

Thailand situation update on 25 December 2020

1. International Situation

Type of case	Total number	Rate of Increase
Confirmed cases	79,807,969	+1,371,009
Deaths	1,750,901	2.19%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total number of PUI*
Total number of new cases	81
• Cases found positive from the state quarantine (Imported)	9
• Cases found positive outside state quarantine (Imported)	0
• Cases were infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	37
• Cases were infected migrant workers (Active case finding)	35
Total number of confirmed cases	5,910
• Cases were imported from overseas	1,943
• Cases were infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	2,659
• Cases were infected migrant workers (Active case finding)	1,308
Total number of confirmed cases	5,910
• Total recovered and discharged from hospitals - New recovered and discharged from hospitals	4,130 (69.88%) 21
• Staying in designated quarantine places	1,219 (20.63%)
• Undergoing treatment	501 (8.48%)
• Deaths	60 (1.01%)

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) 	7,514,972
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who renew their passports at Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana 	405,416
Total number of laboratory tests	1,014,472
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	587,062
<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)	587,062
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	3,754
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (172,391 cases in private hospitals, and 401,829 cases in public hospitals) 	574,220
<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 Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) issued the COVID-19 preventive and control measures for festival celebration in non-entertainment or business places called the D-M-H-T measure. The celebration event should be held in open space, limit number of participants not to be crowded (not more than 50% of the space), separate the area for a small group of participants and have adequate walk paths. In addition, the organizers must submit, in advance, an event plan and practical disease prevention and control measures to the Provincial or the BMA Communicable Disease Committee. Moreover, the event planning must be approved then the control agencies must arrange a disease control officer to coordinate with the relevant agencies to investigate and monitor the event organization in accordance with the planned measures.

- The Ministry of Public Health set up a field hospital at the Central Shrimp Market, Samut-Sakhon province to accommodate patients with respiratory infections or those who have risk of pathogen spreading. This field hospital will be used for Myanmar migrant workers without symptoms or have mild symptoms. Those with quite severe symptoms will be referred to the provincial hospital. The outbreak area had been divided into 3 zones: the red zone is the dormitory area, the orange zone is the waiting area for treatment and screening, and the green zone is the basic nursing point. There are 30 beds available with the maximum of 100 beds.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

From the COVID-19 outbreak in Samut-Sakhon province, the disease had rapidly spread to nearby provinces and expanded to other provinces. There were also a second generation transmission in some provinces. Besides the infection among migrant workers, there was also an outbreak in a party. Moreover, source of infection can not be identified in some cases. This indicated that the infection might have already been spreading in that area for a while. Therefore, to prevent the disease during the New Year festival, people should take time with their families, stop unnecessary traveling, refrain from parties, and keep social distancing.