

Thailand situation update on 26 December 2020

1. International Situation

Type of case	Total number	Rate of Increase
Confirmed cases	79,807,969	+458,525
Deaths	1,758,906	2.20%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total number of PUI*
Total number of new cases	110
• Cases found positive from the state quarantine (Imported)	16
• Cases found positive outside state quarantine (Imported)	0
• Cases were infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	94
• Cases were infected migrant workers (Active case finding)	30
Total number of confirmed cases	6,020
• Cases were imported from overseas	1,959
• Cases were infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	2,723
• Cases were infected migrant workers (Active case finding)	1,338
Total number of confirmed cases	6,020
• Staying in designated quarantine places	1,249 (20.75%)
• Total recovered and discharged from hospitals - New recovered and discharged from hospitals	4,152 (68.97%) 15
• Undergoing treatment	559 (9.28%)
• Deaths	60 (1%)

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) 	7,519,740
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who renew their passports at Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana 	405,509
Total number of laboratory tests	1,021,733
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	594,323
<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)	594,323
<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 (178,985 cases in private hospitals, and 411,496 cases in public hospitals) 	590,481
<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 National Buddhism Office announced the cancellation of the Buddhist Prayers Ceremony in temples across the country as the COVID-19 preventive measures. However, there will be a live broadcast of the Buddha Mantra Charity Ceremony from Wat Arun Ratchawararam Worawihan for the public to watch and join the Chittaphavana via the Television Channels (7 HD and NBT 2HD) including online media of Wat Arun Ratchawararam, National Buddhism Office, and the 9 MCOT on 31 December 2020 at 11:00 p.m. until the end of the ceremony.
- Government Gazette Office disseminated the requirements and practices to government agencies during the current COVID-19 outbreak, issued in accordance with Section 9 of the Emergencies Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations, B.E. 2548 (No.15) including: 1) Prohibit to enter risk areas. 2) Give power to the Provincial Governors to close risk places, and 3) Prohibit to gather in crowded places, 4) Prohibit to move migrant workers, 5) Strictly enforce the disease preventive measures. 6. The Operations Center of the CCSA

is the steering unit for all government and related agencies, 7) The Provincial and the BMA Governors are commanders to solve emergency situations in accordance with the measures prescribed by the CCSA, and 8) Announcements and orders issued by the Provincial and the BMA Governors prior to this requirements and practices shall be effective as before.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

Due to the new outbreaks of COVID-19 with the tendency spreading to more provinces across the country with various risk factors such as the virusstrain, close contact with asymptomatic infected persons, travelling by public transportation, and crowded places or communities. Therefore, the combined measures for prevention and control of the transmission must be implemented including maintaining personal hygiene, screening for infected people, or even locking down the risk areas. The non-pharmaceutical intervention (NPI) by the risk-area lockdown measures have been proven successful in 10 European countries (Flaxman et al.). However, the measures must be used appropriately along with other measures such as face mask wearing and maintaining personal hygiene to get the best outcomes.