

Thailand situation update on 28 December 2020

1. International Situation

Type of cases	Total number	Rate of Increase
Confirmed cases	81,193,597	+423,171
Deaths	1,773,080	2.18%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total number of PUI*
Total number of new cases	144
• Cases found in the state quarantine centers (Imported)	15
• Cases found outside the state quarantine centers (Imported)	0
• Cases were infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	115
• Cases were infected migrant workers (Active case finding)	14
Total number of confirmed cases	6,285
• Cases found in the state quarantine centers (Imported)	1,450
• Cases found outside the state quarantine centers (Imported)	533
• Cases were infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	2,932
• Cases were infected migrant workers (Active case finding)	1,370
Total number of confirmed cases	6,285
• Total recovered and discharged from hospitals	4,180 (66.51%)
• New recovered and discharged from hospitals	19
• Undergoing treatment	2,045 (32.54%)
• Deaths	60 (0.95%)

Remark: *PUI (Patients Under Investigation)

Type of patient	Total number of PUI
Total number of screened people	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ports of entry (Airport, Ground port and Seaport) 	7,527,572
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who renew their passports at Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana 	406,987
Total number of laboratory tests	1,042,679
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	615,269
<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)	615,269
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	3,767
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (182,352 cases in private hospitals, and 429,062 cases in public hospitals) 	611,414
<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 Governor of Samut-Sakhon province issued an order to suspend public transport services, not to stop and park the buses as follows: 1) public bus transportation of route category 2 and 3 with starting or destination in Samut-Sakhon are not allowed to enter or exit the area, and 2) public bus transportation of route category 2 and 3 under the conditions in the license to pass through Samut-Sakhon are not allowed to stop to pick up or let passengers get off in the area. Anyone violates or does not comply with the rule shall be punished under Section 52 of the Communicable Diseases Act B.E. 2558 (2015), i.e., shall be liable to imprisonment for not exceeding one year and a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand baht or both. Moreover, under Section 18 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situation, B.E. 2548 (2005), he or she shall be liable to imprisonment not exceeding 2 years and a fine not exceeding 40 thousand baht or both. In addition, the Samut-Sakhon Transport Office also suspended the training for obtaining a driving license, driver's identification card and licenses for new vehicle service persons.

- The Governor of Rayong province signed the order No.18388/B.E.2563 on the urgent measures for prevention and control of COVID-19 (Issue No.1), dated 26 December 2020 to be effective from 28 December 2020 onwards, to close at risk places in the province including boxing stadium, boxing training center, chicken fighting ground, chicken training ground, snooker and billiard establishments. Places in Mueang Rayong district are to be closed as follows; 1) Pubs and bars and similar entertainment establishments, 2) Educational institution, tutoring schools and art schools, sport learning centers, public and private occupation training centers, 3) Public and private child care centers, 4) Nurseries except for long term stay service, 5) Elderly care centers except for long term stay service, 6) Massages business of all types, 7) Game shops, internet cafes, and karaoke shops 8) Beauty clinics, tattoo shops, fitness centers, public swimming pools, 9) Museum, knowledge parks, learning centers, or any other similar places, 10) Public libraries, 11) Theaters, 12) Water parks, playgrounds, and amusement parks, and 13) Department stores, shopping centers, and community malls. Others places allowed to open include supermarkets, drug stores, necessary miscellaneous good shops for daily life, telecommunication retail stores, banks, public offices and state enterprises. Restaurants in shopping malls are allowed to open for takeaway food only. For areas outside Mueang Rayong district, pub, bar, entertainment places or similar entertainment businesses are allowed to open until 24 p.m.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

From situation monitoring of the current COVID-19 outbreak, it was found that risk factors were people gathering such as banquets and gambling places. The disease had spread to other provinces. Therefore, social distancing measures must be emphasized. Avoiding or postponing activities with people gathering must be done. The current outbreaks had shown that infections were found in people of all age groups but most of them had mild symptoms or were asymptomatic and no deaths had been found. However, the risk groups of severe illness still include the elderly and those with underlying diseases that need strict self-protection measures. In case of abnormal symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat, loss of smell or taste, seeking immediate treatment is crucial.