

Thailand situation update on 30 December 2020

1. International Situation

Type of case	Total number	Rate of Increase
Confirmed cases	82,408,437	+675,384
Deaths	1,798,508	2.18%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total number of PUI*
Total number of new cases	250
• Cases found in the state quarantine centers (Imported)	8
• Cases found outside the state quarantine centers (Imported)	1
• Cases were infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	239
• Cases were infected migrant workers (Active case finding)	2
Total number of confirmed cases	6,690
• Cases found in the state quarantine centers (Imported)	1,468
• Cases found outside the state quarantine centers (Imported)	534
• Cases were infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	3,305
• Cases were infected migrant workers (Active case finding)	1,383
Total number of confirmed cases	6,690
• Total recovered and discharged from hospitals - New recovered and discharged from hospitals	4,212 (62.96%) 28
• Undergoing treatment	2,417 (36.13%)
• Death - New deaths	61 (0.91%) 0

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) 	7,536,015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who renew their passports at Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana 	409,550
Total number of laboratory tests	1,050,317
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	622,907
<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)	622,907
<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 (183,211 cases in private hospitals, and 435,841 cases in public hospitals) 	619,052
<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 Lampang Provincial Communicable Disease Committee and related agencies had a resolution to issue the provincial order to close all entertainment places, fitness places, exercise places, snooker clubs, game shops, internet cafes and bull or cockfighting grounds effective from 29 December 2020 to 4 January 2021 or until the situation is resolved. Besides, all New Year Festival activities on 1 January 2021 were cancelled.
- The Governor of Chi-Nat province issued the provincial order on COVID-19 surveillance, prevention, and control. People outside the province who would like to enter the provincial area must report to the governance authorities or disease control officers. If they come from provinces including Samut-Sakhon, Rayong, and Nakhon Pathom, they must be quarantined for 14 days and must be tested for COVID-19.

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 Situation

by Emergency Operations Center, Department of Disease Control

- The Chon-Buri Provincial Communicable Disease Committee issued the provincial order no. 35/2020 entitled: Urgent measures on COVID-19 crisis prevention by approval the implementation in Bang-Lamung district effective from 30 December onwards as follows:
 - Supermarkets, restaurants, food and beverage shops (allowed to open for take-away only).
 - All types of convenience stores close from 22.00 p.m. to 05.00 a.m.
 - Close places as follows:
 - shopping malls except for asset businesses, banks and financial services, ATM machines, Mobile phones centers;
 - entertainment places according to the Entertainment Places Act;
 - snooker, billiard and bowling places;
 - business places for health, massage for health, traditional massage, beauty spa;
 - gym and fitness centers;
 - game shops, internet cafes and computer shops;
 - public parks, exercise places, playgrounds, sports fields;
 - amulet markets;
 - theaters;
 - swimming pools, water parks, amusement parks with playing machines;
 - education institutions of all levels in both the public and private sectors;
 - Refrain from people gathering activities such as parties, and other recreational activities.
- The Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT) issued an announcement for COVID-19 prevention and control measures by forbidding on-board food and drink consumption. In case of emergency or necessity, cabin crew can consider providing drinking water to passengers, but must keep a physical distance from other passengers as much as possible. In addition, the service of newspapers, magazines, or advertising brochures is prohibited except for the safety related documents. The announcement is effective from 31 December 2020 onwards until the COVID-19 outbreak situation ends.
- The Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) empowered the Provincial Governors, as Chairman of the Provincial Communicable Disease Committees, to issue the announcements of the responsible chiefs for emergency situation solving on the security aspect to be effective from 30 December 2020 onwards as follows;
 1. Prohibition of people mingling in a pathogen spreading risky manner or opportunistic actions that aggravate the people sufferings or any attempt to spread the disease anywhere in the kingdom;
 2. Prohibit people gathering activities especially in crowded places that risk disease transmission in the highest level control area or control area according to the provincial announcement by the Governors regarding the risk levels in the provinces;
 3. For the high level surveillance area or surveillance area, any gathering must be submitted for permission from the Provincial or the BMA Governors.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

From the COVID-19 situation during 29 - 30 December 2020, it was found that the number of cases and infected cases had been increasing most of which were local transmission. The current virus strain is able to spread rapidly with approximately 150 - 250 cases occurred per day. Most (about 80% of those infected cases per day) had been transmitted from Samut-Sakhon and Rayong provinces. Most were transmitted from gathering activities without preventive measures. Moreover, during the long holidays during 31 December 2020 - 3 January 2021, there was a large population movement especially by public buses. The risk of spreading had come from asymptomatic infected persons traveling together. Therefore, the Department of Transportation and the bus transportation operators should monitor strict measures for passengers such as wearing masks at all times while travelling on buses, always wash hands with alcohol gel after touching surfaces on the buses and keep social distance between the bus seats to help reduce the risk of disease spreading.