

Thailand situation update on 31 January 2021

1. International Situation

	Total Number	Daily Increase	Case Fatality Rate (CFR)
Confirmed cases	103,183,114	510,831	
Deaths	2,230,584		2.16%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total Number*
Total number of new cases	829
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	7
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	0
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	91
• Cases found from active case finding	731
Total number of confirmed cases	18,782
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	1,857
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	2,457
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	16,323
• Cases found from active case finding	9,284
Total number of confirmed cases	18,782
• Total recovered and discharged from hospitals	11,615 (61.84%)
- Newly recovered and discharged from hospitals	110
• Undergoing treatment	7,090 (37.75)
• Deaths	77 (0.41%)
- 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) 	7,716,981
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People renewing their passports at the Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana 	438,309
Total number of laboratory tests	1,382,749
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	955,339
<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	955,339
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	4,016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (247,893 cases in private hospitals, and 703,342 cases in public hospitals) 	951,235
<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 Bangkok Metropolitan Administration has announced the temporary closure of places (Temporary Announcement Order No. 18) to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The declaration is effective from February 1, 2021, with the closing of risk areas such as entertainment spots, pubs, bars, karaoke, cockfighting rings and training rings, cow fighting arenas, fish-fighting rings, bathing and massage parlors, nurseries and child development centers located in Bang Khun Thian, Bang Khae, Bang Phlat, Jomthong, and Thonburi. There was further announcement on the easing of measures for 37 types of businesses but the operators must strictly adhere to the preventive and control measures. If violated, the offense under Section 52 under the Communicable Diseases states that they shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or a fine not exceeding 100,000 baht or both. And they may be guilty under Section 18 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in emergency situations and shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or a fine not exceeding 40,000 baht or both and may be ordered to temporarily close the premises.

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- Bangkok continues to set up screening points for travel in and out of Bangkok to control the epidemic and reduce the movement of people. The Metropolitan Police Headquarters, together with related departments, performs the mission at the following five locations:
 1. Borommaratchachonnani Road at the intersection Phutthamonthon Sai 3 Road, Thawi Watthana District
 2. Phetkasem Road Point, in front of Southeast Asia University, Nong Khaem District
 3. Rama 2 Road Point, Bang Khun Thian District
 4. Ekachai Bang Bon Road point, in front of Suksanari School, Bang Bon District
 5. Bangna-Trad Road, Bangna District

The mission began on January 31, 2021 and will continue onwards.

- The Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health suggested schools to take measures to monitor, prevent and control the epidemic of COVID-19 intensively after the Ministry of Education announced that schools would open their studies on February 1, 2021. The measures focus on screening every morning, wearing masks 100% of the time, social distancing, not organizing activities with high-frequency contact, providing adequate hand washing points and asking for cooperation from all parties, especially parents, students and staff. Schools should have a QR Code to scan for parents or third parties when picking up and dropping off students which will be useful for contacting and instant tracking.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

According to the monitoring of the COVID-19 situation, it was found that confirmed cases are continuously rising as a result of the active case finding in Samut Sakhon. Most of the infected cases were migrant workers. Laboratory results have shown that the Ct values of infected cases may indicate high SARS-CoV-2 detection or early stages of the infection. This evidence indicates that the disease continues to spread. Furthermore, confirmed COVID-19 infections were detected via contact tracing among the same clusters and adjacent areas of Samut Sakhon (Bang Khun Tean). It is also interesting to note that a confirmed case was found from active case finding in Pathum Thani, in a Thai staff worker at a convenience store. The province is at risk for COVID-19 as there is a large wholesale market and a lot of migrant workers living in the area. There are also industrial estates where Thai people work. Only 86 new cases have been detected in the province with two new cases this week.