

Thailand situation update on 9 March 2021

1. International Situation

| | Total Number | Daily Increase | Case Fatality Rate (CFR) |
|------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Confirmed cases | 117,799,925 | 323,518 | |
| Deaths | 2,613,387 | | 2.22% |

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

| Situation | Total Number* |
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| Total number of new cases | 60 |
| • Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported) | 15 |
| • Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported) | 2 |
| • Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission) | 22 |
| • Cases found from active case finding | 21 |
| Total number of confirmed cases | 26,501 |
| • Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported) | 2,257 |
| • Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported) | 2,878 |
| • Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission) | 23,623 |
| • Cases found from active case finding | 14,709 |
| Total number of confirmed cases | 26,501 |
| • Total recovered and discharged from hospitals - Newly recovered and discharged from hospitals | 25,851 (97.55%) 74 |
| • Undergoing treatment | 565 (2.45%) |
| • Deaths - New deaths | 85 (0.32%) 0 |

| Type of Screened People and PUI | Total Number |
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| Total number | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ports of entry (Airports, ground ports, and seaports) | 7,957,447 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> People renewing their passports at the Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana | 476,317 |
| Total number of laboratory tests | 1,594,062 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria | 1,166,652 |
| <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 | 1,166,652 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry | 4,437 |
| <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) | 1,162,127 |
| <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 Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) revealed the National Institute of Educational Testing Service (NIETS) guideline for conducting examination to grade 12 students for the University Admission Academic Year 2021. The first round will be held during 20 - 23 March 2021. There will be a total of 819,416 students at 782 test sites in 77 provinces taking the GAT/PAT, Common Subjects and O-NET. The COVID-19 preventive measures are implemented by arranging the examination stations in advance, ie. 1) placed the seats at least 1 meter apart, 2) expanded the examination stations with proper ventilation and reserved separate rooms for persons with the disease spreading risk, and 3) prepared first aid emergency rooms, 4) coordinated with the medical team nearby for prompt advice and assistance, and 5) cleaned all tables and chairs before the examination day. In addition, the examination organizers must carry out measures the on the day of the examination as follows: 1) Students must wear masks at all times; 2) Students must wash their hands with water and soap or alcohol gel before entering the exam rooms; 3) Do not allow borrowing exam materials between each other; 4) Provide a

temperature measuring service and masks for students; 5) Students who have a risk of the disease spreading must inform the Examination Organizers before entering the exam rooms.

- The Department of Medical Sciences revealed that it had received 23 bottles, 10 doses each, of AstraZeneca vaccine for quality testing. The testing would cover both similarity and difference compared to the Sinovac vaccine. It was found that both vaccines had almost similar physical appearance in terms of the sediment time and color. The difference was that as the AstraZeneca was a new vaccine, thus it may take a longer time to test the strength and identity of the vaccine. However, the results still come out in a 3-day period.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

From the Coronavirus 2019 situation monitoring system, as of 9 March 2021, it was found that Thailand has 26,501 accumulative confirmed cases. There are 60 new cases today of which 43 cases are from local transmission. There are no new deaths. So far, the COVID-19 has been found in 63 provinces while Samut Sakhon province has the highest number of new cases (38 cases). Therefore, the disease surveillance must be carried out continuously and the disease preventive measures must be strictly maintained. In addition, people are requested for collaboration on self-protection and reduction of the disease spreading risk by implementing preventive measures such as wearing masks, washing hands, and social distancing.