

Thailand situation update on 23 October 2020

1. International Situation

As of 23 October 2020, there were a total of 42,048,648 confirmed cases with 75,107 patients in critical condition and 1,143,581 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 (8,661,722), India (7,761,312), Brazil (5,332,634), Russia (1,480,646), Spain (1,090,521), Argentina (1,053,650), France (999,043), Colombia (990,270), Peru (879,876), and Mexico (874,171). The 54th is the People's Republic of China (91,074 cases, as well as 5,281 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 22 October 2020 showed that 7,573,692 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 3,301 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	7,573,692	3,301
• Airport screening* (48,302 flights)	4,659,191	3,281
• Seaports**	180,532	2
• Ground ports***	2,397,502	18
• Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road****	336,467	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 23 October 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 2,617 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 477,604 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	905,014
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who met the PUI criteria 	477,604
<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)	477,604
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detected from ports of entry 	3,301
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (147,722 cases in private hospitals, and 326,493 cases in public hospitals) 	474,215
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao 	88
Confirmed cases	3,727
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovered and discharged from hospitals 	3,518
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergoing Treatment 	150
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deaths 	59
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,727
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Transmission 	2,450
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imported Cases 	1,277
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designated Quarantine Places* 	780

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). 2,107 cases are male, and 1,620 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.3:1). In terms of nationality, 3,268 cases are Thai, 450 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 9 cases.

219 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,508 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, 780 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 Acting Director-General of the Department of Disease Control (DDC) revealed the results of proactive trace and testing of SARS-CoV-2 in Tak province by the royal biosafety sample-collection vehicles during 12 - 22 October 2020. A total of 10,607 samples were collected in 4 districts: Mae-Sot district, Mae-Ramat district, Tha-Song-Yang district, and Um-Phang district. There were 7,816 negative samples and 2,791 pening samples. Currently, Tak province has been performing well for disease prevention and control due to the cooperation of the people. 100 % of shops and government agencies provide alcohol gel for hand washing. 95% of people wear masks in the public and 85% keep social distancing when they are in malls, markets and shops.
- The Director General of the Department of Health (DOH) emphasized people that people follow self-protection measures of “wear - keep - wash” which are wear mask, keep social distancing, and wash hands frequently. The DG also requested cooperation from all owners of business places to keep public toilets clean, especially the frequently touched surfaces such as door knobs, washing basin, toilet hose handles, toilet seats, flushing handles, and toilet floor, to accommodate tourists during the long holidays. All tourists are advised to check-in and check-out using the ThaiChana application every time they enter and leave the places.

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.



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- 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.