

Thailand situation update on 5 December 2020

1. International Situation

Type of case	Total number	Rate of Increase
Confirmed case	66,288,887	+693,137
Deaths	1,525,594	2.30%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total number of PUI*
Total number of new case	+19
• Cases found positive from the state quarantine (Imported)	13
• Cases found positive outside state quarantine (Imported)	4
• Cases were infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	2
Confirmed cases	4,072
• Designated Quarantine Places	1,094
• Local Transmission	2,457
• Imported cases	1,615
• Recovered and discharged from hospitals	3,848 (+9)
• Undergoing treatment	164 (94.50%)
• Deaths	60 (1.47%)

Remark: *PUI (Patients Under Investigation)

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 Situation

by Emergency Operations Center, Department of Disease Control

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) 	7,419,688
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who renew their passports at Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana 	380,855
Total number of laboratory tests	959,386
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	531,976
<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)	531,976
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	3,634
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (159,627 cases in private hospitals, and 368,627 cases in public hospitals) 	528,254
<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

- Chiang Rai province had ordered to close down the entertainment place where the seven infected COVID-19 cases were found in Muang Chiang Rai district for 14 days and closed the 3 restaurants where the infected person and friends went to eat and drink for 7 days. Now, the places are under the sterilization and cleansing process. The 3 biosafety vehicles had been used for COVID-19 laboratory detection service for people at the Singha Park, Mueang Chiang Rai District and Mae Sai District. So far, 2,121 people had been tested for COVID-19 disease from 2 - 4 December and 1,474 persons had negative results while 647 persons are awaiting results.
- Mae Hong Son Provincial Governor ordered the tightening measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The Mae Hong Son Provincial Communicable Disease Committee inspected the Ban Mae Sam Lab relief point, Sop Moei district, which is one of the five relief points bordering Myanmar. In addition, the Governor also gave a policy to adjust the Mae Lam Salween river area to be a flea market to welcome the future tourists which is a policy to support and promote tourist visits during the coming summer.
- Pichit Provincial Governor said that Pichit Provincial Communicable Disease Committee had a resolution to close two entertainment venues where SAR-CoV-2 infected person had visited for 14 days from 2 December 2020 onward. The place has been now under cleansing process. Coordination with the Ministry of Labor's local agency to urgently seek compensation criteria for entrepreneurs and employees of the entertainment places had also been done.

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 Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai, Phayao, Bangkok, Phichit and Ratchaburi 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 group 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. The public is also advised to follow the COVID-19 situation from the CCSA, the Ministry of Public Health and other trusted sources of information.