wash your hand after touching things.
- Athletes must be tested for SARS-CoV-2 prior to competition and regularly observe their symptoms. If they have fever, cough, sneezing, running nose and shortness of breath, they need to notify the coach or team leader to refrain participating in the game and see a doctor immediately. In addition, they should avoid sharing personal stuff such as glasses, towels.
- For the audience must pass the temperature screening point. Register through the application Or the "Thai Chana " platform, they are recommended to wear a cloth mask / face mask during watching period to prevent spit or mist when shouting, cheering / talking loudly, washing hands frequently, avoiding touching the face, eyes,

mouth, and nose with hands. Keep a distance of at least 1-2 meters from other people, and limit contact with other people while lining up and watching.

#### 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.