

Thailand situation update on 26 January 2021

1. International Situation

	Total Number	Daily Increase	Case Fatality Rate (CFR)
Confirmed cases	100,318,600	503,728	
Deaths	2,150,615		2.14%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total Number*
Total number of new cases	959
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	22
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	0
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	89
• Cases found from active case finding	848
Total number of confirmed cases	14,646
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	1,799
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	2,396
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	12,250
• Cases found from active case finding	5,532
Total number of confirmed cases	14,646
• Total recovered and discharged from hospitals - Newly recovered and discharged from hospitals	10,892 (74.37%) 230
• Undergoing treatment	3,679 (25.12)
• Deaths - New deaths	75 (0.51%) 0

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 Situation

by Emergency Operations Center, Department of Disease Control

Type of Screened People and PUI	Total Number
Total number	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ports of entry (Airports, ground ports, and seaports) 	7,686,405
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People renewing their passports at the Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana 	432,615
Total number of laboratory tests	1,333,664
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	906,254
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From active case finding 	15,834
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Returnees in quarantine facilities/centers 	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 PUI	906,254
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	3,959
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (237,400 cases in private hospitals, and 664,807 cases in public hospitals) 	902,207
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao 	88

Remark: *PUI (Patients Under Investigation)

3. Thailand Implementations

Nonthaburi province declared relaxation measures for establishments that can return to normal operations including 1) driving schools/job training centers/sport education centers, 2) boxing camps/gymnasium [while boxing stadiums are still closed], 3) game arcades, 4) game centers/internet cafés, 5) Buddhist amulet and Buddha statue stores or markets, and 6) nursing homes. These businesses must operate under the measures of disease prevention that were set by the government. The declaration is effective from January 26, 2021 onwards.

Lampang province announced the easing of measures for certain business owners to operate under the current COVID-19 situation including 1) game arcades and internet cafes 2) fitness centers, billiard and snooker halls or similar places 3) entertainment places except karaoke bars.

The Office of the Basic Education Commission announced that schools will officially be back in class on Feb 1, 2021 except in provinces which are at risk for Covid-19 infection. Safety is

the priority and people must strictly adhere to public health measures by implementing COVID-19 screening. For schools with large numbers of students, staggered shifts or hours and reducing break times in which their masks are removed have to be introduced. These measures will be supervised by municipal authorities. Schools must be in accordance with the announcement of the province whether the schools can be allowed to reopen.

The Department of Health said establishments and public service centers in Bangkok and other provinces have begun to relax. Still, the measures of the Ministry of Public Health are strictly controlled. The measures emphasized include wearing masks, maintaining social distance, providing hand washing points or alcohol gel services, asking business operators to check themselves through the Thai Stop COVID platform of the Department of Health and asking for the cooperation of the public to load the application "MorChana-Thai Chana" or recording their travel history each day to reduce the risk of disease transmission.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

From the COVID-19 situation monitoring, the infected patients continued to be found from active case finding in the risk areas including Samut Sakhon and Bangkok. Most of them were reported in factories and communities where there have been outbreaks for a while. Thus, random sampling of live and dead samples are being tested via Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) to check whether the disease is still able to spread or not. Another way to test is via antibodies, which may help to identify if this outbreak is still spreading. Studies have shown that the genetic material of the causative agent of COVID-19 can live in people for as long as months depending on individual factors. It was also found that infected people came from overseas on the same flights, such as those from England. Therefore, there should be coordination to investigate and notify the relevant parties for further investigation.

The current situation still shows that positive cases are self-seeking medical attention at the hospital. This indicated that the infection is also distributed across various sources. To protect yourself from the infection and reduce its spread, people are requested to strictly follow the self-preventive measures such as wearing masks, washing hands, keeping space for others, and reducing unnecessary travel to limit the spread.