

Thailand situation update on 29 December 2020

1. International Situation

Type of case	Total number	Rate of Increase
Confirmed cases	81,733,053	+539,456
Deaths	1,782,992	2.18%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total number of PUI*
Total number of new cases	155
• Cases found in the state quarantine centers (Imported)	10
• Cases found outside the state quarantine centers (Imported)	0
• Cases were infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	134
• Cases were infected migrant workers (Active case finding)	11
Total number of confirmed cases	6,440
• Cases found in the state quarantine centers (Imported)	1,460
• Cases found outside the state quarantine centers (Imported)	533
• Cases were infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	3,066
• Cases were infected migrant workers (Active case finding)	1,381
Total number of confirmed cases	6,440
• Total recovered and discharged from hospitals	4,184 (64.97%)
- New recovered and discharged from hospitals	4
• Undergoing treatment	2,195 (34.08%)
• Deaths	61 (0.95%)
- New deaths	1

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) 	7,531,579
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who renew their passports at Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana 	408,237
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 BMA Communicable Disease Committee had a resolution to close 4 types of places: 1) horse racing grounds, 2) cockfighting rings and cockfighting training rings, 3) bull fighting fields, fighting fish fields and other similar animal fighting fields, and 4) entertainment places which have activities according to the Entertainment Place Act B.E. 2509 (1966) Section 3 and section 4 e.g. dancing, staff to entertain consumers, massages and bathing, musical show, light and sound show, karaoke, and restaurant selling alcoholic beverages after midnight, from 29 December 2020 to 4 January 2021. The situation will be assessed if these places can be allowed to reopen on 5 January 2021 or not.
- The Governor of Tak province signed the order of Tak province No. 3637/2020 regarding the COVID-19 prevention and control measures in Mae Sot district on 28 December 2020 to refrain all types of taxi service both those of the private and cooperative sectors, until 3 January 2021. In addition, starting from 28 December 2020 onwards, all religious ceremony and activities in groups of more than 20 people at any location are to be refrained. In case of

necessary activities, permission can be sought from the District Chief on a case by case basis.

- Chonburi Provincial Communicable Disease Committee announced the Province Order No. 34/2020 dated 28 December 2020 that approved the COVID-19 measures in Chonburi province area as follows: 1) Close all boxing stadiums and cockfighting rings, 2) Entertainment places and similar places to pubs, bars, and karaoke shops are allowed for sit-in food consumption but must refrain from dancing and open not after 24.00 hrs., 3) Task the District Disease Control Center to carry out surveillance for risky places and report to the Committee urgently, and 4) In case of necessary people gathering activities, the responsible persons must submit the request for permission together with clear reasons.
- The Governor of Rayong province raised another four districts to be the disease controlled areas including Ban-Chang, Klaeng, Nikhom-Phatthana, and Ban-Khai and commanded closing of schools, pubs and bars and all entertainment places, playgrounds, child care centers, elderly people care centers, massage and bathing shops, game shops, internet cafes, beauty clinics, libraries, tattoo shops, theaters, water parks, and shopping malls except supermarkets. banks, government places, and mobile stores. Restaurants in shopping malls are allowed only take-away service. Sale and drink of alcohol beverages in restaurants are prohibited. Movement of migrant workers is prohibited. At present, all Thais and Thai migrant workers are requested for their cooperation to temporarily stop coming back to their hometown.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

The surveillance of COVID-19 during 27 - 29 December 2020 found the outbreaks in 45 provinces (58% of the total 77 provinces) with a continuous increasing trend. Risk factors included participation in activities without precautions such as not wearing masks and not keeping social distancing. In order to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading, the government sectors: public health, interior, and governance, therefore, accelerated and supported the public to increase the mask wearing coverage to be close to 100%. They also emphasized that various establishments implement social distancing measures. One COVID-19 death was found in a person who had underlying diseases (diabetes and heart disease). This was communicated to the public that this risk group should maintain their health and avoid contacting people with respiratory infection symptoms. In case of illness, they should seek prompt treatment.