

## Thailand situation update on 28 October 2020

### 1. International Situation

As of 28 October 2020, there were a total of 44,295,172 confirmed cases with 80,159 patients in critical condition and 1,172,879 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 (9,038,030), India (7,990,322), Brazil (5,440,903), Russia (1,563,976), France (1,198,695), Spain (1,174,916), Argentina (1,116,609), Colombia (1,033,218), England (917,575), and Mexico (901,268), and. The 55th is the People's Republic of China (91,225 cases, as well as 5,311 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 27 October 2020 showed that 7,594,524 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 3,367 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>	7,594,524	3,367
• Airport screening* (48,692 flights)	4,666,544	3,347
• Seaports**	181,475	2
• Ground ports***	2,406,148	18
• Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road****	340,357	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 28 October 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 2,007 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 486,021 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
<b>Total number of laboratory tests</b>	913,431
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People who met the PUI criteria</li> </ul>	486,021
<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>	486,021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detected from ports of entry</li> </ul>	3,367
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (149,058 cases in private hospitals, and 333,508 cases in public hospitals)</li> </ul>	482,566
<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>	3,759
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recovered and discharged from hospitals</li> </ul>	3,561
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undergoing Treatment</li> </ul>	139
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deaths</li> </ul>	59
<b>Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases</b>	3,759
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Transmission</li> </ul>	2,451
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Imported Cases</li> </ul>	1,308
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Designated Quarantine Places*</li> </ul>	811

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). 2,121 cases are male, and 1,638 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.29:1). In terms of nationality, 3,294 cases are Thai, 456 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 9 cases.

219 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,540 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, 811 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 Disease Control (DDC), MOPH, revealed the progress of the situation control in Koh Samui following the COVID-19 French woman case. The investigation team has tracked almost all the close contacts. Among the 46 high-risk contacts, the 41 specimens collected for laboratory testing were all negative. Among the other 4 contacts (1 taxi driver and 3 people who visited the same bar as the patient), one has been found and taken to a quarantine facility and specimens will be collected for testing. While 80 low-risk contacts are in the process of tracking and will be monitored for the symptoms for 14 days.
- In Suratthani province, Koh-Samui District Office, Koh-Samui Hospital, Koh-Samui District Public Health Office, Koh-Samui Transport Office rehearsed the plan for accommodation of tourists traveling to Koh Samui. Starting with screening airplane passengers arriving Samui International Airport including checking of body temperature and certified documents on COVID-19 free status from the country of origin. Then all passengers are required to proceed to the QR Code registration point. Upon completing all required processes, a bus will come to pick them up to the hotels that serve as Alternate State Quarantine (ASQ) for 14 days quarantine project, which has 8 hotels participating. There are 8 hotels that serve as the ASQ in Koh Samui.
- Deputy Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) Governor said the Loy Krathong Festival 2020 under the theme “New Normal Style Loi Krathong Festival” will be held in the main areas of Bangkok as follows:
  1. Rama VIII Bridge area, Bang-Phlat district, Thonburi;
  2. Ong-Ang canal area, from Saphan-Han to Saphan-Phanu, Samphanthawong district and Phra-Nakhon district; and
  3. Loy Krathong Festival events in all 50 BMA districts.

Moreover, 30 public parks will be opened for people to float their krathongs. This year there are COVID-19 preventive measures by setting up screening temperature check points and alcohol gel sanitizer for hand washing, encourage to wearing masks and keep physical distancing.

- The Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) chaired by the Prime Minister has approved the extension of the enforcement period of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations 2005 for COVID-19 control from 31 October 2020 to 30 November 2020.

### 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.

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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.