

## Thailand situation update on 25 October 2020

### 1. International Situation

As of 25 October 2020, there were a total of 42,979,251 confirmed cases with 77,265 patients in critical condition and 1,155,308 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 (8,827,932), India (7,864,811), Brazil (5,381,224), Russia (1,513,877), Spain (1,110,372), France (1,086,497), Argentina (1,081,336), Colombia (1,007,711), Mexico (886,800), and Peru (886,214). The 54th is the People's Republic of China (91,126 cases, as well as 5,290 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 24 October 2020 showed that 7,581,399 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 3,339 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
<b>Total number</b>	7,581,399	3,339
• Airport screening* (48,466 flights)	4,662,689	3,319
• Seaports**	180,879	2
• Ground ports***	2,401,364	18
• Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road****	336,467	0

Remark: Includes data starting from \*January 3<sup>rd</sup>, \*\*January 1<sup>st</sup>, \*\*\*February 1<sup>st</sup>, \*\*\*\*January 30<sup>th</sup>

#### 2.2 Situation of Patients with Suspected Symptoms of COVID-19 in Thailand.

On 25 October 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 1,455 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 480,861 PUI, as shown in Table 2.

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

Situation	Total number of PUI
<b>Total number of laboratory tests</b>	908,271
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People who met the PUI criteria</li> </ul>	480,861
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From the Active Case Finding</li> </ul>	15,834
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Returnees under state quarantine</li> </ul>	81,676
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People who did not meet the PUI criteria</li> </ul>	329,900
<b>Total number of people who met the criteria of patients under investigation (PUI)</b>	480,861
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detected from ports of entry</li> </ul>	3,339
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (148,133 cases in private hospitals, and 329,301 cases in public hospitals)</li> </ul>	477,434
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao</li> </ul>	88
<b>Confirmed cases</b>	3,736
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recovered and discharged from hospitals</li> </ul>	3,530
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undergoing Treatment</li> </ul>	147
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deaths</li> </ul>	59
<b>Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases</b>	3,736
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Transmission</li> </ul>	2,451
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Imported Cases</li> </ul>	1,285
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Designated Quarantine Places*</li> </ul>	788

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 1,629 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.3:1). In terms of nationality, 3,275 cases are Thai, 452 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 9 cases.

219 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,517 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, 788 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

- Tak Provincial Communicable Disease Committee issued the announcement No. 33/ 2020 on preventive and control measures of COVID - 19 in Tak province on 24 October 2020 by commanding people in the area from the date of this announcement until 26 October at 24:00 p.m. to do the following;
  1. To refrain from entering exit the Madinah area and Tungtong area in Wat Luang community except for the permission of the communicable disease officers.
  2. To refrain from religious practices and ceremonies where 10 or more people are gather at any place in 4 communities in Mae-Sot municipality: Wat-Luang community, Islamic community, Ban-Thung community, Bua-Koon community, Moo 1 Ban-Taw-Tai, Mae-Taw sub-district except for the sheriff's permission.
  3. To refrain from using school and educational institution facilities to organize learning, teaching, training or any other activities in Sanpawittayakom School, Ratwittaya School, Islamsuksa School, Anubankaroon School, Banhuafai School, Tak Special Education Center Mae Sot Branch, Anzor Mosque Ethical Center, Anzor Mosque Ethical Center (2) and Masjid Nurul Islam Child Development Center.
  4. To refrain from selling foods or drinks for on-site consumption in hotels, airports, bus stations, hospitals, food or beverage outlets, convenience store, department stores and shopping centers, community malls, carts, hawkers and stalls in Mae-Sot area by allowing only takeaway selling.
  5. Enterprise or other business places providing services in Mae-Sot district must set up a specific entry-exit way, provide temperature check and the Thaichana application QR Code. The other prevention and control measures according to the government regulations as announced by the COVID-19 Center for Situation Administration (CCSA) must be strictly followed. If there are violations to comply with the measures or obstructions to the disease prevention measures, such enterprises may be found guilty according to law leading to closing order of the business places. The responsible agency shall establish the practice guidelines and SOPs for business places and organization of activities, explain and emphasize the enterprise owners or responsible persons to strictly follow the government disease prevention measures. The agency shall also implement public relations and asking customers to strictly comply with the measures.
  6. To temporarily close entertainment places including pub, bar, karaoke, massage and spa in Mae-sot district.
  7. The organizations of activities which have a large number of participants or have opportunity to easily contact each other, such as meetings, seminars, distribution of foods or

things, banquet in the garden or park and traditional or cultural activities in Mae Sot district is to be permitted by the Tak Communicable Disease Committee on a case by case basis.

Any person who fails to comply with the order of the Tak Communicable Disease Committee under section 52 of the Communicable Disease Act 2015, 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.

Moreover, under the section 18 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situation 2005, he or she shall be liable to imprisonment for a term of not exceeding two years or to a fine not exceeding forty thousand baht or to both.

Effective on October 25, 2020 henceforward or until the announcement of change.

- The Ministry of Public Health revealed the investigation results of the COVID-19 French woman in Thailand. The blood testing result found no COVID-19 immunity. Testing of all the close contacts and the quarantine facility staff were negative. The Department of Disease Control (DDC) and the local public health agencies have conducted standard disease investigation and control as well as monitoring of the situation for 14 consecutive days. In addition, the DDC has been collaborating closely with the Department of Health Service Support (DHSS) to strictly monitor the standard of hotels that have been serving as the Alternative State Quarantine (ASQ) to prevent any risk of the infection spreading.

#### 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.