

Thailand situation update on 3 January 2021

## 1. International Situation

Type of case	Total number	Rate of Increase
<b>Confirmed cases</b>	85,031,519	+601,762
<b>Deaths</b>	1,844,792	2.17%

## 2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total number of PUI*
<b>Total number of new cases</b>	<b>315</b>
• Cases found in the state quarantine centers (Imported)	21
• Cases found outside the state quarantine centers (Imported)	0
• Cases were infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	274
• Cases were infected migrant workers (Active case finding)	20
<b>Total number of confirmed cases</b>	<b>7,694</b>
• Cases found in the state quarantine centers (Imported)	1,510
• Cases found outside the state quarantine centers (Imported)	534
• Cases were infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	4,190
• Cases were infected migrant workers (Active case finding)	1,460
<b>Total number of confirmed cases</b>	<b>7,694</b>
• Total recovered and discharged from hospitals - New recovered and discharged from hospitals	4,337 (56.37%) 38
• Undergoing treatment	3,293 (42.80%)
• Deaths - New deaths	64 (0.83%) 0

Remark: \*PUI (Patients Under Investigation)

Type of patient	Total number of PUI
<b>Total number of screened people</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ports of entry (Airport, Ground port and Seaport)</li> </ul>	7,552,224
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People who renew their passports at Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana</li> </ul>	409,550
<b>Total number of laboratory tests</b>	1,088,402
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People who met the PUI criteria</li> </ul>	660,992
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From the active case finding</li> </ul>	15,834
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Returnees under state quarantine</li> </ul>	81,676
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People who did not meet the PUI criteria</li> </ul>	329,900
<b>Total number of people who met the criteria of patients under investigation (PUI)</b>	660,992
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detected from ports of entry</li> </ul>	3,770
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (188,154 cases in private hospitals, and 468,980 cases in public hospitals)</li> </ul>	657,134
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao</li> </ul>	88

### 3. Thailand Precautions

- The Minister of Education had announced that all educational institutions under the Ministry of Education, both public and private sectors, in 28 provinces which are announced the Maximum Control Area to be temporarily closed due to a special cause from 4 to 31 January 2021 or until further order changes. The provinces include Bangkok, Tak, Nonthaburi, Pathum-Thani, Phra-Nakhon-Si-Ayutthaya, Saraburi, Lopburi, Singburi, Ang-Thong, Nakhon-Nayok, Kanchanaburi, Nakhon-Pathom, Ratchaburi, Suphanburi, Prachuap-Khiri-Khan, Phetchaburi, Samut-Songkhram, Samut-Sakhon, Chachoengsao, Prachinburi, Sa-Kaeo, Samut-Prakan, Chanthaburi, Chonburi, Trat, Rayong, Chumphon and Ranong. In this regard, the responsible government agencies shall set guidelines for teaching and learning approaches in accordance with that of the Ministry of Education such as online and electronic mechanisms.

- The Department of Land Transport (DLT) stopped providing services including driver's license services that require training and examination. The Office of Transportation stopped mobile units for vehicle registration, annual tax paying and drivers' license at shopping malls and communities, starting from 3 January 2021, until further notice. All driving schools accredited by the DLT will be closed from 3 January to 17 January 2021.
- Kanchanaburi Governor had announced to raise surveillance level areas as follows including districts of Mueang Kanchanaburi, Tha-Muang, Tha-Maka, Dan-Makham-Tia, Thong-Pha-Phum, Sangkhlaburi, Bo-Phloi, Si-Sawat, Nong-Prue, Lao-Khwan and Huai-Krachao. High level surveillance areas include Sai-Yok and Phanom-Thuan districts.
- Pathum Thani Governor issued an order to close the risk places for 14 days as follows: the Suchat Market district which included surrounding commercial buildings, Prachathipat sub-district, Thanyaburi district and Pornpat market, as well as commercial buildings around Prachatipat sub-district, Thanyaburi district. And prohibited moving of migrant workers out of the areas and all to be self-quarantined for 14 days.
- The Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) announced the temporary closure of all 66 tourist attractions.
- The Prime Minister signed an order of the Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) on determined situation areas as the Maximum Control Area according to the requirements under Section 9 of the Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005) which included 28 provinces, effective from 4 January 2021 onwards or until further changes.

#### 4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

The assessment of the risk of new COVID-19 outbreaks had revealed high risk of spreading nationwide. According to the COVID - 19 situation of the 52nd week of 2020, the average number of new cases of local transmission was as high as 2000 (approximately almost 300 cases per day) with an increasing trend distributed in 53 provinces. Moreover, there were 4 deaths in the past week. It is, therefore, possible that if the outbreaks continue to escalate, there might result in insufficient medical services to provide timely treatment. Therefore, the people should be promoted to be aware of self prevention by 100% mask wearing, frequent hands washing after touching surfaces such as door knobs, handrail, elevators, or even touching their masks. Furthermore, people with severe illness risk factors such as chronic diseases and obesity should take more self prevention and observe abnormal symptoms regularly. In addition, surveillance in hospitals need to be strengthened and the hospital infection control system must meet the standard to reduce the risk of the disease spreading.