

Thailand situation update on 9 April 2021

1. International Situation

	Total Number	Daily Increase	Case Fatality Rate (CFR)
Confirmed cases	134,618,106	831,797	
Deaths	2,917,595		2.17%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total Number*
Total number of new cases	559
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	10
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	0
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	401
• Cases found from active case finding	148
Total number of confirmed cases	30,869
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	2,558
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	3,187
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	27,682
• Cases found from active case finding	16,838
Total number of confirmed cases	30,869
• Total recovered and discharged from hospitals - Newly recovered and discharged from hospitals	28,128 (91.12%) 27
• Undergoing treatment	2,645 (8.88%)
• Deaths - New deaths	96 (0.31%) 1

Type of Screened People and PUI	Total Number
Total number	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ports of entry (Airports, ground ports, and seaports) 	8,184,636
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People renewing their passports at the Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana 	518,987
Total number of laboratory tests	1,746,272
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	1,318,862
<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	1,318,862
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	4,955
<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) 	1,313,819
<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 regarding Thrombosis and Thrombocytopenia following the Astrazeneca vaccination in Europe that the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency of the United Kingdom and the Agency of the European Union had concluded that there was a low possibility of vaccine related that can occur at two to four per million doses administered. Most cases occurred after the first dose. However, Thrombosis was very rare in Thai people. Therefore, there had no recommendation to stop using the vaccine.
- The Department of Health revealed its poll results regarding the level of concern about the spread of COVID-19 during the Songkran holiday during 23 March to 8 April 2021 that 94.6 percent of people were concerned about the situation. The most concerning issue was fear of infection from people gathering in many places (21%), followed by some groups of people who neglected to protect themselves (20.8%). Besides, Most (73.9%) had chosen not to return to their hometowns by public transportation, followed by not to visit tourist destinations (66.7%). Most of them complied with the DMHTT measure but less had scanned “Thai Chana” application.

- The Ministry of Culture, together with its networks, had created “www.songkranonline.com” under the concept “New Normal Songkran, Inheriting Thai Culture”. People can sprinkle water for blessing to the Buddha statues and the elderly. They can also join in the online water splashing in popular areas such as Khao San Road in Bangkok, Khao Niaw Road in Khon Kaen province, Tha Phae Gate in Chiang Mai province and Patong Beach in Phuket province. This online Songkran, as an alternative during the COVID-19 epidemic that social distancing is necessary, would be available from 12 to 17 April 2021.
- The Prime Minister, Commander of Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA), ordered the solving of inadequate beds for COVID-19 patients by implementing solutions as follows: 1) Increase the number of hospital beds in Bangkok to be 5,000 beds, 2) Reduce the hospital treatment of asymptomatic or mild symptom patients, and 3) Establish field hospitals in areas such as Bang Khun Thian and Bangkok Arena, and 4) Set up the patient transferring system to be admitted in hospitals.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

From the Coronavirus 2019 monitoring system, as of 9 April 2021, it is found that there are 559 new cases with a continuous increasing trend. A rapid elevation of the population immunity level is, therefore, very crucial. According to the COVID-19 vaccination tracking, a total of 405,911 people have received the vaccines. There are 60,463 people who have already completed the vaccination with the second dose. So far, the Department of Disease Control has allocated 947,205 doses of the vaccines to all provinces. 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 reduce the infection risk, severe illness, and death. 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.