

Thailand situation update on 7 October 2020

1. International Situation

As of 7 October 2020, there were a total of 36,080,088 confirmed cases with 67,829 patients in critical condition and 1,055,236 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 (7,723,721), India (6,757,131), Brazil (4,970,953), Russia (1,248,619), Colombia (869,808), Spain (865,631), Peru (832,929), Argentina (824,468), Mexico (794,608), and South Africa (683,242). The 47th is the People's Republic of China (90,668 cases, as well as 5,133 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 6 October 2020 showed that 7,492,565 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 3,185 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	7,492,565	3,185
• Airport screening* (47,154 flights)	4,633,051	3,165
• Seaports**	177,029	2
• Ground ports***	2,365,471	18
• Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road****	317,014	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 7 October 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 949 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 457,652 PUI, as shown in Table 2.

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 Situation

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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	885,062
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who met the PUI criteria 	457,652
<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)	457,652
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detected from ports of entry 	3,185
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (143,306 cases in private hospitals, and 311,073 cases in public hospitals) 	454,379
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao 	88
Confirmed cases	3,615
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovered and discharged from hospitals 	3,391
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergoing Treatment 	165
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deaths 	59
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,615
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Transmission 	2,445
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imported Cases 	1,170
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designated Quarantine Places* 	677

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). 2,048 cases are male, and 1,567 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.3:1). In terms of nationality, 3,190 cases are Thai, 416 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 9 cases.

214 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,401 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, 677 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 Minister of Ministry of Public Health with Director General of the Department of Health Service Support, the executives of Ministry of Public Health and the mass media visited the Alternative Hospital Quarantine (AHQ) at Bumrungrad Hospital, Bangkok which is a model hospital with a standard quality management system for both Thai and Foreign patients and followers who participate in the project. It is the highlight of Thai Hospitals overturning the COVID-19 crisis to bring income into the country. The MOPH is ready to expand travel channels both by land and air to accommodate patients and followers in tourist cities across Thailand.
- Governor of Kanchanaburi province has ordered to extend the closing of the checkpoint for border trade at the Three Pagoda Pass and all border areas for another 14 days from 6 - 19 October 2020. This order is based on the increasing trend of Covid-19 cases in Myanmar border areas. At present, the patrol teams have inspected the barbed wire fence areas that blocks the natural entry-exit paths between the Three Pagoda Pass, Nonglu sub-district, Sangkhlaburi district and Payatongsu district in Myanmar. Additionally, there are also patrol teams to inspect along the Thai-Myanmar the 370 kilometer border areas in Kanchanaburi to prevent entry-exit across the borders.
- The Director of the Division of Communicable Diseases, Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health reported the situation of COVID-19 that in Thailand people with asymptomatic infections may exist in communities. Most of them might be teenagers and working age adults who have contact with many people and have a risk of spreading the infection to others. Therefore, it is most important to be aware of self protection, avoid crowded places and parties, always wear a face mask or cloth mask in public places, wash hands often and keep a physical distancing to reduce the risk of transmission. Registering with a “Thaichana” application for check-in and check -out in every place will help with the investigation and contact tracing in case of the disease outbreak.

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.