

Thailand situation update on 25 March 2021

1. International Situation

	Total Number	Daily Increase	Case Fatality Rate (CFR)
Confirmed cases	125,493,941	634,108	
Deaths	2,758,100		2.20%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total Number*
Total number of new cases	97
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	5
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	0
• Cases found in Thailand through the public health service system (Local transmission)	43
• Cases found from active case finding	49
Total number of confirmed cases	28,443
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	2,388
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	627
• Cases found in Thailand through the public health service system (Local transmission)	9,533
• Cases found from active case finding	15,895
Total number of confirmed cases	28,443
• Total recovered and discharged from hospitals	26,946 (94.74%)
- Newly recovered and discharged from hospitals	73
• Undergoing treatment	1,405 (4.94%)
• Deaths	92 (0.32%)
- New deaths	0

Screening and PUI	Total Number
Total number of People Screened	
• Ports of entry (Airports, ground ports, and seaports)	8,074,112
• People renewing their passports at the Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana	496,906
Total number of laboratory tests	1,675,125
• People who met the PUI criteria	1,247,715
• From active case finding	15,834
• Returnees in quarantine facilities/centers	81,676
• People who did not meet the PUI criteria	329,900
Total number of people who met the criteria of PUI	1,247,715
• Detected from ports of entry	4,738
• Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (291,270 cases in private hospitals, and 951,619 cases in public hospitals)	1,242,889
• 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 reported that the Bang Khun Thian Confectionery factory cluster in Bangkok had 17 cumulative cases, of which 3 were male, 14 were female, and 3 were Thai and 14 were Myanmar nationals. The possible factors contributing to this clusters include:
 - 1) It is a place where people enter and exit frequently.
 - 2) Shared staff accommodationins with approximately 70 residents. Prevention measures have not been applied such as registration upon entry and exit, temperature measurement and wearing masks is not strictly implemented.
 - 3) The shop is a commercial building with a fixed schedule for cleaning. Shared areas may not be properly cleaned

Therefore, the Department of Disease Control in collaboration with the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration have sent staff to implement disease prevention control measures according to the prescribed standards, as well as suggest improvements in all the above mentioned

risk areas. The staff has also monitored high-risk contacts who are co-residents and co-workers to be quarantined and tested for SARS-CoV-2.

- The Ministry of Public Health revealed that the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine is going as planned. People who received the first dose of the vaccine will receive the second vaccine as scheduled. The new lot of COVID-19 vaccines (800,000 doses) will be distributed in 22 provinces of three areas: six provinces of the outbreak control areas, eight provinces of tourist areas, and eight border provinces for a total of 590,000 doses. Provinces that received vaccines in the first period, are being asked to focus on vaccinating medical staff, frontline staff, and risk groups first. The rest of the vaccines (210,000 doses) will be given to health personnel, health volunteers and other necessary staff in other provinces.
- The Ministry of Labor is preparing to set up five Myanmar Personnel Certification Centers (CI) in Thailand namely in Ranong, Samut Prakan, Chiang Mai, Samut Sakhon and Chonburi to resolve the problem of expired foreign passports during the COVID-19 epidemic. This also includes foreign workers who were unable to return to their countries of origin to update passports or documents that could be used instead of a new passport. Cases who want to inquire about procedures to obtain a work permit for foreigners can contact the provincial employment office Bangkok Employment Office Area 1 - 10 or the Hotline, Ministry of Labor, by calling 1506 then pressing 2 for the Department of Employment. Or they can contact the Department of Employment Hotline Tel. 1694

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

From the infected case analysis on 25 March 2021, 97 cases in 9 provinces were found. The three provinces that have the most cases are Bangkok (70.13%), Samut Sakhon (15.46%), and Samut Prakan (5.15%). Almost all infected cases (54.64%) were related to the outbreak cluster at Bang Khae, Bangkok, following the contact tracing of confirmed cases, and the cluster in Samut Sakhon. Therefore, these risk areas still have community spread and transmission to close contacts including family members and colleagues. Therefore, people and establishments need to comply with disease preventive measures such as wearing masks, frequently washing hands, reducing unnecessary travel, avoiding crowded places, scanning Thai Chana or Mor Chana applications, monitoring the situation closely and observing symptoms for 14 days after visiting a market that reported the infection. If people have a fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, anosmia or loss of taste, they need to see a doctor immediately and report their travel history as much as possible.