

Thailand situation update on 4 March 2021

1. International Situation

	Total Number	Daily Increase	Case Fatality Rate (CFR)
Confirmed cases	115,520,058	473,195	
Deaths	2,572,887		2.22%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total Number*
Total number of new cases	54
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	6
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	4
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	36
• Cases found from active case finding	8
Total number of confirmed cases	26,162
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	2,195
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	2,809
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	23,353
• Cases found from active case finding	14,573
Total number of confirmed cases	26,162
• Total recovered and discharged from hospitals - Newly recovered and discharged from hospitals	25,562 (97.71%) 79
• Undergoing treatment	515 (7.97%)
• Deaths - New deaths	85 (0.32%) 1

Type of Screened People and PUI	Total Number
Total number	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ports of entry (Airports, ground ports, and seaports) 	7,920,651
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People renewing their passports at the Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana 	471,370
Total number of laboratory tests	1,579,597
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	1,152,187
<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	1,152,187
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	4,394
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (280,276 cases in private hospitals, and 867,429 cases in public hospitals) 	1,147,705
<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 Ministry of Public Health, the Vice Minister of the Ministry of Public Health has announced after the meeting of the Advisory Panel to the Minister of Public Health on COVID-19. There were two issues: 1. Providing additional doses of the COVID vaccine. It is estimated that there would be an additional 15-20 million vaccines and we will not have a specific type of vaccine. 2. Issuing a certificate of vaccination after completing two doses, a hard copy and an electronic copy will be issued. As for the universally accepted format, it still has to wait for the regulations and recommendations from the World Health Organization.
- The 3rd Sakorn Care Center, Wattana Factory Project (First Phase) at Phanthai Norasingha Subdistrict, Mueang District, Samut Sakhon province, the Deputy Governor of Samut Sakhon, Chief Executive of the Subdistrict Administrative Organization (SAO), the owner of Wattana Factory Project, the Provincial Chief of Medical Officer of Samut Sakhon Province, the Director of BanPhaeo Hospital with doctors, nurses and medical personnel closed the 3rd Sakorn Care Center, Wattana Factory Project in officially after an order announced to closed since March 1, 2021.

- Director of National Institute of Educational Testing Service (Public Organization) clarification of the resolutions of the 2nd Board of National Institute of Educational Testing Service meeting, on 25 February 2021 considered the importance of the right to vote in democracy. Students of the secondary high school grade 6 can also take the exam Onet. It is approved to postpone the date of Onet test for academic year 2020 on 28 March to 29 March by following the same time schedule, courses and duration. The arrangement of Onet testing is going to comply with prevention measures for COVID-19 as determined by the government.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

According to the international COVID – 19 situation, Malaysia found 2,000 new confirmed cases per day during the past week. In the meantime, Myanmar found 20 -50 new confirmed cases per day during the past week. The unstable political situation in Myanmar may affect the report of cases in their surveillance system.

For the COVID -19 situation in Thailand, on 4 March 2021, there are confirmed cases from people travelling from abroad. Three of them are Myanmar people illegally crossing the Malaysia – Thai border through natural route and one Thai person illegally returning from Myanmar through natural route. These people were not quarantined at the quarantine places determined by the government, therefore, the provinces where share the border with Malaysia and Myanmar are the high risk area which may find the new cases in a group of people illegally crossing the border. These provinces need to work with the relevant sectors including Ministry of Public Health, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Defence and public sector by expediting the process to find the risk areas of illegal border crossing, enhance the efficiency of state quarantines, and strengthen the surveillance system and implementation, especially in a group of people with flu - like symptom and pneumonia at the health care facilities. People are also encouraged to observe whether there are any unfamiliar people entering the community areas.