

Thailand situation update on 28 January 2021

1. International Situation

	Total Number	Daily Increase	Case Fatality Rate (CFR)
Confirmed cases	101,483,628	602,240	
Deaths	2,185,413		2.15%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total Number*
Total number of new cases	756
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	10
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	0
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	22
• Cases found from active case finding	724
Total number of confirmed cases	16,221
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	1,820
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	2,417
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	13,804
• Cases found from active case finding	6,972
Total number of confirmed cases	16,221
• Total recovered and discharged from hospitals	11,287 (69.58%)
- Newly recovered and discharged from hospitals	233
• Undergoing treatment	4,858 (29.95)
• Deaths	76 (0.47%)
- New deaths	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) 	7,698,235
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People renewing their passports at the Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana 	436,078
Total number of laboratory tests	1,360,750
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	933,340
<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	933,340
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	3,988
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (243,306 cases in private hospitals, and 685,958 cases in public hospitals) 	929,264
<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

•The Ministry of Education announced that all public and private educational institutions, both formal and informal institutions, affiliated with and under the supervision of the Ministry of Education shall be reopened to provide teaching from February 1, 2021 onwards. All institutions must strictly comply with COVID-19 infection prevention and control measures as prescribed by the Ministry of Public Health. Education institutions in Samut Sakhon province shall remain closed and provide methods of teaching such as long distance learning or electronic teaching. Educational institutions in the Bangkok Metropolitan area and its vicinity (Nonthaburi, Samut Prakan, Nakhon Pathom and Pathum Thani) are allowed to reopen with the daily maximum number of students per one classroom not exceeding 25. In case the institutions are unable to accommodate sufficient classrooms, reschedule shift patterns shall be introduced.

•The Ministry of Public Health has guidelines for the opening of schools with the four measures as follows:

- 1) Prepare schools before their opening to be safe by reducing transmission of COVID-19.
- 2) Self-assessment of the school before opening through the Thai Stop COVID-19 platform.

- 3) Increase safety measures by using 6 main measures: social distancing, wearing masks, washing hands, screening by measuring fever, reducing congestion, cleaning schools, and six additional measures by taking care of yourself, using a personal spoon, eating cooked food, registering with the Thai-Chana application, surveying students from risk areas to self-quarantine for 14 days from exposure or being in an epidemic risk area and
- 4) Monitoring and evaluation together with the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Public Health.

•The Department of Disease Control reported that the cases of COVID-19 patients who concealed their timeline have coordinated and informed the Bangkok Metropolitan. There has been a request for the inspection and proceeding according to the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situation B.E. 2548 and the Communicable Disease Act B.E. 2558 or other relevant laws strictly due to the concealing of such information, which may result in an increase of COVID-19 spread widely and delay of disease prevention and control.

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 Samut Sakhon and nearby provinces including Bangkok and metropolitan provinces. The cases detected in Bangkok have a history of travel to shopping malls. Other provinces are still detecting positive cases including those who are merchants and drivers. Those groups must travel to many areas and meet many customers. Moreover, the Ministry of Public Health found migrants detected with COVID-19 who are associated with casinos. All of the above indicated that there have been gatherings or meetings with others. There is still a chance to find new COVID-19 cases which have history based on the above risk.