

Thailand situation update on 8 March 2021

1. International Situation

	Total Number	Daily Increase	Case Fatality Rate (CFR)
Confirmed cases	117,476,407	356,081	
Deaths	2,606,051		2.22%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total Number*
Total number of new cases	71
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	23
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	0
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	41
• Cases found from active case finding	7
Total number of confirmed cases	26,441
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	2,242
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	2,861
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	23,580
• Cases found from active case finding	14,688
Total number of confirmed cases	26,441
• Total recovered and discharged from hospitals - Newly recovered and discharged from hospitals	25,777 (97.49%) 33
• Undergoing treatment	579 (2.19%)
• Deaths - New deaths	85 (0.32%) 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) 	7,949,864
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People renewing their passports at the Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana 	474,817
Total number of laboratory tests	1,592,010
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	1,164,600
<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	1,164,600
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	4,429
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (282,097 cases in private hospitals, and 877,986 cases in public hospitals) 	1,160,083
<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 disease control in a specific area at Mae Sot District has been orderly closed at entry-exit areas of the Islamic community in Mae Sot municipality for 5 days or temporary lock down from March 8 - 12, 2021 according to positive results of active surveillance in a new cluster, which one of the confirmed cases is the community leader of the Islamic community. In addition, there was an order from the administrator of Islamic school for announcing temporary closure of the school for one day. It is to allow teachers and staff to clean and spray disinfectants within schools, and to strengthen the screening measures for people who enter and exit the school.
- The Ministry of Public Health, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Ministry of Public Health announced that AstraZeneca is going to deliver the first 117,000 doses of the vaccine to Thailand by today. This first lot will be deducted from an amount of 26 million doses that Thailand has already reserved and ordered the vaccines. The vaccines will be checked at the Department of Medical Sciences that this process should not exceed three days. After completing the process, the vaccination will be

provided to persons who met the criteria. Bamrasnaradura Infectious Institute will perform the vaccine administration .

- The Ministry of Public Health revealed the following resolutions of the meeting :
 1. Regarding the issue of vaccine certificates, people who completed two doses of COVID -19 vaccine will receive the vaccine certificate issued by the hospital with free of charge. If anyone would like to travel abroad, they are able to bring this certificate to ask for the yellow documents or called “vaccine passport”. This vaccine passport is available both in the type of hard copy and electronic document that there will be a fee for the vaccine passport. However, this vaccine passport will be valid and effective on the condition that the international agreement is concurred.
 2. Regarding the issue of reducing the quarantine period for people returning from abroad, the meeting agreed on three types as follows:
 - 2.1. Reducing the number of quarantine period to 7 days for foreigners who have a vaccine certificate at least 14 days but not more than three months before departure and have the COVID -19 free certificate within 72 hours (two times of testing are requested: one before arriving in Thailand and the other one on Day 5 or Day 6 of the quarantine period in Thailand)
 - 2.2. Reducing the number of quarantine periods to 7 days for Thai people who have a vaccine certificate, but they are not holding the COVID -19 free certificate. They need to present negative results for two times of testing (the first round is on Day 0 or Day 1 and the other round on Day 5 or Day 6 of the quarantine period in Thailand)
 - 2.3. Reducing the number of quarantine periods to 10 days for foreigners who have the COVID -19 free certificate yet lack of a vaccine certificate.
- Nevertheless, people returning from African countries are still quarantined for 14 days as per the former protocol.

This new protocol will be implemented and effective from this April.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

According to the COVID-19 Situation in Thailand on March 8, 2020, there were 26,441 confirmed cases with 23,580 cases of local transmission. There are 71 new cases for today with 48 domestic infections. It is possible that the infection is still spreading within the local communities, which might be from an asymptomatic infection. Therefore, we asked to continue the implementation of the surveillance program and strictly maintain the control measures. To reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading, the public is also asked to strictly comply with disease prevention measures such as wearing face masks, washing hands, and keeping distances, etc.



The Coronavirus Disease 2019 Situation

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