

Thailand situation update on 14 December 2020

1. International Situation

Type of case	Total number	Rate of Increase
Confirmed case	72,707,170	+534,001
Deaths	1,620,176	2.23%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total number of PUI*
Total number of new case	+28
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cases found positive from the state quarantine (Imported) 	27
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cases found positive outside state quarantine (Imported) 	0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cases were infected in Thailand (Local transmission) 	1
Confirmed cases	4,237
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designated Quarantine Places 	1,243
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Transmission 	2,463
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imported cases 	1,774
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovered and discharged from hospitals 	3,940 (+17)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergoing treatment 	237 (92.99%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deaths 	60 (1.42%)

Remark: *PUI (Patients Under Investigation)

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 Situation

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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) 	7,461,206
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who renew their passports at Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana 	390,074
Total number of laboratory tests	972,051
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	544,641
<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)	544,641
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	3,679
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (164,542 cases in private hospitals, and 376,332 cases in public hospitals) 	540,874
<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

- Pha Muang Forces and police officers in the border area of Chiang Rai province patrolled together along the land and marine borders to prevent illegal border crossing through natural border paths. The mission targets Thai people in the Tachileik township of Myanmar to return to the country via the official border checkpoints.
- Pak-Chong District Health Office, Nakhon Ratchasima province, reported prosecution against the organizer of Big Mountain Music Festival for not following the order to close the venue and continued to hold the concert until 22.00 p.m. on 13 December 2020, which is a violation of the Communicable Diseases Act 2015, section 34 and 35.
- The Public Health Minister said that the new year countdown events are able to be organized with new normal measures by keeping social distance, checking temperature, limiting the number of participants, and publicizing all measures in advance.
- The Prime Minister requested the people to strictly follow all preventive measures including venue check-in through the “ThaiChana” platform. Venue owners are requested to provide QR code and follow the government’s preventive measures strictly.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

Most of the new COVID-19 cases in Thailand currently are from the quarantine facilities. There were some cases that had been positive at the second round of sample collection. One case who had 3 rounds of negative laboratory test results at a private hospital (Alternate State Quarantine, ASQ). But when he wanted to return home and came to test for the infection again, it was found to be positive. The same samples taken at the ASQ were re-examined at the Department of Medical Sciences, the results were positive. Besides, the two new infected people were found in the quarantine facilities from the same inbound flight to Thailand but from a different country of origin who did not stay in the same quarantine facility, and were seated 5 rows apart during the flight. Therefore, the laboratory quality examination including a genomic sequencing will help determine the nature of the infection of these infected people.