

ห้ Thailand situation update on 2 January 2021

1. International Situation

Type of case	Total number	Rate of Increase
Confirmed cases	84,429,757	+573,083
Deaths	1,836,442	2.18%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total number of PUI*
Total number of new cases	216
• Cases found in the state quarantine centers (Imported)	2
• Cases found outside the state quarantine centers (Imported)	0
• Cases were infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	182
• Cases were infected migrant workers (Active case finding)	32
Total number of confirmed cases	7,379
• Cases found in the state quarantine centers (Imported)	1,489
• Cases found outside the state quarantine centers (Imported)	534
• Cases were infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	3,916
• Cases were infected migrant workers (Active case finding)	1,440
Total number of confirmed cases	7,379
• Total recovered and discharged from hospitals - New recovered and discharged from hospitals	4,299 (58.26%) 26
• Undergoing treatment	3,016 (40.87%)
• Deaths - New deaths	64 (0.87%) 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) 	7,548,420
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who renew their passports at Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana 	409,550
Total number of laboratory tests	1,081,898
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	654,488
<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)	654,488
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	3,768
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (187,279 cases in private hospitals, and 463,353 cases in public hospitals) 	650,632
<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 Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) has divided risk areas as follows:
 - Maximum control areas** (red zone) comprising 28 provinces: Tak, Nonthaburi, Pathum-Thani, Phra-Nakhon-Si-Ayutthaya, Saraburi, Lopburi, Singburi, Angthong, Nakhon-Nayok, Kanchanaburi, Nakhon-Pathom, Ratchaburi, Suphanburi, Prachuap-Khiri-Khan, Phetchaburi, Samut-Songkhram, Samut-Sakhon, Chachoengsao, Prachinburi, Sakaew, Samut-Prakan, Chanthaburi, Chonburi, Trat, Rayong, Chumphon, Ranong, and Bangkok.
 - Control areas** (orange zone) comprising 11 provinces: Sukhothai, Kamphaengphet, Nakhonsawan, Uthaitani, Phetchabun, Chaiyaphum, Buriram, Nakhon-Ratchasima, Suratthani, and Phang-Nga.
 - High level surveillance areas** (yellow zone) comprising the rest of the provinces (38).

The implementing measures in maximum control areas were divided in 2 steps as follows:

Step 1: Operate these measures from 4 January 2021 at 06.00 hrs. until 1 February 2021 at 06.00 hrs. as follows; Limit the opening and closing time of business places, temporarily close business places with high risk of disease spreading, search and arrest groups of people who gather for illegal activities, prevent organization of people gathering activities, monitor cooperation not to travel across provinces, control travelling among people who come from the maximum control areas, close educational institutions or use online teaching, and use the Work From Home approach, active case finding and disease investigation in confirmed groups of people and areas and those linked to the investigation information of the Ministry of Public Health.

Step 2: Limit more time of opening and closing of business places, including limit opening of some types of businesses and temporarily close business places with high risk of disease spreading. Strengthen operations as the following: search and arrest groups of people who gather for illegal activities, prevent organization the people gathering activities, monitor cooperation not to travel across provinces, control travelling among people who come from the maximum control areas, close educational institutions or use online teaching, and use the Work From Home approach, active case finding and disease investigation in confirmed groups of people and areas and those linked to the investigation information of the Ministry of Public Health. Limit going outside time (curfews) in areas that designated by the provincial CCSA as approved by the Prime Minister or the Director of CCSA.

- BMA Governor announced the temporary closure of the premises prone to COVID-19 incidence together with the established surveillance and control measures as follows; entertainment places, pubs, bars, water parks, amusement parks, playgrounds, playground equipment for children, snooker and billiard places, game shops, internet cafes, cockfighting grounds, cockfighting training grounds, child care centers, older people care centers, boxing stadiums, martial arts schools, horse racing courses, bathing and massage parlors, all types of competition fields, banquet facilities, bull fighting fields, fighting fish fields, amulet markets child development centers, preschools, beauty salons, skin tattooing or piercing shops, fitness and exercise centers, health and spa establishments, Thai massage, foot massage, boxing training ground, gymnasium, bowling and skating venues, dancing institutes, school building, tutorial institutions and educational institutions of all types, hence from 2 January 2021 onwards until further announcement of changes. The Governor also tasked the 11 BMA District Offices to set up 14 screening checkpoints for people entering and exiting the Bangkok area.
- The Buri-Ram Provincial Communicable Disease Committee issued the announcement of measures enhancement to close entertainment places, pubs, bars, cockfighting fields, boxing stadiums, theatres, and celebrating vehicles from 2 to 31 January 2021 and released the measures to control travelers from risk eleven provinces that all must be tested for COVID-19 and be quarantined for 14 days.

- Pathum-Thani province released the command to close the risk places temporarily from 2 to 15 January 2021 or until further changes of order. Violators shall be guilty according to Section 52 both imprisonment and a fine that has the punishment both imprisonment
- Samut-Sakhon province issued the announcement of risk areas divided into 4 zones of surveillance and control levels as follows:
 1. **Red zone** (Maximum Control Area): Sub-districts of Mueang district including Mahachai, Krok-Krak, Tha-Chalom, Tha-Sai, Nadi, Bang-Ya-Phraek, Khok-Kham, and Tha-Chin;
 2. **Orange zone** (Moderate Risk Area): Mueang district's sub-districts Phanthai, Ban-Bo, Bang-Krachao, Khok-Krabue, and Bang-Thorad;
 3. **Yellow zone** (Low Risk Area): Sub-districts of Mueang district including Ban-Ko, and Bang-Nam-Chuet. Sub-districts of Kratoomban district including Talat, Om-Noi, Klong-Madue, Tha-Sao, Tha-Mai, and Suan Luang. Sub-districts of Ban-Paew district including Khlong-Tan, Lak-Sam, and Nong-Bua;
 4. **Green zone** (Surveillance Area) Sub-districts of Mueang district including Kalong, Chai-Mongkol, and Na-Khok. Sub-districts of Kratoomban district including Don-Kai dee, Bang-Yang, and Nong-Nok-Khai. Sub-districts of Ban-Paew district including Ban Phaeo, Suan-Som, Rong-Khe, Am-Pang, Yok-Krabit, and Lak-Song.
- The Governor of Nonthaburi province issued the Provincial Order No.1/2021 dated 1 January 2021 to temporarily close Lahan temple in Sano-Loi sub-district, Bang Bua Thong district from 1 to 14 January 2021. In addition, he also issued the Provincial Order No. 2/2021 dated 1 January 2021 to temporarily close some risk places until further changes of command, limit the opening and closing time and activities of some types of establishments, prohibit people gathering for activities in crowded places and announces the disease prevention and control measures.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

The close surveillance of the COVID-19 situation during 1 to 2 January 2021 had shown an average of 200 - 250 new cases per day. Currently, more than 80 percent of the patients are from local transmission. The main risk factors include participation in activities in crowded places such as illegal gambling places, entertainment places, and restaurants. Moreover, there had also been people movements returning to their hometowns that risk the disease spreading. So, social distancing measures are very important to reduce the infection risk. Rural people should be made aware of the risk of disease spreading to their families, observe their symptoms and get treatment promptly. The Public Health Volunteers should be supported to monitor and observe the symptoms of the people in their own communities as well. In addition, provinces that have a large number of returning people should increase strict surveillance measures in the areas.