

Thailand situation update on 4 February 2021

1. International Situation

	Total Number	Daily Increase	Case Fatality Rate (CFR)
Confirmed cases	104,948,494	513,339	
Deaths	2,279,603		2.17%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total Number*
Total number of new cases	809
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	13
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	0
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	45
• Cases found from active case finding	751
Total number of confirmed cases	22,058
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	1,9003
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	2,505
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	19,553
• Cases found from active case finding	12,298
Total number of confirmed cases	22,058
• Total recovered and discharged from hospitals	14,798 (67.09%)
- Newly recovered and discharged from hospitals	797
• Undergoing treatment	7,181 (32.55)
• Deaths	79 (0.36%)
- New deaths	0

Type of Screened People and PUI	Total Number
Total number	
• Ports of entry (Airports, ground ports, and seaports)	7,740,614
• People renewing their passports at the Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana	443,136
Total number of laboratory tests	1,414,577
• People who met the PUI criteria	987,167
• From active case finding	15,834
• Returnees in quarantine facilities/centers	81,676
• People who did not meet the PUI criteria	329,900
Total number of people who met the criteria of PUI	987,167
• Detected from ports of entry	4,078
• Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (247,893 cases in private hospitals, and 703,342 cases in public hospitals)	983,001
• 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 governor of Kanchanaburi province announced the legal migrant workers in construction-logistic of goods can travel cross the province as follows:
 1. Entrepreneurs/employers/companies apply for permission according to the request form.
 2. Evidence of necessities to travel.
 3. Migrant workers have legal permission to work and health insurance or being insured persons, and a result of COVID-19 laboratory testing. Entrepreneurs/employers/companies must be responsible for all expenses. Migrant workers will be allowed to travel if no infection of COVID-19 is detected.
 4. Migrant workers only stay at work and accommodations that entrepreneurs/employers/companies have provided the places for them.
 5. Arrangement of staff to control the vehicles.
 6. Before the migrant workers leave and return to the areas, entrepreneurs/employers/companies have to bring them to report to the disease control officer.
 7. All persons must strictly comply with preventive and disease control measures.

8. All establishments make the employees understand and perceive the good procedures of the labour as required by the government.
9. The employees and migrant workers have to install and use the application "Mor Chana" or "Thai Chana" or record travel information every time.
 - The officers of the Department of Health conducted site visits at the Central World Department Store to monitor and check for the COVID-19 prevention measures according to the SHA (Amazing Thailand Safety & Health Administration) guideline and gave a badge "Thai Stop COVID Plus". This badge is for any establishments which meet the criteria of self-estimation of cleaning, containing hygienic safety and ensuring to far away from COVID-19 transmission. It is to improve self-hygiene and build trust for customers.
 - The Office of the Royal Gazette disseminated the Regulation regarding the prohibition of mass gathering or activities causing the spread of the COVID – 19 infection (no. 3) as follows:
 1. The cancellation of the announcement made by the head of the Centre for Resolution of Emergency Situation regarding the prohibition of mass gathering or activities causing the spread of the COVID -19 (no.2) dated 7 January 2021
 2. The Prohibition of organizing the activities which may cause a risk of spreading of the COVID -19 or prohibition of any kinds of behavior that trouble other people
 3. The prohibition of mass gathering which can cause the risk of the disease outbreak, especially in the areas specified as the maximum disease control zone except the case which is approved by the designated officers and comply prevention measures
 4. The mass gathering activities which are at risk of the disease transmission in the high disease control zone or surveillance areas can be organized yet there is a need to comply with the measures issued by each area. Whereas, the activities organized by the government sectors or state enterprises can be conducted yet need to abide by the disease control measures. If anyone fails to comply with the laws and regulation, those ones will be arrested for up to 2 years or fined in the amount of 40,000 baht or both punishments. This announcement will be effective on 3 February 2021 onwards.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

The COVID-19 situation in other countries between 29 January - 4 February 2021 indicated that a trend of COVID-19 outbreak in Malaysia is continually increasing by reporting 33,275 new cases for a week (approximate 4,753 cases per day). In the last week, there were about 3,665 confirmed cases reported per day. Four provinces of Thailand were connected with Malaysia including Narathiwat, Yala, Songkhla, and Satun provinces that were adjacent to Perlis, Kedah, Perak, and Kelantan States. The border areas between two countries have distances of approximately 646.5 kilometers. There are natural channels that individuals may smuggle between Thailand and Malaysia, which can cause a risk of international transmission of the disease, especially along border areas between both countries.

Moreover, there have been reports of the infection detected among former prisoners who entered Thailand from Malaysia. Therefore, the said provinces should integrate the coordination with all sectors including health, interior, defense, and public sector to monitor risk points for smuggling at cross-border areas, provide strict measures in state quarantine facilities, strengthen surveillance system for patient under investigation of COVID-19 infection, patients with Influenza like illness (ILI), and pneumonia in the healthcare facilities, as well as the public cooperation for detecting strange travelers entering the communities.