

Thailand situation update on 12 January 2021

1. International Situation

	Total Number	Increased Number	Case Fatality Rate (CFR)
Confirmed cases	91,375,751	+641,982	
Deaths	1,954,565		2.14%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total Number
Total number of new cases	287
• Cases found in the quarantine centers (Imported)	9
• Cases found outside the quarantine centers (Imported)	0
• Cases were infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	153
• Cases found from active case finding	125
Total number of confirmed cases	10,834
• Cases found in the quarantine centers (Imported)	1,614
• Cases found outside the quarantine centers (Imported)	561
• Cases were infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	5,695
• Cases found from active case finding	2,964
Total number of confirmed cases	10,834
• Total recovered and discharged from hospitals	6,732 (62.14%)
- New recovered and discharged from hospitals	166
• Undergoing treatment	4,035 (37.24%)
• Deaths	67 (0.62%)
- New deaths	0

Type of Screened People and PUI	Total Number
Total number of screened people	
• Ports of entry (Airport, Ground port and Seaport)	7,599,061
• People who renew their passports at Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana	418,355
Total number of laboratory tests	1,190,911
• People who met the PUI criteria	763,501
• 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)	763,501
• Detected from ports of entry	3,827
• Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (206,602 cases in private hospitals, and 552,984 cases in public hospitals)	759,586
• Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao	88

Remark: *PUI (Patients Under Investigation)

3. Thailand Implementations

- The Pollution Control Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, announced the guideline for management of used masks. All agencies and the public were asked to dispose used masks in an appropriate way according to the technical recommendation. This will help reduce wastes and prevent the spread of the disease. The department also reiterated that used masks should not be kept in houses for more than 7 days.
- The Department of Health, Ministry of Public Health, visited the outbreak areas to tighten surveillance measures to prevent spreading of COVID-19 infection in restaurants and food establishments under the concept of "New Normal Restaurants (Clean and Safe), Chasing away COVID-19" with the 3 principles: 1) standard process, 2) safety, and 3) public confidence and trust on the disease risk prevention.

- Samut Sakhon Province Deputy Governor visited the areas to oversee readiness to open the field hospital services (the 4th Sakhon People Care Center) using the 60-Year Royal celebration building of the Nadi Sub-district Municipality Office. The field hospital is expected to accommodate 350 beds of SAR-CoV-2 infected patients and it is scheduled to open from 15 January 2021 onwards.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

The COVID-19 situation of the past week (4 - 10 January 2021) had shown that more than 95% was the local transmission and more than 60% was related to places with the people gathering such as pubs, bars and restaurants. Among the confirmed cases, 7% had a history of exposure to gambling places. In addition, 14.8 % of the confirmed cases had a contact history with the confirmed cases indicating that the SARS-CoV-2 could easily spread to those close contacts. Thus, the disease control efforts should emphasize on active case finding of close contacts as much as possible to prevent further disease spreading. In addition, the public should be requested to strictly follow the measures, i.e., wear masks, wash hands frequently, reduce unnecessary travel, especially to the risk crowded places, and scan the Thaichana or Morchana applications when visiting places. In case of developing fever, cough, sore throat or loss of smell and taste, immediately visit the hospitals as well as informing of the history of travel as much as possible. Government agencies are commanded to inspect the strict prevention and control measures by owners of entertainment places, e.g., pubs, bars, restaurants, particularly the social distancing measure.