

Thailand situation update on 29 September 2020

1. International Situation

As of 29 September 2020, there were a total of 33,574,194 confirmed cases with 65,341 patients in critical condition and 1,006,868 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 (7,361,633), India (6,145,291), Brazil (4,748,327), Russia (1,167,805), Colombia (818,203), Peru (808,714), Spain (748,266), Mexico (733,717), Argentina (723,132), and South Africa (671,669). The 44th is the People's Republic of China (90,506 cases, as well as 5,076 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 28 September 2020 showed that 7,451,871 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 3,124 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 | 7,451,871 | 3,124 |
| • Airport screening* (46,654 flights) | 4,620,938 | 3,104 |
| • Seaports** | 175,331 | 2 |
| • Ground ports*** | 2,346,828 | 18 |
| • Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road**** | 308,774 | 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 29 September 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 1,317 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 450,010 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 | 877,420 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who met the PUI criteria | 450,010 |
| <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) | 450,010 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detected from ports of entry | 3,124 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (141,436 cases in private hospitals, and 305,362 cases in public hospitals) | 446,798 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao | 88 |
| Confirmed cases | 3,559 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovered and discharged from hospitals | 3,370 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergoing Treatment | 130 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deaths | 59 |
| Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases | 3,559 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Transmission | 2,445 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imported Cases | 1,114 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designated Quarantine Places* | 621 |

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). 2,007 cases are male, and 1,552 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.28:1). In terms of nationality, 3,161 cases are Thai, 389 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 9 cases.

213 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,346 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, 621 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

- Phuket - The deputy governor of Phuket revealed that the Phuket Communicable Disease Control Committee has decided to prepare for opening the city to a first group of tourists from China. They also discussed implementing disease control measures. Phuket International Airport has installed a container laboratory at Terminal X to be used for performing SARS-CoV-2 tests on incoming tourists. Tourists with a negative test result that already download AOT Airports application will be allowed to travel to the Alternative Local Quarantine (ALQ). The airport staff will also coordinate with the security authorities to check on the ALQ hotel to prevent tourists from escaping the hotel, which is their legal accommodation. Some hotels have also installed alarm systems to alert them and the authorities if quarantined individuals leave their room. For those with a positive SARS-CoV-2 test result, the medical unit and military personnel from the Phuket Emergency Operation Center will further investigate the disease.

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.