

Thailand situation update on 27 October 2020

1. International Situation

As of 27 October 2020, there were a total of 43,824,534 confirmed cases with 79,112 patients in critical condition and 1,165,290 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 (8,962,783), India (7,946,429), Brazil (5,411,550), Russia (1,547,774), France (1,165,278), Spain (1,156,498), Argentina (1,102,301), Colombia (1,025,052), Mexico (895,326), and England (894,690). The 54th is the People's Republic of China (91,176 cases, as well as 5,304 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 26 October 2020 showed that 7,589,310 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 3,357 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	7,589,310	3,357
• Airport screening* (48,620 flights)	4,665,075	3,337
• Seaports**	181,297	2
• Ground ports***	2,404,459	18
• Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road****	338,479	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 27 October 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 1,746 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 484,014 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	911,424
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	484,014
<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)	484,014
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	3,357
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (148,681 cases in private hospitals, and 331,888 cases in public hospitals) 	480,569
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao 	88
Confirmed cases	3,746
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovered and discharged from hospitals 	3,551
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergoing Treatment 	136
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deaths 	59
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,746
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Transmission 	2,451
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imported Cases 	1,295
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designated Quarantine Places* 	798

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). 2,113 cases are male, and 1,633 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.29:1). In terms of nationality, 3,282 cases are Thai, 455 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 9 cases.

219 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,527 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, 798 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 Department of Health (DOH), MOPH, revealed regarding the COVID-19 French woman patient and SARS-CoV-2 was found on the surface of the fitness equipment in the fitness room of the quarantine place. The owner of the fitness facility is ordered to strictly keep the places clean and follow the guideline for COVID-19 prevention and control including set up a registration and screening point, have trainers and other workers wear masks and maintain 1 - 2 meters distancing, limit the number of service users not to be crowded and clean all machines and touched surfaces frequently both before and after each use.
- The Governor of Tak province ordered to unlock the Thung-Thong community at Madinah Mosque area with over 3,000 Thais and Myanmars to be back to their normal way of living after the lockdown following occurrence of 5 Myanmar COVID-19 cases. This unlockdown order is based on the recent results of the community screening test that showed no additional cases. The school located opposite to the community can also be reopened but with a strict disease preventive measures.
- Maesot City Municipality, Tak province, announced to suspend the Loy Krathong Festival 2020 to prevent COVID-19 from mass gathering of people both inside and outside the municipality. However, people can float the Krathong while keeping strict disease preventive measures according to the government advice.

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.