

Thailand situation update on 1 February 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	836
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	4
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	0
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	39
• Cases found from active case finding	793
Total number of confirmed cases	19,618
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	1,861
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	2,463
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	17,155
• Cases found from active case finding	10,077
Total number of confirmed cases	19,618
• Total recovered and discharged from hospitals	11,514 (63.79%)
- Newly recovered and discharged from hospitals	899
• Undergoing treatment	7,027 (35.82)
• Deaths	77 (0.39%)
- New deaths	0

Type of Screened People and PUI	Total Number
Total number	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ports of entry (Airports, ground ports, and seaports) 	7,722,891
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People renewing their passports at the Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana 	439,390
Total number of laboratory tests	1,388,773
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	961,363
<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	961,363
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	4,039
<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) 	957,236
<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

- Samut Sakhon province announced to temporarily close the wholesale shrimp market according to the measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Currently, infectious patients have been isolated from the area and there are ongoing investigations for high-risk contacts as well as evaluations of hygiene in the wholesale shrimp market and residential buildings. The orders to improve the conditions and residential buildings are as follows:
 - Do not operate any businesses in the wholesale shrimp market area (temporarily).
 - The quality of buildings or residential buildings in the wholesale shrimp market must be improved.
 - After completing measures 1 or 2, propose a way to improve the market to the Samut Sakhon Provincial Communicable Diseases Committee, so that it is able to operate businesses, trade or open for operation in buildings or residential buildings. For violations of the provisions under Section 52 of Communicable Disease Act, the penalty shall be imprisonment not exceeding

one year or a fine not exceeding 100,000 baht (or both). As it is urgent to protect the welfare of the locals and the general public, the parties cannot exercise their right to dispute from February 1, 2021 to February 15, 2021 until the order is changed.

- Schools in Tak province have been ordered to close indefinitely especially in Mae Sot District, announced by the Tak governor. Students living in Islamic communities were notified to 1) refrain from going to classes 2) be accompanied by their parents, and for parents to keep their children at home until the disease investigation for the community is clear. These measures were taken as a result of a vendor who tested positive for COVID-19. At least 25 people had been in close contact with the vendor. Last night, test results showed that five children were also infected. Moreover, the children spread the disease to others in schools, leading to the closure of the schools.
- The Permanent Secretary for Public Health expressed concern about the “Infodemic” or fake news epidemic in online media. People are instructed to follow the media carefully, check before sharing, review and get information from informed sources, especially for social media where the source of the news sometimes cannot be clearly confirmed. Before believing or forwarding information, consider the credibility of the user account that published the news. Carefully consider the content of the news by comparing it with news from other informed sources or check before sharing, not reading only headlines. Cited sources are checked and ask specialists or healthcare professionals who know and can confirm the content appearing in the news.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

The COVID-19 situation monitoring found that most of the infected people were in Samut Sakhon province. The situations in other provinces are gradually getting better and some have eased their strict disease control measures to allow people to be able to return to normal life. Thus, while easing the measures, those provinces may find infected people from group gatherings in places such as workplaces, schools, community markets, etc. However, the provinces that have eased the restriction measures must strongly implement and monitor the situation and keep encouraging people to practice self-prevention measures including keeping space away from others (Social distancing), wearing a mask/cloth mask, frequently washing their hands, monitoring their abnormal respiratory symptoms such as fever, cough, runny nose, sore throat, or anosmia. Individuals must refrain from large social engagement events, avoid travel to communities and public places, and seek medical attention immediately to decrease the risk and severity.