

Thailand situation update on 18 December 2020

1. International Situation

Type of case	Total number	Rate of Increase
Confirmed case	75,353,748	+756,171
Deaths	1,669,815	2.22%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total number of PUI*
Total number of new case	+16
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cases found positive from the state quarantine (Imported) 	15
<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	4,297
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designated Quarantine Places 	1,302
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Transmission 	2,464
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imported cases 	1,833
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovered and discharged from hospitals 	4,005 (+16)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergoing treatment 	232 (93.20%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deaths 	60 (1.40%)

Remark: *PUI (Patients Under Investigation)

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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) 	7,481,281
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who renew their passports at Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana 	397,870
Total number of laboratory tests	979,724
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	552,314
<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)	552,314
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	3,725
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (166,727 cases in private hospitals, and 381,774 cases in public hospitals) 	548,501
<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 market in Samut Sakhon province cooperated to close for 1 day to do a big cleaning. While the shrimp raft where a COVID-19 confirmed case was found will be closed for 3 days for cleaning and sterilization. It was emphasized that both public and private hospitals increase the active surveillance of people with the disease symptoms, in particular those who have a history of visiting the shrimp raft during the past 14 days. Moreover, the police are to intensively enforce violating people who do not wear masks in the public by issuing a fine not exceeding 20,000 baht.
- Samut Sakhon Provincial Recruitment Officer announced the employment of migrant workers in the province to the establishment employers that hires migrant workers to do the followings: 1) hire only migrant workers who legally enter the I city, 2) employers must have all their migrant workers who have just moved in tested for COVID-19, and 3) employers must secure that all migrant workers take strict preventive measures according to the Ministry of Public Health's advice.
- Chai Nat province allowed the boxing match to be held during the fair at Sri-Dao-Rueang temple in Po-Ngam sub-district, Sankhaburi district on December 29, 2020, under the condition that boxers, referees, trainers and other involved persons who may have close contact during the match are to get the COVID-19 test before the match.
- Yala province ordered officers and people to strictly follow the disease prevention and control measures of COVID-19 by establishing measures to control the border area and the community or village areas and a surveillance measures to monitor people, service providers, and activities.
- Nakhon Ratchasima province, the organizer of the Korat Countdown Festival 2021 had announced the cancellation of the event from 25 to 31 December 2020 at Mayfair Market due to the concerns on situation of the COVID-19.
- The Department of Land Transport instructed the transport operators including all types of public transport service providers and all bus stations operators to strictly implement preventive measures of the government and the Ministry of Transport. The people were also asked for cooperation to follow the government's advice especially mask wearing, hand washing, social distancing and scanning the Thaichana application.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

During the past month, 61 confirmed cases were those who traveled back from Tachilek township, Myanmar. The first case was found on 30 November 2020 with an average of 5 cases per day (minimum 1 case, maximum 9 cases). Most of these cases worked at entertainment places. In addition, the surveillance system had detected the last case who came back through the natural border path on 8 December 2020.



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Currently, infected people traveling from Tachileik township, Myanmar, were continuously detected at the state quarantine facilities in Thailand. Some were also detected in Myanmar and were sent back to be admitted at the hospitals in Thailand. These cases have low risk of transmitting the disease into the community and thus controllable. However, the disease still continue to occur in Myanmar and a lot of Thais would like to return home. Therefore, intensive and continuous surveillance of infected people travelling from Myanmar is required especially in border provinces.