

## Thailand situation update on 30 October 2020

### 1. International Situation

As of 30 October 2020, there were a total of 45,393,188 confirmed cases with 82,341 patients in critical condition and 1,187,272 COVID-19 deaths across more than 216 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 (9,214,994), India (8,088,851), Brazil (5,496,402), Russia (1,599,976), France (1,282,769), Spain (1,238,922), Argentina (1,143,800), Colombia (1,053,122), England (965,340), and Mexico (912,811). The 56th is the People's Republic of China (91,300 cases, as well as 5,314 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 29 October 2020 showed that 7,605,586 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 3,431 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>	7,605,586	3,431
• Airport screening* (48,842 flights)	4,669,536	3,411
• Seaports**	181,817	2
• Ground ports***	2,410,591	18
• Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road****	343,642	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 30 October 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 1,008 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 488,765 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>	916,175
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People who met the PUI criteria</li> </ul>	488,765
<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>	488,765
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detected from ports of entry</li> </ul>	3,431
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (149,932 cases in private hospitals, and 335,314 cases in public hospitals)</li> </ul>	485,246
<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>	3,775
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recovered and discharged from hospitals</li> </ul>	3,585
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undergoing Treatment</li> </ul>	131
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deaths</li> </ul>	59
<b>Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases</b>	3,775
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Transmission</li> </ul>	2,451
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Imported Cases</li> </ul>	1,324
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Designated Quarantine Places*</li> </ul>	827

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). 2,129 cases are male, and 1,646 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.29:1). In terms of nationality, 3,303 cases are Thai, 463 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 9 cases.

224 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,551 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, 827 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, MOPH, revealed that a Myanmar migrant worker infected with SARS-CoV-2 was found in Phatthalung province. The lab result showed small quantity of genetic material of the pathogen while immunity test result is being awaited. The three high risk closed contact persons were quarantined and the test results turned out to be all negative. All relevant agencies in the area are intensively implementing the disease prevention and control measures including the contact tracing to ensure the public safety.
- The Department of Health, MOPH, revealed that during the COVID-19 situation, the mass gathering of people in Loy Krathong festival events will cause closed contact increasing the risk of COVID-19. Therefore, all people need to follow the prevention measures strictly by wearing mask, keeping social distancing, and washing hands frequently. The department also suggested that people celebrate the festival via online platform instead to prevent the COVID-19 and help reducing waste.
- The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Health, in a press interview after the 8th/B.E.2563 meeting of the National Communicable Disease Committee, revealed that the COVID-19 risk in Thailand is at a low level. Almost all of the new cases found currently had come from overseas. The National Communicable Disease Committee has approved the National Quarantine Policy to support the opening of the country to restore the economy and the people's livelihoods in the long run. The three new measures comprise 1) the disease quarantine system and the quarantine facilities for exposed persons, 2) the administrative mechanisms linking works between national and provincial levels, and 3) the integrated data management system. The Committee has also approved reducing the quarantine period from 14 days to 10 days. Nevertheless, safety must still be focused on including the intensive contact tracing system and the people's new normal preventive behavior. The Committee's approved new measures will be presented to the Center for Covid-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) for further consideration.

### 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

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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.