

Thailand situation update on 11 November 2020

1. International Situation

Type of case	Total number	Rate of Increase
Confirmed case	51,865,619	+578,371
Deaths	1,280,592	2.50%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total number of PUI*
Total number of new case	+3
• Cases found positive from the state quarantine (Imported)	2
• Cases found positive outside state quarantine (Imported)	1
• Cases were infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	0
Confirmed cases	3,847
• Designated Quarantine Places	889
• Local Transmission	2,453
• Imported cases	1,394
• Recovered and discharged from hospitals	3,685 (+15)
• Undergoing treatment	102 (95.79%)
• Deaths	60 (1.56%)

Remark: *PUI (Patients Under Investigation)

Type of patient	Total number of PUI
Total number of screened people	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Point of entry (Airport, Ground port and Seaport) 	7,311,039
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who renew their passports at Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana 	353,562
Total number of laboratory tests	932,320
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	504,910
<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)	504,910
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	3,512
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (153,500 cases in private hospitals, and 347,810 cases in public hospitals) 	501,310
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao 	88

3. Thailand Precautions

- The National Vaccine Institute Director said that Chulalongkorn University had conducted a COVID-19 vaccine trial according to the plan and has been preparing to test it in humans during January - February 2021 when the Pfizer Company can identify which types of immunity have the protection against the virus. This will help the research in Thailand in comparing the immunity results to the standard protocol. In the third week of this November, Thai authorities will meet with the Pfizer Company on the vaccine insight data. In addition, they also has been considering the priority groups for the vaccine according to the risk. It is clear that the first group is the health care workers. The other risk groups are under consideration. It is expected that the decision will come out by the end of December to be ready for proposing to the National Vaccine Board for further consideration.

- Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Health mentioned about the investigation of the COVID-19 infected International VIP that it is more likely that the infection occurred in the country of origin. Therefore, it must be emphasized to the airline and the embassy that approved the exit of people and more strict measures must be taken. As the infected people were found in the quarantine places and almost all incoming flights, the MOPH, thus, has decided to keep the 14 day-quarantine period.
- Director of the Division of Epidemiology (DOE), Department of Disease Control (DDC), gave a press conference regarding the detection of a COVID-19 infected military officer, who came to attend the final planning meeting for the Cobra Gold 21 practice at Ban Chang, Rayong province, at the Incheon International Airport upon returning to South Korea. There were 202 Thai and foreign military officers attending the meeting. The participated soldiers comprised 12 U.S., 5 Koreans, 2 each from the Republic of Indonesia, Commonwealth of Australia, and 1 each from the Republic of Singapore, Japan, the People's Republic of China and India. The remaining 177 were Thai soldiers.
- Currently, both the central and local disease investigation and control teams, together with the Health Department, Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) have implemented the investigation at the accommodated hotels and the meeting hotel. Relevant information has been gathering to identify the low and high risk contacts. However, attending the meeting for more than 15 minutes is considered high risk. All Thai Soldiers who participated in the training have been under quarantine and received specimen collection for COVID-19 testing. Results are awaiting regarding the foreign soldiers, the coordination has been carried out through the International Health Regulations (IHR) National Focal Points of the country of origin. It is possible that the infection occurred 1) in the Republic of Korea, 2) the quarantine places, and 3) during the meeting.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

Most of the infected people during the previous week (4 - 11 November 2020) were detected in the designated quarantine places both the State Quarantine (SQ) and the Alternative State Quarantine (ASQ). It is noted with concern that most of the countries of origin are those with high disease incidences in the European continent. Therefore, strict screening measures have to be implemented for the people who have travel history from those countries.