

Thailand situation update on 22 February 2021

1. International Situation

	Total Number	Increased Number	Case Fatality Rate (CFR)
Confirmed cases	111,988,953	+299,121	
Deaths	2,478,757		2.21%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total Number*
Total number of new cases	89
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cases found in the quarantine facilities centers (Imported) 	16
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cases found outside the quarantine facilities centers (Imported) 	0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cases were infected in Thailand (Local transmission) 	59
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cases found from active case finding 	14
Total number of confirmed cases	25,504
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cases found in the quarantine facilities centers (Imported) 	2,102
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cases found outside the quarantine facilities centers (Imported) 	610
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cases were infected in Thailand (Local transmission) 	8,385
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cases found from active case finding 	14,407
Total number of confirmed cases	25,504
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total recovered and discharged from hospitals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New recovered and discharged from hospitals 	24,361 (95.52%) 76
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergoing treatment 	1,060 (4.15%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deaths <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New deaths 	83 (0.33%) 0

Type of Screened People and PUI	Total Number
Total number	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ports of entry (Airport, Ground port and Seaport) 	7,847,464
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who renew their passports at Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana 	459,385
Total number of laboratory tests	1,531,013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	1,103,603
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From the active case finding 	15,834
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Returnees under 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 patients under investigation (PUI)	1,103,603
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	4,258
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (217,735 cases in private hospitals, and 590,791 cases in public hospitals) 	1,099,257
<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

- On the February 21 evening, the first group of 59 high-end tourists departing from Indonesia airport had arrived at Phuket. These tourists will be quarantined at the Villa Quarantine of Sri Panwa Hotel in Mueang district in Phuket for 14 days. Upon their arrival at Phuket International Airport, they went through the temperature screening process and medical documents reviewing as well as immigration process. They then took the shuttle vans provided by the hotel to the X-terminal which is the building where the negative pressure biomolecular laboratory and specimen storage room as well as the biosafety mobile vehicle located to get the test for SARs-CoV-2 before traveling with the same shuttle vans to the hotel. These vans used for transporting the tourists have partitions which divide the driver and passengers area from each other and there is also hand sanitizer gel stationed inside for use, and drivers and service staff are also equipped with the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including medical mask, gloves, and bouffant cap.

- Centre for covid-19 situation administration (CCSA) has agreed to relax COVID-19 control measures by adjusting the surveillance zones (green) to 54 provinces, close surveillance zones (yellow) to 14 provinces, control zones (orange) to 8 provinces, and Samut Sakhon province is still maximum and strict control zone (red). Due to the trust of foreign countries, the meeting also permitted Thailand to host Jet ski and badminton competition to promote tourism. However, all activities must still follow CCSA's COVID-19 control measures. Moreover, CCSA has agreed to extend the Emergency Decree for one month from the original expiration date on February 28, 2021 to March 31, 2021. The other measures easing are as follows. Restaurants are now allowed to sell alcohol in-store, live music can be played until 11:00 p.m. for all provinces except Samut Sakhon, but dancing is still not permitted. Shopping malls, educational institutes and fitness facilities can be opened normally.
- Satun has a resolution approving the prison and the correctional institution to open for visiting relatives or prison inmates as usual. In addition, people are allowed to deposit money and buy goods in inmates' canteen on 1 March 2021 onward. It will be under the Covid-19 prevention and control measures issued by the Correction Department and Ministry of Public Health.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

During the past 1 week (Between 15 - 21 February 2021), a total of 844 cases were found, 50.6% of them were Thais, followed by 43.7% Myanmar nationals. 55.7% were from proactive screening and 28.2% were those who came for testing at the hospital. Most of them are linked to the community or In crowded areas such as markets and establishments. Although the situation in the past 1 week showed a decrease in the infection from the previous week (Between 8-14 February 2021, 1,200 infected cases were found), the risk factors were still the same. The community area is considered a risky place to disease outbreaks. Therefore, people are requested to cooperate in the implementation of disease prevention measures. These measures include wearing a mask, frequently washing hands, and reducing unessential travel especially in crowded places. In addition, people are requested to scan "Thai Chana" or "Mor Chana" applications when they need to travel to other places and observe their symptoms for 14 days after visiting any markets at risk. Anyone who visited those infected areas and developed a fever, caught, sore throat, running nose or loss of smell and taste, they are recommended to visit hospitals immediately and inform the doctors of their real travelling history as much as possible. These will help to reduce the spread of disease in the community and prevent transmission to people at risk as well as reduce serious illness or death.