

Thailand situation update on 26 October 2020

1. International Situation

As of 26 October 2020, there were a total of 43,379,774 confirmed cases with 77,802 patients in critical condition and 1,159,646 COVID-19 deaths across more than 215 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 (8,889,183), India (7,909,959), Brazil (5,394,128), Russia (1,531,224), France (1,138,507), Spain (1,110,372), Argentina (1,090,589), Colombia (1,015,885), Mexico (891,160), and Peru (888,715). The 54th is the People's Republic of China (91,152 cases, as well as 5,296 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 25 October 2020 showed that 7,584,525 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
Total number	7,584,525	3,339
• Airport screening* (48,541 flights)	4,663,868	3,319
• Seaports**	181,094	2
• Ground ports***	2,403,096	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 26 October 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 1,407 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 482,268 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	909,678
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	482,268
<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)	482,268
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	3,339
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (148,365 cases in private hospitals, and 330,476 cases in public hospitals) 	478,841
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao 	88
Confirmed cases	3,743
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovered and discharged from hospitals 	3,543
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergoing Treatment 	141
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deaths 	59
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,743
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Transmission 	2,451
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imported Cases 	1,292
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designated Quarantine Places* 	795

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). 2,110 cases are male, and 1,633 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.3:1). In terms of nationality, 3,282 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 3,524 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, 795 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 Governor of Trang province stated that there were people traveling with the fishing boats and cargo ships from overseas every day. Therefore, the governor has ordered the relevant agencies such as Trang Immigration Office, Trang Thai Maritime Enforcement Command Center, Trang Employment Office, and Kantang PIPO to strictly screen seafarers and fishing migrant workers to prevent the spread of COVID-19 into the country..
- The Department of Health (DOH), Ministry of Public Health, informed that in preparation for the opening of the country for tourism, the DOH had requested cooperation from the supply water producer, both the Metropolitan Waterworks Authority, Provincial Waterworks Authority and municipal waterworks, to maintain tap water quality standards especially in tourist areas and crowded migrant workers areas. There should be continuous monitoring of the water quality. The DOH has made guidelines for controlling, supervising and monitoring the quality of tap water during the COVID-19 pandemic as follows:
 - 1) Keep raw water resources clean without any trashes especially used face masks;
 - 2) Monitor the water supply production process as a normal standard;
 - 3) Closely monitor the water distribution pipe system not to break or leak;
 - 4) The officers in charge of the water supply production control must comply with the Ministry of Public Health's guidelines including frequent hands washing, wearing face masks and keep physical distancing at least 1- 2 meters with others; and
 5. Always keep the water supply facilities clean.

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.