

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 Situation

by Emergency Operations Center, Department of Disease Control

Thailand situation update on 5 October 2020

1. International Situation

As of 5 October 2020, there were a total of 35,425,007 confirmed cases with 66,482 patients in critical condition and 1,042,183 COVID-19 deaths across more than 214 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 (7,636,912), India (6,623,815), Brazil (4,915,289), Russia (1,225,889), Colombia (855,052), Peru (828,169), Spain (810,807), Argentina (798,486), Mexico (761,665), and South Africa (681,289). The 45th is the People's Republic of China (90,630 cases, as well as 5,114 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 4 October 2020 showed that 7,482,524 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 3,170 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	7,482,524	3,170
Airport screening* (47,029 flights)	4,630,061	3,150
Seaports**	176,505	2
Ground ports***	2,361,480	18
Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road****	314,478	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 5 October 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 924 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 455,785 PUI, as shown in Table 2.



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<u>Table 2: Results of screening implementation to detect patients with suspected symptoms of COVID-19</u>

Situation	Total number of PUI
Total number of laboratory tests	883,195
People who met the PUI criteria	455,785
From the Active Case Finding	15,834
Returnees under state quarantine	81,676
People who did not meet the PUI criteria	329,900
Total number of people who met the criteria of patients under investigation (PUI)	455,785
Detected from ports of entry	3,170
 Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (142,800 cases in private hospitals, and 309,727 cases in public hospitals) 	452,527
Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao	88
Confirmed cases	3,590
Recovered and discharged from hospitals	3,390
Undergoing Treatment	141
Deaths	59
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,590
Local Transmission	2,445
Imported Cases	1,145
- Designated Quarantine Places*	652

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). 2,028 cases are male, and 1,562 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.3:1). In terms of nationality, 3,174 cases are Thai, 407 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 9 cases.



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214 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,376 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, 652 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

• Deputy Commander of Queen's Cobras Regiment (Royal Thai Army Volunteer Force) in Prachuap-khirikhan province designated operation staff officers, the Prachuap-khirikhan Province Govern Officer, Assistant District Chief of Mueang Prachuap-khirikhan district, 14th Regional Border Patrol Police, Village Security Team and community leaders to inspect the barbed wire fence areas, improve the ability to prevent smuggling of illegal aliens, establish the intelligence source to notify to the officers the smuggling at all natural border path areas both old and new ones.

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.