

Thailand situation update on 4 January 2021

1. International Situation

Type of case	Total number	Rate of Increase
Confirmed cases	85,554,736	+523,217
Deaths	1,851,952	2.16%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total number of PUI*
Total number of new cases	745
• Cases found in the state quarantine centers (Imported)	16
• Cases found outside the state quarantine centers (Imported)	0
• Cases were infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	152
• Cases were infected migrant workers (Active case finding)	577
Total number of confirmed cases	8,439
• Cases found in the state quarantine centers (Imported)	1,526
• Cases found outside the state quarantine centers (Imported)	534
• Cases were infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	4,342
• Cases were infected migrant workers (Active case finding)	2,037
Total number of confirmed cases	8,439
• Total recovered and discharged from hospitals - New recovered and discharged from hospitals	4,352 (51.57%) 15
• Undergoing treatment	4,022 (47.66%)
• Deaths - New deaths	65 (0.77%) 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) 	7,556,009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who renew their passports at Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana 	410,850
Total number of laboratory tests	1,099,882
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	672,472
<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)	672,472
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	3,777
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (189,924 cases in private hospitals, and 478,683 cases in public hospitals) 	668,607
<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) summarized the 8 measures used in the maximum control area of 28 provinces after the Royal Gazette declared the provision of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situation B.E. 2548 (2005) No. 16 on the 8 measures to control COVID-19 as follows:
 - Prohibit utilization of educational buildings in the maximum control area by providing online classes instead;
 - Prohibit organization of disease transmission risk activities especially the many people gathering activities;
 - Authorize the Provincial Governors to order closure of establishments and places at risk of disease transmission;
 - Conditions for opening of establishment operations in the maximum control area will vary on the area-based;
 - Provincial Governors shall consider closure of places or activities in their responsible areas;

6. Avoid or stop traveling across provinces and set up checkpoints for persons traveling from the maximum control area;
7. Use the Work From Home approach or reduce the congested number of workers; and
8. The Ad Hoc Committee will propose to the Prime Minister to relax measures according to the situation.

- The Ministry of Public Health announced progress on the COVID-19 vaccine procurement and stated that Thailand had set the vaccination coverage goal for Thai people to be not less than 50 percent of the population or about 70 million doses of the vaccine. In addition, it is expected that Thailand will be able to produce 26 million doses locally and will also order another 2 million doses from China. The vaccine production is currently under the technology transfer process from AstraZeneca to Siam BioScience Co., Ltd.
- The Prime Minister ordered the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) to adjust the forbidden period of eating in restaurants to 21.00 p.m. - 06.00 a.m., In this regard, the President of the Thai Restaurant Association ensured that the COVID-19 preventive measures are well prepared. The president also stated that if restaurants are unable to do so, they will be ordered close.
- The Ministry of Public Health ordered the Provincial Health Offices and hospitals in the maximum control area to strictly comply with the COVID-19 response guidelines. Preparation of medicines and medical supplies, field hospitals, set up the ARI clinics with 24 hours services and test everyone who has a risk history. It also requested all village health volunteers to monitor the surveillance in the area. Moreover, all business place owners are requested to help screen their migrant workers.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

From the active case finding, testing had detected 505 infected people in Samut-Sakhon province. The majority of cases were from screening in 2 factories with more than 4,000 employees which were located far away from the shrimp central market. This was likely due to the continued disease transmission in Samut-Sakhon which then had spread into the factories. Since most of the infected people were the strong working-age factory employees, thus, it was possible that the infection spread from asymptomatic persons. As most of them were migrant workers who were prohibited to move out of the province since December 2020, it was expected that the disease spreading should be brought under control to a certain extent. However, the risk of infection spreading is still high as new cases among Thai people in the province have been continuously found. Therefore, the public are requested for cooperation to wear masks, wash hands, reduce unnecessary traveling especially to crowded places, and scan the ThaiChana or the MorChana applications for all visits to places. In case of symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat, or loss of smell or taste, people are advised to immediately visit the hospitals nearby and inform the doctors the history of traveling.