

Thailand situation update on 19 October 2020

1. International Situation

As of 19 October 2020, there were a total of 40,323,175 confirmed cases with 71,993 patients in critical condition and 1,118,825 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 (8,388,012), India (7,550,273), Brazil (5,235,344), Russia (1,415,316), Argentina (989,680), Spain (982,723), Colombia (959,572), France (897,034), Peru (868,675), and Mexico (851,227). The 53rd is the People's Republic of China (90,973 cases, as well as 5,242 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 18 October 2020 showed that 7,549,163 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 3,274 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	7,549,163	3,274
• Airport screening* (47,975 flights)	4,651,655	3,254
• Seaports**	179,611	2
• Ground ports***	2,390,430	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 19 October 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 1,655 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 469,023 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	896,433
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who met the PUI criteria 	469,023
<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)	469,023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detected from ports of entry 	3,274
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (146,341 cases in private hospitals, and 319,320 cases in public hospitals) 	465,661
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao 	88
Confirmed cases	3,691
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovered and discharged from hospitals 	3,488
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergoing Treatment 	144
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deaths 	59
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,691
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Transmission 	2,450
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imported Cases 	1,241
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designated Quarantine Places* 	744

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). 2,084 cases are male, and 1,607 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.3:1). In terms of nationality, 3,239 cases are Thai, 443 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 9 cases.

217 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,474 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, 744 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 Ministry of Public Health expressed concerns over the persons who joined the demonstration and requested them to observe their symptoms for 14 days. If they develop fever or respiratory symptoms, they must immediately visit the hospital and inform the doctor of their history of gathering at the demonstration. They can also get the free testing for SARS-CoV-2.
- The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Interior as Head of the Center of COVID-19 Situation Administration, Ministry of Interior (CCSA, MOI) ordered the Provincial Governors of all provinces to focus on screening of Myanmar migrant workers due to the widespread and ongoing situation of the COVID-19 in Myanmar. Local authorities were assigned to inspect all business places where migrant workers are employed, perform the screening all workers and randomly test for COVID-19 on them. With this, the CCSA, MOI also reiterated that officers implement the public health measures in case an infected person is found. If an illegal employment is detected, strict law and regulation must be enforced.
- Tak Province Governor had signed the Lock-down Announcement of the Provincial Communicable Disease Committee's No. 31/2020 on 17 October 2020 instructing people to comply with 7 measures as follows:
 1. People are prohibited to enter - exit Madinah area and Madinah area, in Wat Luang Community except they got permission from communicable disease control officers.
 2. Religious activities of more than 10 people are refrained in areas as follows : Wat Luang Community, Islamic Community, Ban Thung Community, Bua Koon Community, Ban Dao Tai in Mae Taw sub-district of Mae Sot district except for the sheriff's permission.
 3. Utilization of all school and educational institutions buildings for teaching, learning and training is prohibited for 7 days from the date of the announcement as follow: Sappawitthayakhom School, Raadwittaya School, Islamic Studies School, Karun Kindergarten, Ban-Huafai School, Tak Provincial Special Education Center (Mae Sot Branch), Unser Mosque Ethics Center, Ansor Mosque and Child Development Center and Masjid Nurul Islam.
 4. Food and beverage distribution in hotels, airports, bus stations, hospitals, food or beverage outlets in department stores, shopping centers, food carts and food hawker stalls in Mae Sot district are to be opened for taking home only.

5. Small wholesales, retailers, delivery retailers send to the community, convenience stores, fresh markets, walking street markets, flea markets, department stores and community malls or similar stores in Mae Sot district can be opened by applying the entrance and exit control and body temperature checking of both service providers and customers, social distancing during choosing products and payment. All must comply with the measures for disease prevention prescribed by the government.

6. All entertainment places in Mae Sot district such as pub, bar, karaoke, spa and massage must be closed.

7. Prohibit any person to organize activity which has a large number of participants or has the opportunity to easily contact each other, such as meetings, seminars, distribution of foods or things, banquet in the garden or park and organization of traditional activities in Mae Sot district unless permitted by the Tak Communicable Disease Committee on a case by case basis.

Any person fails to comply with the Announcement shall be liable to imprisonment for a term of not exceeding one year or to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand baht or to both under the Section 52 of the Communicable Diseases Act 2015. In addition, he or she shall be liable to imprisonment not exceeding 2 years or to a fine not exceeding forty thousand baht or to both under the Section 18 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situation 2005.

Effective on October 17, 2020 henceforward or until there is the announcement of change.

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.