

Thailand situation update on 18 March 2021

## 1. International Situation

	Total Number	Daily Increase	Case Fatality Rate (CFR)
<b>Confirmed cases</b>	121,874,133	551,040	
<b>Deaths</b>	2,693,946		2.21%

## 2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total Number*
<b>Total number of new cases</b>	<b>92</b>
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	14
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	0
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	64
• Cases found from active case finding	14
<b>Total number of confirmed cases</b>	<b>27,494</b>
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	2,330
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	627
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	9,213
• Cases found from active case finding	24,537
<b>Total number of confirmed cases</b>	<b>27,494</b>
• Total recovered and discharged from hospitals - Newly recovered and discharged from hospitals	26,377 (95.94%) 38
• Undergoing treatment	1,028 (3.74%)
• Deaths - New deaths	89 (0.32%) 1

Type of Screened People and PUI	Total Number
<b>Total number</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ports of entry (Airports, ground ports, and seaports)</li> </ul>	8,022,500
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People renewing their passports at the Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana</li> </ul>	487,699
<b>Total number of laboratory tests</b>	1,645,794
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People who met the PUI criteria</li> </ul>	1,218,384
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From active case finding</li> </ul>	15,834
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Returnees in quarantine facilities/centers</li> </ul>	81,676
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People who did not meet the PUI criteria</li> </ul>	329,900
<b>Total number of people who met the criteria of PUI</b>	1,218,384
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detected from ports of entry</li> </ul>	4,680
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sought medical services on their own at hospitals ( 287,818 cases in private hospitals, and 925,798 cases in public hospitals)</li> </ul>	1,213,616
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao</li> </ul>	88

Remark: \*PUI (Patients Under Investigation)

### 3. Thailand Implementations

- Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) provided the mobile vaccine unit for vaccinating traders and merchants in Bang Khae district for the second day with 1,000 doses of Sinovac Vaccine. For the first day of vaccination (March 17, 2021), there were 744 people requested for the vaccine and 705 people were vaccinated with 60 percent of these people being migrant workers. There were 2 people showing adverse events and the officers put them under observation until they got better. For those 39 which had not been vaccinated, it was due to their high blood pressure.
- The Metropolitan Police Headquarters issued the letter stated that every police officers of 13 police stations operating under the Metropolitan Police Headquarters including Bangmod Police Station, Bang Khun Thian Police Station, Tha Kham Police Station, Thien Talay Police Station, Petchkasem Police Station, Lak Song Police Station, Bang Sao Thong Police Station, Bang Sao Thong Police Station. Bang Bon Police Station, Nong Khaem Police Station, Nong Khang Phlu Police Station And Phasi Charoen Police Station need to be vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine by March 19, due to these areas being the risk area which increases the chance of officers getting in contact with infected people. The three hospitals providing the

vaccinating service to officers from these 13 police stations are Bang Khun Thian Geriatric Hospital, Ratchaphiphat Hospital, and Venerable Thawisak Jutindharo Hospital.

- Thammasat University (TU) announced the closure of the field hospital after a situation assessment found that the number of patients in Pathum Thani Province decreased and hospitals in Pathum Thani had the potential to accommodate more patients, so the field hospital is less necessary. The termination of the field hospital does not mean that the COVID-19 situation is over or there is no more epidemic. Rather, it signals that the outbreak is at controlled level, and not frightening or terrifying. TU has established a committee to monitor the situation closely. In case the situation changes in the future, the field hospital will be ready to re-open immediately within 24 hours.
- In accordance with the measures to prevent COVID-19 Of the bank and the standard guidelines of the Department of Disease Control, Kasikorn bank Public Company Limited announced the closure of Big C Chaengwattana 2 branch (Pak Kret Intersection) on March 17 - 25, 2021 after customer infected with COVID-19 used services at this branch. The bank has done big cleaning and has their employees do self-quarantine at Home. Until now, there have not been any employees in this branch get infected with COVID-19.
- Ayutthaya has created a chart of market information and merchant registration of all markets in the area and a problem report on markets that do not comply with the preventive measures. The authorities also ordered the markets to improve and follow the Department of Disease Control measures. After temporary closure, the boxing stadium was allowed to reopen on 10 March 2021 as per voluntary basic and readiness. The boxing stadium's owner and responsible persons need to comply with conditions, recommendations, guidelines as well as preventive and control measures as per the government's regulation. Samut Sakhon has a relaxation as orange zone instead of red zone from 17 March 2021.

#### 4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

The global COVID-19 situation found over 121 million cumulative cases with higher daily cases which are lower than 500,000 cases per day from mid- February 2021, especially in Europe and South America. The number of daily deaths tends to decline to below 10,000 cases per day ,and more than 2.6 million total death cases. Today, 23,257 infected cases were found in the new wave outbreaks in Thailand. More than two thirds were found from proactive screening and most of which are foreign workers. The number of daily infected cases is likely to increase from the past week. There are 92 new cases from Bang Khae cluster and no cases found at Bang Khen detention facility of the Immigration Bureau. There is a good signal of disease control but the spread may occur in some central provinces this week but tends to be controlled like the market in Pathum Thani province earlier this month. Stronger surveillance activities in the group of respiratory patients and active case finding in some central provinces such as Bangkok and nearby provinces should be implemented



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,while people are requested to strictly comply with the preventive measures including wearing a mask, frequently washing hands, and reducing unessential travel especially in crowded places. They are requested to scan “Thai Chana” or “Mor Chana” applications when they need to travel to other places. Anyone who visited the 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.