

Thailand situation update on 8 December 2020

1. International Situation

Type of case	Total number	Rate of Increase
Confirmed case	67,993,236	+553,128
Deaths	1,551,599	2.28%

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)	14
• Cases found positive outside state quarantine (Imported)	1
• Cases were infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	4
Confirmed cases	4,126
• Designated Quarantine Places	1,139
• Local Transmission	2,461
• Imported cases	1,665
• Recovered and discharged from hospitals	3,874 (+6)
• Undergoing treatment	192 (93.89%)
• Deaths	60 (1.45%)

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) 	7,432,523
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who renew their passports at Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana 	384,667
Total number of laboratory tests	962,906
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	535,496
<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)	535,496
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	3,637
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (160,744 cases in private hospitals, and 371,027 cases in public hospitals) 	531,771
<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 invited Chiang Rai residents to clean up houses, public areas, temples, schools, tourist attractions, shops, department stores, government offices and private offices on December 10, 2020 at 10.00 a.m. It also urged all people to wear masks (100% coverage) to prevent the spread COVID - 19 and build public confidence for all people in the whole country.
- The Royal Thai Armed Forces Headquarters strictly implemented control of illegal immigration in 3 levels which are 1) the areas bordered to Myanmar: assigned patrol and control teams, installed CCTV cameras and drones, as well as intelligence cooperation with the authorities in Myanmar, 2) the border and inner areas: set up checkpoints, and 3) the inner areas: established inspection teams to monitor business places with migrant workers as well as places that violate the laws or do not follow disease preventive measures.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

Concerning the COVID-19 situation in Myanmar, there were 98,048 cases and 1,527 new cases on 7 December. Moreover, the continued detection of COVID-19 Thai cases traveled back from Myanmar through natural border paths in several provinces had caused public concerns on the risk of the disease spreading into the country. The 10 provinces bordered to Myanmar, therefore, have implemented strict control of illegal immigration and have advised the people wishing to return from neighboring countries to use the official Port of Entry (POE) and enter the state quarantine regime. Currently, surveillance has been strengthened in patients with respiratory symptoms especially those with risk history. The prevention of illegal border crossings into the country and active disease surveillance in these groups as well as entertainment places are implemented. 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.