

Thailand situation update on 31 December 2020

1. International Situation

Type of case	Total number	Rate of Increase
Confirmed cases	83,135,180	+726,743
Deaths	1,813,389	2.18%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total number of PUI*
Total number of new cases	194
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cases found in the state quarantine centers (Imported) 	13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cases found outside the state quarantine centers (Imported) 	0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cases were infected in Thailand (Local transmission) 	172
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cases were infected migrant workers (Active case finding) 	9
Total number of confirmed cases	6,884
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cases found in the state quarantine centers (Imported) 	1,481
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cases found outside the state quarantine centers (Imported) 	534
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cases were infected in Thailand (Local transmission) 	3,477
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cases were infected migrant workers (Active case finding) 	1,392
Total number of confirmed cases	6,884
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total recovered and discharged from hospitals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New recovered and discharged from hospitals 	4,240 (61.59%) 28
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergoing treatment 	2,583 (37.52%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deaths <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New deaths 	61 (0.89%) 0

Remark: *PUI (Patients Under Investigation)

Type of patient	Total number of PUI
Total number of screened people	
• Ports of entry (Airport, Ground port and Seaport)	7,541,201
• People who renew their passports at Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana	409,550
Total number of laboratory tests	1,069,033
• People who met the PUI criteria	641,623
• From the active case finding	15,834
• Returnees under state quarantine	81,676
• People who did not meet the PUI criteria	329,900
Total number of people who met the criteria of patients under investigation (PUI)	641,623
• Detected from ports of entry	3,767
• Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (185,230 cases in private hospitals, and 452,538 cases in public hospitals)	637,768
• Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao	88

3. Thailand Precautions

- Chiang-Mai Provincial Communicable Disease Committee has issued an Order No. 36/2020 regarding the prevention of COVID-19 among persons traveling to Chiang-Mai. Those who travel to Chiang-Mai by all channels must fill in the application “Chiang-Mai CHANA” (CM-CHANA). Violators shall be liable to imprisonment for not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding 100,000 baht, or both, under Section 52 of the Communicable Diseases Act B.E. 2558 (2015) or shall be liable to imprisonment for not exceeding 2 years or a fine not exceeding 40,000 baht, or both, in accordance with Section 18 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005).
- Nakhon-Pathom Provincial Governor signed the Provincial Announcement No. 99/2020 entitled: Risk-based Specified Areas in Nakhon-Pathom Province for Prevention and Surveillance of COVID-19 Measures as follows:
 - **Maximum control areas:** Kamphaengsaen district, Banglen district, and Nakhonchaisi district.

- **Control areas:** Kamphaengsaen district, Banglen district, and Nakhonchaisi district, Samphran district, Dontoom district, and Mueang Nakhon-Pathom district.
- **High level surveillance areas:** Kamphaengsaen district, Banglen district, and Nakhonchaisi district, Samphran district, Dontoom district, Mueang Nakhon-Pathom district, and Phutthamonthon district effective from now onwards until further announcement.
- Nonthaburi province ordered the second round of migrant worker inspections in the control areas: Bang-Yai central market, and the maximum control areas: communities (Moo 5 and Moo 6) of Sao-Thong-Hin sub-district, Bang-Yai district. There had been also the Provincial OrderNo.378/2020 dated 29 December 2020 to temporarily close the 7-floor pink condominium in Moo 6, Sao-Thong-Hin sub-district, Bang-Yai district, from 30 December 2020 to 12 January 2021, and Bang -Yai central market, Moo 6, Sao-Thong-Hin sub-district from 30 December 2020 to 1 January 2021.
- Yasothon Provincial Communicable Disease Committee announced an order to temporarily close entertainment places and other establishments of similar services from 31 December 2020 to 4 January 2021.
- The Governor of Chachoengsao province announced an order to temporarily close the COVID-19 high risk locations such as all types of gambling venues under the Gambling Act, snooker clubs, game machines or all types of game consoles, playgrounds, amusement parks, water parks, game shops and internet cafes, swimming pools, cinema theaters, fitness clubs, massage parlors. All restaurants, food shops, pubs, bars, karaoke shops must not sell all types of alcoholic beverages and refrain from performing music or any other entertainment performances.
- The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Health revealed the conclusion of negotiation with all COVID-19 vaccine manufacturers to procure the vaccine that least two million doses of the vaccine will be sent to Thailand by February to April 2021. Moreover, he also commanded involved agencies to expedite the process of vaccine providing to the risk group of people as quickly as possible.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

From the COVID - 19 situation monitoring during 30 - 31 December 2020, the risk of spreading COVID-19 was found at a restaurant area in the Pinklao area. A cluster of more than 40 cases was found linked to the area. The infected people were found both among those who worked and those who visited the said area and showed symptoms after returning to their own hometowns. The risk may be due to insufficient preventive measures. The BMA's Bureau of Health and the Investigation Mission Group, Institute of Urban Disease Prevention and Control, Department of Disease Control, therefore accelerated the search for contact persons. All contacts will receive proactive screening tests and will be asked to monitor and observe their symptoms. Those found positive to COVID-19 will be brought to



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the state quarantine centers to cut the disease transmission cycle and limit further spreading.