

Thailand situation update on 8 April 2021

1. International Situation

	Total Number	Daily Increase	Case Fatality Rate (CFR)
Confirmed cases	133,786,309	690,449	
Deaths	2,903,583		2.17%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total Number*
Total number of new cases	405
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	14
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	0
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	197
• Cases found from active case finding	194
Total number of confirmed cases	30,310
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	2,548
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	3,177
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	27,133
• Cases found from active case finding	16,690
Total number of confirmed cases	30,310
• Total recovered and discharged from hospitals	28,101 (92.71%)
- Newly recovered and discharged from hospitals	32
• Undergoing treatment	2,114 (7.29%)
• Deaths	95 (0.32%)
- New deaths	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) 	8,177,006
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People renewing their passports at the Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana 	516,197
Total number of laboratory tests	1,740,255
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	1,312,845
<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	1,312,845
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	4,946
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (297,170 cases in private hospitals, and 990,195 cases in public hospitals) 	1,307,811
<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 Ministry of Public Health revealed the current outbreaks were related to entertainment venues including employees, musicians and visitors. The disease had spread to other provinces. The virus was found to be the UK COVID-19 strain which could spread 1.7 times faster than the previous strain found in the country. During the upcoming Songkran Festival, there would be more risk of the disease spreading due to more people movement across provinces. Without effective preventive measures, the cases might increase to 1.3 - 100 times. Therefore, people are requested to avoid unnecessary travel. All should have strict self-protection by wearing face masks, keeping distance from others, using personal vehicles and scanning "ThaiChana" application. All are advised to follow preventive measures of the destination provinces which have the surveillance system for travelers from risk areas.
- The Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) approved the temporary closure of entertainment venues (pub, bar, karaoke, massage parlors) in 41 provinces for 14 days. These provinces had cases that involved entertainment

venues and other at-risk provinces according to travelling routes as well as big towns with many entertainment venues. The closure order aimed to block the wide spreading. All restaurants and other businesses were able to open normally according to the specified measures of each area, with strict disease preventive measures.

- The Ministry of Public Health warned that during the Songkran Festival, everyone must take strict self-protection against unaware infection from asymptomatic infected persons. In case of traveling back to their hometown, all are advised to stay with families and do not go to risky places or have risky behavior. Therefore, all must follow public health measures strictly by wearing masks, washing hands, and keeping distance. This practice can help protect oneself, families, friends, and surrounding people from COVID-19.
- The Ministry of Culture had announced the guideline and measure for Songkran Festival 2021 for new-normal activities. In arranging the pouring scented water on the hands of the elderly and asking for blessing, all should follow the Ministry of Public Health's measures including limiting the number of participants, wearing masks, refraining from splashing water and close contact group activities such as powder smelling and foam party. Parties and drinking alcohol in public places should be avoided as well. Other activities would be under the consideration of the Provincial or the BMA Communicable Disease Committees.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

Referring to the COVID-19 vaccination tracking, as of April 7, 2021, it was found that a total of 391,752 doses of the vaccine had been provided in 52 provinces nationwide. There were 336,808 people who received the first dose of the vaccine, consisting of 132,606 medical personnel, 34,884 personnel with high risk of case contact, 22,954 people aged 60 years and over, 17,369 people with chronic underlying diseases and 128,995 people in at-risk areas. There were 54,944 people who had completed the vaccination with the second dose. Therefore, the target groups, especially those in high-risk areas, are asked to receive the complete doses of vaccine at the service centers as per the appointment in order to rapidly raise their immunity levels. Due to the upcoming long holiday which many people will be traveling back to their hometowns. 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, keeping social distance. In addition, all should have body temperature checked and scan "ThaiChana" application or use "MorChana" application when traveling to places, and avoid unnecessary travel to risk crowded places with poor ventilation. Those who travel back to their hometowns are advised to strictly comply with the DMHTT (Distancing, Mask wearing, Hand washing, Testing, and using "ThaiChana" and "MorChana" applications) measures to prevent disease spreading to their families.