

Thailand situation update on 29 March 2021

## 1. International Situation

	Total Number	Daily Increase	Case Fatality Rate (CFR)
<b>Confirmed cases</b>	127,838,745	472,487	
<b>Deaths</b>	2,797,326		2.19%

## 2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total Number*
<b>Total number of new cases</b>	<b>39</b>
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	11
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	0
• Cases found in Thailand through the public health service system (Local transmission)	16
• Cases found from active case finding	12
<b>Total number of confirmed cases</b>	<b>28,773</b>
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	2,431
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	627
• Cases found in Thailand through the public health service system (Local transmission)	9,663
• Cases found from active case finding	16,052
<b>Total number of confirmed cases</b>	<b>28,773</b>
• Total recovered and discharged from hospitals	27,313 (94.92%)
- Newly recovered and discharged from hospitals	74
• Undergoing treatment	1,366 (4.75%)
• Deaths	94 (0.33%)
- New deaths	0

Screening and PUI	Total Number
<b>Total number of People Screened</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ports of entry (Airports, ground ports, and seaports)</li> </ul>	8,103,602
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People renewing their passports at the Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana</li> </ul>	501,128
<b>Total number of laboratory tests</b>	1,688,618
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People who met the PUI criteria</li> </ul>	1,261,208
<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>	1,261,208
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detected from ports of entry</li> </ul>	4,899
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (292,958 cases in private hospitals, and 963,263 cases in public hospitals)</li> </ul>	1,256,221
<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

- The Ministry of Public Health reported on the preparedness for Myanmar people to immigrate to Thailand. The Ministry of Public Health has discussed and prepared with the Security Department attempting to not to allow Myanmar people to enter the country without permission. However, shelter for Myanmar immigrants will be provided at specific areas. The Ministry of Public Health is ready to support COVID-19 testing and if the testing capacity is not enough, a Royal Biosafety Mobile Unit vehicle and Express Analysis Mobile Unit will be provided. However, on the matter of vaccines, there are additional doses for frontline workers in emergency situations. People are asked to not be worried as the incoming Myanmar population into Thailand are provided with humanitarian support. They have to stay in the border provinces only and travel to other areas of the country is not permitted.

- The Ministry of Public Health ordered hospitals along the 10 border provinces to prepare themselves for the changing situation of the Myanmar population moving into Thailand because the political situation in the country has become more severe. Now, all hospitals under the Ministry of Public Health have been prepared and have adjusted vaccination plans by delivering vaccines to points of entry along the border, especially for the military police because they closely contact the Myanmar population. At this time, coordination with the military hospital to deliver vaccines is sufficient yet in a state of urgency.
- The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Health released information to build confidence on the COVID-19 situation that investors have gained confidence since the vaccination rollout has begun. As a result, the financial sector has begun to recover. Thailand is ready to continue to vaccinate 100% of the risk groups by focusing on tourism areas such as Phuket and Samui to increase confidence in the safety of tourist destinations and prepare to accept tourists. People who travel from abroad (non-high risk countries) from April 1 onwards will have a reduced quarantine period from 14 days to 10 days. People who have completed the full vaccination course will have a reduced quarantine period (7 days). Currently, this proposal is pending to be published in the Royal Gazette. Investors have more confidence and the Thai stock market is attracting foreign interest. It is expected that the measures will be relaxed or the country will be reopened by 2022.

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

From the COVID-19 situation last week (22-28 March 2021), Thailand had 889 infected cases. There were 674 cases in Bangkok (75.8%), 132 cases in Samut Sakhon (14.8%), and other provinces had 83 cases (9.3%). For the infected cases in Bangkok that were related to Bang Kae market or active screening in that area, there were 260 cases with an average age of 39 years, with 171 asymptomatic cases (65.8%). Therefore, this area still is still at-risk and infected cases are still being found so everyone needs to comply with the disease preventive measures such as wearing masks, frequently washing hands, and supporting the community by providing soap or alcohol gel for a suitable price. There should be preventive measures for the working age group who may transmit the disease to old people such as avoiding activities that have a lot of people in order to decrease transmission and death.