

Thailand situation update on 11 January 2021

1. International Situation

Type of cases	Total number	Rate of Increase
Confirmed cases	90,733,768	+587,947
Deaths	1,943,995	2.14%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total number of PUI*
Total number of new cases	249
• Cases found in the state quarantine centers (Imported)	11
• Cases found outside the state quarantine centers (Imported)	14
• Cases were infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	176
• Cases were infected migrant workers (Active case finding)	48
Total number of confirmed cases	10,547
• Cases found in the state quarantine centers (Imported)	1,605
• Cases found outside the state quarantine centers (Imported)	561
• Cases were infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	5,542
• Cases were infected migrant workers (Active case finding)	2,839
Total number of confirmed cases	10,547
• Total recovered and discharged from hospitals - New recovered and discharged from hospitals	6,566 (62.25%) 138
• Undergoing treatment	3,914 (37.11%)
• Deaths - New deaths	67 (0.64%) 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)	7,593,134
• People who renew their passports at Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana	417,011
Total number of laboratory tests	1,180,286
• People who met the PUI criteria	752,876
• 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)	752,876
• Detected from ports of entry	3,822
• Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (206,027 cases in private hospitals, and 542,939 cases in public hospitals)	748,966
• Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao	88

3. Thailand Precautions

- Permanent Secretary, the Ministry of Interior emphasized that all provincial governors should drive the measures into the concrete results as follows
 - (1) Measures to prevent the illegal migrants smuggling into the province
 - (2) Strict measures against illegal gambling
 - (3) Measures to refrain risky activities of the spread of COVID-19
 - (4) Establishment of field hospitals in the area, and
 - (5) Public relations to encourage people for downloading “Morchana” application
- The Minister of the Ministry of Education revealed that the course management could be done well after there was an announcement for educational institutions in 28 provinces located in the maximum controlled areas to provide the online teaching until 31 January 2021. It was focused on the integration of knowledge to reduce the inequality of technology access. Furthermore, the Ministry of Education has adjusted the management of the budget

to cope with the current situation by focusing on the use of technological innovation and digital systems. It is a new adjustment for the educational system to be recognized at the international level.

- The Government Pharmaceutical Organization of the Ministry of Public Health is assigned as a purchaser and distributor of Sinovac vaccine from China and will submit for registration at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) by 14 February 2021 to ensure the quality and safety of the vaccine. The vaccine needs to be approved by the international institute and the Thai FDA before gradually being vaccinated for health care workers and the risk group of COVID-19 infection in the maximum controlled areas.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

According to the situation of the new wave of the outbreak, it showed that the pattern of the new wave of the outbreak is different from the first wave. In other words, the cases of new wave were found in the travelers who returned from abroad and the virus spread among the close contacts of the foreigners or in a group of service providers. The new wave is different from the first wave of the outbreak in which the cases will be found in a group of people who joined the party leading to the fast spreading of the disease. The risk group of this new wave is working people aged between 25 – 60 who have the high chance to travel and contact lots of people. Most of the new confirmed cases in this period were people who joined the past New Year Party and closed to the previous confirmed cases. It is a small cluster of outbreaks which can be prevented by implementing physical distancing. Therefore, disease control measures should focus on the large clusters to reduce the spread of the disease to the next generation. Cooperation from general people is an important factor to control the outbreak by wearing masks, washing hands frequently, reducing unnecessary travel, especially in the risk places with crowded people, and scanning the Thaichana or Morchana applications during traveling. If someone has a fever, cough, sore throat or loss of smell and taste, please seek medical advice immediately and reveal the history of travel as much as possible. Government agencies have to monitor the implementation of control measures including a social distancing in the risk areas with crowded people such as pubs, bars and restaurants.