

Thailand situation update on 18 October 2020

1. International Situation

As of 18 October 2020, there were a total of 40,001,647 confirmed cases with 71,964 patients in critical condition and 1,115,160 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 (8,343,140), India (7,494,551), Brazil (5,224,362), Russia (1,399,334), Spain (982,723), Argentina (979,119), Colombia (952,371), France (867,197), Peru (865,549), and Mexico (847,108). The 53rd is the People's Republic of China (90,956 cases, as well as 5,238 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 17 October 2020 showed that 7,545,478 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 3,273 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	7,545,478	3,273
• Airport screening* (47,909 flights)	4,650,365	3,253
• Seaports**	179,321	2
• Ground ports***	2,388,325	18
• Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road****	327,467	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 18 October 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 1,056 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 467,368 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	894,778
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who met the PUI criteria 	467,368
<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)	467,368
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detected from ports of entry 	3,273
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (146,058 cases in private hospitals, and 317,949 cases in public hospitals) 	464,007
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao 	88
Confirmed cases	3,686
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovered and discharged from hospitals 	3,481
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergoing Treatment 	146
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deaths 	59
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,686
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Transmission 	2,450
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imported Cases 	1,236
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designated Quarantine Places* 	739

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). 2,082 cases are male, and 1,604 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.3:1). In terms of nationality, 3,235 cases are Thai, 442 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 9 cases.

217 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,469 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, 739 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 Tak Provincial Governor announced that from the previously confirmed cases in a couple, all 9 high-risk close contacts who belong to their family (3 were their children and the other 2 were their nephew and niece) had already entered the Local Quarantine. For control measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Mae Sot District, Tak Province are as follows: control entry-exit to the area around the house of infected people in 2 sub-communities in Madina community, which has a lot of Muslims living and Thongthong community which has entered the initial screening. The entry-exit movement control is being strengthened, the get together activities will also be refrained such as 5 mosque communities religious activities, closing of 5 community schools and 1 child center by using online learning starting from October 19, 2020 and the high risk public service facilities are closed for 7 days.

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.