

Thailand situation update on 4 December 2020

1. International Situation

Type of case	Total number	Rate of Increase
Confirmed case	65,595,750	+690,681
Deaths	1,513,077	2.31%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total number of PUI*
Total number of new case	+14
• Cases found positive from the state quarantine (Imported)	13
• Cases found positive outside state quarantine (Imported)	0
• Cases were infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	1
Confirmed cases	4,053
• Designated Quarantine Places	1,081
• Local Transmission	2,455
• Imported cases	1,598
• Recovered and discharged from hospitals	3,839 (+7)
• Undergoing treatment	154 (94.72%)
• Deaths	60 (1.48%)

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) 	7,414,581
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who renew their passports at Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana 	380,774
Total number of laboratory tests	958,058
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	530,648
<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)	530,648
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	3,629
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (159,238 cases in private hospitals, and 367,693 cases in public hospitals) 	526,931
<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 Ministry of Public Health's Permanent Secretary explained that Thai people will receive the SARS-CoV-2 vaccine from the government free of charge. The first 26 million doses are expected to be available by mid-2021. There will be an established committee to consider the priority target groups who need access to the vaccine. The Permanent Secretary also ensured that the vaccination will be managed properly.
- The Director General of the Department of Disease Control (DDC) stated regarding the guideline for temporary closing of schools or business enterprises in case of confirmed COVID-19 cases occur. If one or more confirmed cases are found, the classes with the cases and other sectors that had contacts with the cases, according to the disease investigation, must be closed for 3 days for cleansing of the areas. For those places without any cases but had contact history, there is no need to close the places but monitoring of the symptoms among the contacts is needed.

- Chiang Rai province, public governance officials and soldiers of Pamuang Force set up the checking points in risk areas along the border from Mae Sai district to Chiang Saen district for ceasing smugglers through the natural border paths. They also installed lights and CCTV, established barricades or barbed wire fences in risk areas, and provided public health staff to check body temperatures of drivers and passengers who cross the borders for disease prevention and control.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

According to the continued detection of COVID-19 Thai cases traveled back from Myanmar through natural border paths in several provinces by official and unofficial public transports. Some of them then travelled by plane to other provinces. Some also entered crowded places such as local fairs and entertainment places where most people did not wear masks. Hence, this has created a high risk of local transmission of COVID-19 in the country. Therefore, surveillance must be strengthened in patients with respiratory symptoms especially those with risk history. The prevention of smuggling into the country and active disease surveillance in these groups as well as entertainment places like pubs are crucial. The risk communication to the public to maintain strict compliance with preventive measures including mask wearing, frequent hands washing, social distancing, and scanning of Thai Chana platform must be re-emphasized.