

Thailand situation update on 3 March 2021

1. International Situation

	Total Number	Daily Increase	Case Fatality Rate (CFR)
Confirmed cases	115,346,863	312,092	
Deaths	2,561,708		2.22%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total Number*
Total number of new cases	35
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	10
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	0
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	17
• Cases found from active case finding	8
Total number of confirmed cases	26,108
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	2,189
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	2,799
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	23,309
• Cases found from active case finding	14,565
Total number of confirmed cases	26,108
• Total recovered and discharged from hospitals	25,483 (97.61%)
- Newly recovered and discharged from hospitals	63
• Undergoing treatment	541 (2.07%)
• Deaths	84 (0.32%)
- 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) 	7,913,635
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People renewing their passports at the Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana 	469,506
Total number of laboratory tests	1,574,533
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	1,147,123
<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	1,147,123
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	4,387
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (279,772 cases in private hospitals, and 862,8765 cases in public hospitals) 	1,142,648
<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 Department of Disease Control summarized the situation of COVID-19 vaccine delivery as of March 2, 2021. The vaccines have been delivered to 30 target hospitals in 13 provinces, totaling 116,520 doses and the cumulative number of vaccines is 7,262 recipients dividing into 6,784 healthcare/public health workers and health volunteers, 365 other officials at high risk of exposure with the patients, 22 persons with underlying diseases, and 91 persons residing in the risk areas. A total of 20 recipients experienced adverse reactions that 19 cases exhibited mild symptoms and one case developed low blood pressure.
- The Deputy Governor of Samut Sakhon province issued an order regarding relaxing control measures for COVID-19 by demoting from the highest strictly control areas to the highest control areas, and allowed the opening of schools and all stadiums except at Tha Sai and Nadi subdistricts. The restaurant can open until 11:00 p.m. However, all types of gambling venues in accordance with the law on gambling, boxing stadiums and boxing schools in both public and private sectors are still being closed.

- Bangkok, Permanent Secretary of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration revealed the investigation result that there is currently no outbreak in the meat slaughter factory authorized by Bangkok. Bangkok has continuously implemented surveillance systems and measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 outbreaks in workplaces of Thai and migrant workers, and also in the slaughter factory meat in the Bangkok area. The active surveillance by screening COVID-19 infection has been implemented among the workers. As well as coordinating with the Bangkok, Department of Livestock Development for asking cooperation with the entrepreneurs and migrant workers proceed the screening activity called BKK COVID-19 to fill the risk assessment form. The Bangkok Metropolitan Administration Health Department provides field visits at the meat slaughter factories authorized by Bangkok to public knowledge and emphasize the importance of practices for preventive measures for COVID-19 infection recommended by the government and the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration.
- The Minister of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation stated about the collaboration on developing the synthetic prodrug of Favipiravir between the National Science and Technology Development Agency and the Government Pharmaceutical Organization. This synthetic prodrug has a good quality that meets the international standard and can replace the Active pharmaceutical ingredients (API) imported from abroad. Now, the National Science and Technology Development Agency already tested its efficiency at the laboratory and this new synthetic prodrug which has a cheaper price than the imported one is in the registration process at the Department of Intellectual Property.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

From the COVID-19 situation related with merchants, their families and their close contacts in Pathum Thani province market, that event spreaded widely and found 676 confirmed cases from 13 provinces including Bangkok, Pranakhon Sri Ayutthaya, Nakhon Nayok, Nonthaburi, Samut Prakan, Saraburi, Ang Thong, Khon Kaen, Chai Nat, Petchaburi, Nakhon Pathom, Nakhon Ratchasima, and Pathum Thani.

Above provinces must strictly implement the intensive control measures to follow up all contact cases and monitor signs and symptoms until completing the incubation period and continually strengthening the surveillance systems including active case finding in risk areas, additional testing in patients with flu-like symptoms, and pneumonia. Moreover, preventive measures for various risky locations that have crowded people such as the factories or markets need to be strengthened by keeping the distances from each other or limiting the number of people in the areas. Wearing a face mask or cloth mask at all times, frequently washing hands after touching objects that may be contaminated, such as elevators, knobs, handrails, etc.